

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Request of Norfolk )  
Southern Railway Company to Relocate ) Case No. 10-535-RR-RCP  
Grade Crossing Warning Devices in Stark )  
County. )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On April 20, 2010, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) filed a request to relocate the existing warning devices at the Patterson Street (503008V) and Rockhill Avenue (503016M) grade crossings located in Alliance, Stark County; and to downgrade one existing flasher at the Patterson Street grade crossing. NS states that spur or other tracks were removed at these grade crossings and, as a result, each of the warning devices should be relocated closer to the remaining track in order to ensure compliance with the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OHMUTCD). NS also notes that relocation of the warning devices at the Patterson Street crossing will render unnecessary one existing flasher at one quadrant of the crossing. According to NS, it could begin relocation of the existing warning devices and the removal of the existing flasher as soon as possible and, during the time each roadway at the crossings would be impacted, it would provide appropriate flagging protection.
- (2) By entry of April 26, 2010, Commission staff was directed to file a response to NS's request and the city of Alliance and Stark County were given the opportunity to file comments.
- (3) On May 24, 2010, staff filed a memo recommending that NS's request to relocate warning devices at the Patterson Street and Rockhill Avenue grade crossings and to downgrade one existing flasher at the Patterson Street grade crossing should be granted in accordance with the OHMUTCD. Staff noted that, pursuant to the OHMUTCD, if traffic control devices at a multiple-track, highway/rail grade crossing become improperly placed or inaccurate because of the removal of some of the tracks, the existing devices shall be relocated and or modified. Staff notes that, in this case, the removal and relocation of warning devices is needed because of track

removal at the crossings. No comments were filed by either the city of Alliance or Stark County.

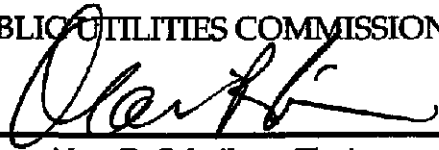
- (4) Upon review, the Commission finds that NS's request to relocate the existing warning devices at the Patterson Street and Rockhill Avenue grade crossings and to downgrade one existing flasher at the Patterson Street grade crossing should be granted. During the pendency of the projects, NS shall have stop and flag orders in place for all train movements at the crossings. In addition, NS shall notify the Commission five days prior to commencing work at the crossings, notify staff of any construction interruptions or delays, and notify staff five days prior to the anticipation of the crossing work being completed.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That NS's request to relocate the existing warning devices at the Patterson Street and Rockhill Avenue grade crossings and to downgrade one existing flasher at the Patterson Street grade crossing be granted in accordance with Finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served on NS, Ohio Rail Development Commission, Stark County engineer, mayor of the city of Alliance, and all other parties of record.


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
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