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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Docketing Division 11th Floor 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Oh 43215-3793 September 30, 2011 RECEINED-DOCKETING DIV

Re: Request to modify due date for South Alex Road project 10-222-RR-FED

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you concerning the above-referenced case, at the request of my client; the Ohio Rail Development Commission ("ORDC"). The ORDC desires to express its support to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for Norfolk Southern Railroad Company's ("NS") request to modify the due date for the South Alex Road (AARDOT#554-644B) project portion of PUCO Case #10-222-RR-FED.

The rationale for this request stems from the fact that over the last several months, the ORDC, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Division of the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") are currently performing an extensive program review of ORDC safety programs. As a result, a delay in securing FHWA's federal authorization on some projects has occurred. ORDC only recently obtained FHWA's federal authorization for the South Alex Road Project and will encumber funds and execute an agreement with the City of West Carrollton as soon as possible. When these two steps are completed, the ORDC will authorize NS to purchase materials and construct the warning devices with traffic signal preemption.

Therefore, ORDC concurs with the September 16 filing of NS that an extension of time to complete the project is necessary and reasonable and should be granted by the PUCO. Please also be advised that depending on the amount of time required to secure funds from the FHWA and to execute an agreement with the City of West Carrollton, additional time beyond this extension request may be necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything further.

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Respectfully submitted,

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