

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Request of Norfolk )  
Southern Railway Company to Relocate )  
Warning Devices and Install Longer Gate ) Case No. 11-5436-RR-RCP  
Arms at the Colorado Avenue/State Route )  
611 Grade Crossing (472-275K), Village of )  
Sheffield, Lorain County. )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On October 13, 2011, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) filed a request to relocate warning devices at the Colorado Avenue/State Route 611 (472-275K) grade crossing, located in the village of Sheffield, Lorain County. NS states that the village of Sheffield, in conjunction with Lorain County, is involved in a highway improvement project that includes the widening and resurfacing of Colorado Avenue and the approaches to the Colorado Avenue grade crossing. NS requests that the Commission grant authority to relocate and widen the existing warning devices at this crossing, approximately two feet on each side of the crossing and to install longer gates. NS notes that it expects to be able to complete this project within approximately six months from the date of authorization and suggests a completion deadline of June 1, 2012.
- (2) On October 20, 2011, staff filed a report of its investigation of the project. According to staff, State Route 611 has been widened to a point 300 feet from the crossing, where it begins to taper inward, resulting in an hourglass shape at the crossing. Staff notes that the warning devices consist of a pair of operating flashing lights, two lights to a pair, for each direction of traffic, as well as roadway gates on each side of the highway lanes, and advance warning signs and pavement markings in the approach lanes. Staff recommends that the Commission proceed with the necessary actions to grant NS's request.
- (3) By entry of October 26, 2011, interested persons were invited to file comments on NS's downgrade request by November 17, 2011. No comments were filed.

- (4) Upon review, the Commission finds that NS's request to relocate warning devices at the Colorado Avenue/State Route 611 (472-275K) grade crossing should be granted. NS should complete the project by June 1, 2012. NS should notify the Commission five days prior to commencing work at the crossing, 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,

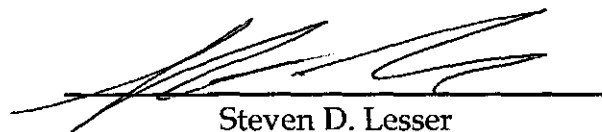
ORDERED, That NS's request to relocate warning devices at the Colorado Avenue/State Route 611 (472-275K) grade crossing be granted in accordance with this entry. It is, further,

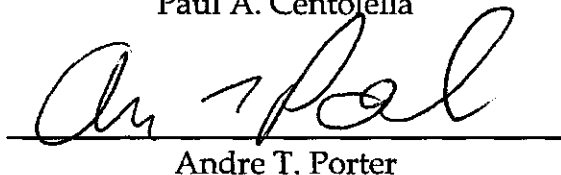
ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served on NS, Ohio Rail Development Commission, Lorain County, village of Sheffield, and all other parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman

  
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Betty McCauley  
Secretary