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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Docketing Division 11th Floor 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Oh 43215-3793

Re: PUCO Case #10-1446-RR-FED:

Lorain County, City of North Ridgeville, PID 86392, 4 crossings: Chestnut Ridge, DOT# 523 844G Root Rd., DOT# 523 845N Maddock Rd., DOT# 523 847C Race Rd., DOT# 523 848J



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 update the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for the Norfolk Southern ("NS") corridor project in North Ridgeville involving AARDOT#523844G, AARDOT# 523845N, AARDOT# 523847C, and ARR# 523848J crossings involved in PUCO Case #10-1446-RR-FED.

The ORDC supports an extension from the current PUCO deadline of January 4, 2012. The rationale for this request is due to the following factors: (i) funding complications involving the Congressional Set-Aside; (ii) engineering complexity in synchronizing the railroad warning devices with the vehicle detection systems provided by the City of North Ridgeville; and, (3) asphalt will not be available until no earlier than April, 2012. ORDC also wants to note that it expects NS to formally request an extension from the PUCO in the near future.

Therefore, ORDC respectfully requests that the PUCO extend the order from the current due date of January 4, 2012 to July 4, 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about ORDC's request.

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Respectfully submitted,

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