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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Re: In the Matter of the Request of Norfolk Southern Railway Company
to Downgrade the Existing Warning Devices at the State Street Grade
Crossing (473-711A) in Fremont, Sandusky County
PUCO Case No.
Our File No: N1432/176814

Dear Docketing Clerk:

Enclosed for filing are an original and seven (7) copies of a Request to Temporarily Downgrade Warning Devices. Please file this pleading and then return a date-stamped copy to me via the enclosed, stamped envelope.

Please call me – at (419) 241-6000 – if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

EASTMAN & SMITH LTD.

Casey Talbott

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Enclosures

cc: Leah Thomas Dalton (via e-mail)
Susan J. Kirkland (via e-mail)
Cayela Wimberly (via e-mail)
Aaron Hunt (via mail)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Street Grade Crossing (473-711A) in
Fremont, Sandusky County.

: Case No.

: **REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY**
: **DOWNGRADE WARNING**
: **DEVICES**

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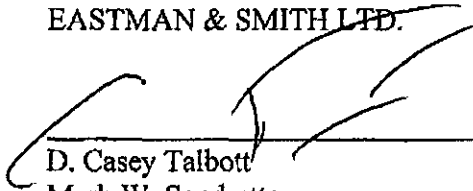
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Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Norfolk Southern") respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order permitting it to temporarily downgrade the existing warning devices at the State Street grade crossing (473-711A) in Fremont, Sandusky County – specifically, Norfolk Southern requests authority to temporarily remove the cantilever which had existed in the northeast quadrant of the crossing.

A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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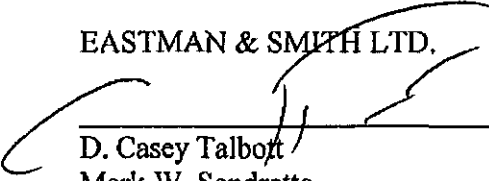
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

A motor vehicle struck and irreparably damaged the foundation/cantilever assembly in the northeast quadrant of the State Street grade crossing, resulting in the need for its removal. Norfolk Southern is working with the Ohio Rail Development Commission toward convening a diagnostic review at this crossing, with the goal of collaborating on a comprehensive project to include warning device installation, coupled with traffic signal preemption. In the interim, Norfolk Southern respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order authorizing Norfolk Southern to temporarily remove the cantilever which had existed in the northeast quadrant of the crossing, and to replace it with a mast-mounted flasher with gate, and high flashers mounted on a standoff bracket.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing *Request to Temporarily Downgrade Warning Devices* was e-mailed this 30th day of July, 2012, to: **Leah Thomas-Dalton**, Chief, PUCO Rail Division, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; **Susan J. Kirkland**, Manager, Safety Programs, c/o Ohio Rail Development Commission, 1980 West Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43223; and **Cayela Wimberly**, Norfolk Southern Corporation, 1200 Peachtree St., NE, P.O. Box 123, Atlanta, Georgia 30309; and mailed to **Aaron Hunt**, City Engineer, c/o City of Fremont, 323 South Fremont Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420.



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