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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 13-1226-RR-RCP

RE: Petitioning for Exemption of Norfolk Southern Railroad Crossing, Belmont County, BEL-7-21.19, AARDOT No. 503327N

Dear PUCO Representative:

The Ohio Department of Transportation, District 11, is petitioning for a railroad crossing exemption under Ohio Revised Code 4511.63. This is a four lane roadway with a speed limit of 50 mph. ODOT District 11 feels that making this crossing exempt would increase safety for school buses and HAZMAT vehicles by eliminating their need to stop on a four lane highway. The owner of the railroad line that crosses S.R. 7 states that there are three switching trains per day using this spur line at 5 mph. By exempting this crossing, no vehicles would be required to stop creating less hazards and increasing safety for the traveling public.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 330-308-7838 or via email at scott.warner@dot.state.oh.us. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Scott K. Warner, P.E.

District 11 Railroad Coordinator

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