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# Memo

**To:** Docketing Division

**From:** George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

**Re:** PUCO Case No. 14-1010-RR-FED, Request of Norfolk Southern Railway for a 30-day extension of time to complete a grade crossing project in Erie County

**Date:** April 3, 2015

By its Finding & Order dated July 9, 2014, the Commission ordered that Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) install mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at Erie County, City of Sandusky, Olds St, DOT# 481670T, on or before April 9, 2015.

On April 1, 2015, NS filed in this docket a request for a further 30-days of time to complete the project. The request states that NS is waiting for electric service at the crossing. The existing power drop adjacent to the crossing was determined by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) and NS to less preferable to installing a new power drop. NS has provided documentation to staff (attached) that illustrates their attempt to comply with the order while requesting new service from First Energy.

Due to the fact that NS kept staff informed of the issues at the crossing in a timely fashion, staff recommends that Attorney Examiner grant this request.

C: Legal Department

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## Martin, George

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**From:** PARKS, STEVE J <sp137d@att.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 9:01 AM  
**To:** Bankieris, Gus B; 'Scott Nagy'; Rappatta, Mike; Stout, Catherine; Starling, Douglas; Klinger, Stephen J.; 'D. Casey Talbott (DCTalbott@eastmansmith.com)'  
**Cc:** 'SCHMIDJA@FIRSTENERGYCORP.COM'; 'hartleibd@firstenergycorp.com'; Martin, George; Reinhardt, Joseph; Brad Slover (brad\_slover@interrail-signal.com); Fleps, John R.; Ireton, Mick J.; Ludovici, Matt J; ALSBACH, ROBERT G; FREY, REX A  
**Subject:** RE: 10.2122 Olds St., Sandusky, Ohio Obstruction Work Order #733843582

AT&T has replaced our poles. Ohio Edison to transfer first, then AT&T and Buckeye can transfer to the new poles.

Steve Parks  
AT&T Ohio, OSP Engineer  
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**From:** Bankieris, Gus B [mailto:Gus.Bankieris@nscorp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 3:37 PM  
**To:** 'Scott Nagy'; Rappatta, Mike; 'Stout, Catherine (Catherine.Stout@dot.state.oh.us)'; Starling, Douglas; Klinger, Stephen J.; 'D. Casey Talbott (DCTalbott@eastmansmith.com)'  
**Cc:** 'SCHMIDJA@FIRSTENERGYCORP.COM'; PARKS, STEVE J; 'hartleibd@firstenergycorp.com'; 'Martin, George (George.Martin@puc.state.oh.us)'; 'Reinhardt, Joe <Joe.Reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us> (Joe.Reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us)'; Brad Slover (brad\_slover@interrail-signal.com); Fleps, John R.; Ireton, Mick J.; Ludovici, Matt J  
**Subject:** RE: 10.2122 Olds St., Sandusky, Ohio Obstruction Work Order #733843582

All,

Anyone care to comment on the status of the utility relocation and track work related to this project. I have not received any correspondence emails since the trailing email was distributed. The PUCO order completion date of 4/9/15 is just over 2 months away and the better part of half of that time will be needed for NS signal construction forces to install the warning devices once the utilities have been raised/relocated and out of service track removed through the grade crossing.

I appreciate everyone's concern.

Gus B. Bankieris  
Manager Highway Grade Crossing Engineering  
Norfolk Southern Railway  
1200 Peachtree St. NE #123  
Atlanta, GA 30309-3579  
404-527-2866  
Be Safe!

**Cc: Matt Ludovici**—Please forward to appropriate signal construction project engineer as a FYI. This project has the potential of developing into a rather tight time line. Thanks.

**From:** Bankieris, Gus B

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 06, 2015 3:50 PM

**To:** 'Scott Nagy'; Rappatta, Mike; Stout, Catherine ([Catherine.Stout@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:Catherine.Stout@dot.state.oh.us)); Starling, Douglas; Klinger, Stephen J.; D. Casey Talbott ([DCTalbott@eastmansmith.com](mailto:DCTalbott@eastmansmith.com))

**Cc:** [SCHMIDJA@FIRSTENERGYCORP.COM](mailto:SCHMIDJA@FIRSTENERGYCORP.COM); 'sp137d@att.com'; 'hartleibd@firstenergycorp.com'; 'Martin, George ([George.Martin@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:George.Martin@puc.state.oh.us))'; 'Reinhardt, Joe <[Joe.Reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:Joe.Reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us)> ([Joe.Reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:Joe.Reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us))'

**Subject:** RE:10.2122 Olds St., Sandusky, Ohio Obstruction Work Order #733843582

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Attached is a copy of the PUCO order pertaining to this public safety project initiated by the ORDC. I have highlighted certain sections that pertain to NS and related utilities. In short, the project must be completed by 4/9/15. That being said, I would respectfully request all parties involved to make their best effort to complete their work in a timely manner so that NS can meet the order date.

Thanks to everyone for their time and efforts. Please copy everyone on this email with any and all future correspondence related to this safety project.

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Manager Highway Grade Crossing Engineering  
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Be Safe!

**Cc: Shawn**—Is the track work completed and if not do we have timeline? Thanks.

**From:** Scott Nagy [[mailto:scott\\_nagy@interrail-signal.com](mailto:scott_nagy@interrail-signal.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, January 05, 2015 3:28 PM

**To:** Bankieris, Gus B; Rappatta, Mike

**Subject:** Fwd: Olds St., Sandusky, Ohio Obstruction Work Order #733843582

Mike,

I have forwarded you and Gus this message to get you up to speed on the status of this obstruction removal. This is the most recent response to my inquiries. The work order was submitted six months ago to First Energy Corp. on July 1, 2014. I have made several attempts to get this process moving and have been met with no cooperation.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Schmid, Jeffrey A. <[schmidja@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:schmidja@firstenergycorp.com)>

**Date:** Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 2:43 PM

**Subject:** RE: Olds St., Sandusky, Ohio Obstruction Work Order #733843582

**To:** Scott Nagy <[scott\\_nagy@interrail-signal.com](mailto:scott_nagy@interrail-signal.com)>, "PARKS, STEVE J" <[sp137d@att.com](mailto:sp137d@att.com)>

**Cc:** "Hartleib, Daniel M." <[hartleibd@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:hartleibd@firstenergycorp.com)>

Scott,

I have copied my Line Dept Supervisor Dan Hartleib who schedules our work. At this point, we are waiting for AT&T to set their two new poles. Once they have done so, we will schedule our work to begin and finish. I also copied Steve Parks with AT&T. Steve, do you have a begin date set yet? From now on, I would ask that ALL emails and contacts use the people connected to this email, so we can track the progress for this work. Steve Parks, our proposal to you was sent 12/3/14 to your attention.

Jeff Schmid

Advanced Distribution Specialist

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**From:** Scott Nagy [mailto:[scott\\_nagy@interrail-signal.com](mailto:scott_nagy@interrail-signal.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 05, 2015 1:23 PM  
**To:** Schmid, Jeffrey A.  
**Subject:** Re: Olds St., Sandusky, Ohio Obstruction Work Order #733843582

Mr. Schmid,

Please provide a status update for the obstructions at this crossing.

On Wed, Nov 19, 2014 at 3:55 PM, Scott Nagy <[scott\\_nagy@interrail-signal.com](mailto:scott_nagy@interrail-signal.com)> wrote:

Jeff,

The railroad does not require any permits on our end for you to complete this work order. If any permits are required from the city or state you should be able to acquire those. A detailed drawing and summary of work was emailed to you on July 7, 2014 as well as verbally explained over the phone. This work needs to be completed as soon as possible. We put this work request in as a courtesy to First Energy, and expected it to be completed in a timely manner. The railroad has a right to remove any obstructions on or crossing railroad property upon start of construction at the crossing. I have attached a second copy of the drawing showing the obstructions to be removed.

On Wed, Nov 19, 2014 at 2:45 PM, Schmid, Jeffrey A. <[schmidja@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:schmidja@firstenergycorp.com)> wrote:

Scott, can you help in obtaining the permit and information I need to complete this work? It's been a long time since I completed one of these new crossing signals. I have time to begin design for our work needed.

**From:** Schmid, Jeffrey A.  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 1:27 PM  
**To:** 'Scott Nagy'  
**Cc:** Hall, Jeffrey B.  
**Subject:** RE: Olds St., Sandusky, Ohio Obstruction Work Order #733843582

This has not been completed as of today. My hope is I can begin in the next two weeks.

**From:** Scott Nagy [[mailto:scott\\_nagy@interrail-signal.com](mailto:scott_nagy@interrail-signal.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 1:17 PM  
**To:** Schmid, Jeffrey A.  
**Subject:** Re: Olds St., Sandusky, Ohio Obstruction Work Order #733843582

Mr. Schmid,

It has been 30 days since my last request for an update on the status of this work order. Please submit a response as soon as possible.

On Fri, Oct 10, 2014 at 11:15 AM, Scott Nagy <[scott\\_nagy@interrail-signal.com](mailto:scott_nagy@interrail-signal.com)> wrote:

Mr. Schmid,

Please advise of the status of this work order.

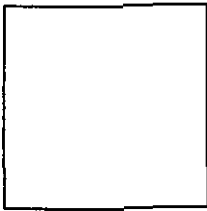
Thank You

On Tue, Sep 9, 2014 at 3:19 PM, Scott Nagy <[scott\\_nagy@interrail-signal.com](mailto:scott_nagy@interrail-signal.com)> wrote:

Mr. Schmid,

Work Order # 733843582 was created on July 1, 2014 @ 3 PM. As of September 9, 2014, this work order has not been completed and the projected completion date is said to be unknown. Because this work order has not been completed, a report with your contact information will be provided to the Ohio DOT and PUCO to be listed as the reason that this public safety crossing project, that the state is requesting Norfolk Southern to install, has been delayed. Please keep me updated with any future progress on this work order.

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