

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Authorization of the)
Norfolk Southern Railway Company to) Case No. 14-1010-RR-FED
Install Active Grade Crossing Warning)
Devices in Erie County.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By Finding and Order issued July 9, 2014, the Commission directed Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) to install mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at the Olds Street grade crossing (481-670T), located in the city of Sandusky, Erie County. The Commission directed NS to complete the project by April 9, 2015.
- (2) On April 1, 2015, NS filed a request for a 30-day extension of time to complete the project. According to NS, the existing power drop adjacent to the crossing was determined to be less preferable to installing a new power drop. NS states that, as a result, new service had to be requested, which caused the need for the extension of time. NS expects the new power installation to be accomplished within the coming days, following which, NS will hang the gates and perform required testing and cut-in, and maintain a stop and flag order at the crossing.
- (3) On April 3, 2015, Staff filed a memorandum recommending that the extension request be granted. Staff notes that NS kept Staff informed as to the issues at the crossing in a timely fashion.
- (4) Pursuant to the Commission's September 19, 1996 Entry in *In the Matter of the Implementation of the 1996 Federal Crossing Protection Program*, Case No. 96-676-RR-FED, the Commission authorized the attorney examiner assigned to the case to grant extensions for up to 30 days.

- (5) Upon review, the attorney examiner finds NS's request reasonable and that it should be granted. Accordingly, NS is granted an extension of time until May 9, 2015, to complete the project. NS is directed to follow all standard railroad crossing safety protocol so as to ensure the protection of the traveling public at this crossing. In addition, Staff should continue to monitor the work at the project to ensure completion within the newly ordered time frame.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That NS's request for an extension of time to complete the project is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That NS complete the project by May 9, 2015. It is, further,

ORDERED, That copies of this Entry be served upon NS, ORDC, Engineer for the city of Sandusky, Toledo Edison Company, and any other interested person of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Scott Farkas

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Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting NS's request for an extension of time to complete the project by 05/09/2015. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Scott Farkas, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio