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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 16-0455-RR-RCP

RE: Petitioning for Exemption of Norfolk Southern Railroad Crossing, Carroll County, CAR-332-10.55, AARDOT No. 474458K

Dear PUCO Representative:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), District 11, is petitioning for a railroad crossing exemption under Ohio Revised Code 4511.63. This is a two lane rural highway with a speed limit of 45 mph. ODOT feels that making this crossing (which is the end of a spur line) exempt would increase safety for school buses and HAZMAT vehicles by eliminating their need to stop on this section of two lane rural highway (i.e. reducing the possibility of rear-end crashes). The owner of the railroad line that crosses S.R. 332 states that they are not currently using this crossing. However, Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway retains the right to use this crossing in the future. If train traffic would resume at this crossing, ODOT would want this crossing's exempt status reevaluated. 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.ohio.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Scott K. Warner, P.E.

District 11 Railroad Coordinator

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