

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 3/13/17

Re: PUCO Case No. 16-1592-RR-RCP- In the Matter of a Request by Norfolk Southern Railway Company to Relocate and/or Modify Certain Grade Crossing Warning Devices in Canton, Stark County, Ohio.

On July 19, 2016, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) filed a request to relocate and/or modify 18 crossings in Canton, Ohio. On October 13, 2016, the attorney examiner ordered that Staff file a report by November 10, 2016.

Staff conducted an initial assessment of the crossings and identified engineering issues at some of the crossings. Staff met on site with a NS representative and the Ohio Rail Development Commission on November 7, 2016. Staff Requested a 90 day extension for filing the staff report.

Since the November 7th, 2016 meeting, the City of Canton has come up with a proposal to retain part of the track that NS wants to remove and to establish a quiet zone. NS and the City of Canton are working together on a number of issues, but Staff is not involved in those discussions. Staff does not engage in discussions regarding quiet zones. Staff informed the City of Canton in December 2016 that they need to make a filing on the docket concerning their objections to the entire removal of the third track. To date the City of Canton has not filed anything in this case docket.

NS has been in discussion with the City of Canton and has requested an extension until it can be determined what direction they will be taking with the City of Canton. Staff has a quarterly project meeting with NS next week and hopes to get additional details.

At this time Staff requests that the Staff Report deadline be extended another 60 days.

Please ADD the following to the parties of record:

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Summary: Memorandum In the Matter of a Request by Norfolk Southern Railway Company to Relocate and/or Modify Certain Grade Crossing Warning Devices in Canton, Stark County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mrs. Jill A Henry on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division