

Memo

To: Docketing Division

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Cc: PUCO Legal Department

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Re: PUCO Case No. 16-1413-RR-FED- In the Matter of the Authorization of Norfolk Southern Railway to Install Active Warning Devices at a Grade Crossing in Fulton County.

On January 25, 2013, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to install lights and gates at the W. Barre Street, DOT#509-522J, grade crossing in Archbold, Fulton County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed, on September 18, 2012, and was found to warrant the upgrade.

There were significant delays with the engineering of this project due multiple utility conflicts. ORDC granted construction authorization for this project on June 14, 2016.

On July 6, 2016, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the project and ordering project completion by April 6, 2017.

Since construction began, there have been additional utility conflicts found on site and resolution of them has been ongoing. Staff has participated in multiple on site meetings and conference calls, but the construction of the warning devices in the Northeast quadrant remains unresolved.

On March 23, 2017, NS filed a 30 day extension request for the project construction deadline and the Commission approved an extension until May 6, 2017. On April 24, 2017, NS filed a 120 day extension request and also requested a variance for the type of warning devices that were ordered to be installed in the Northeast quadrant.

Due to the ongoing issues with the warning devices in the Northeast quadrant, Staff supports the NS request for a 120 day extension. Staff is evaluating the variance request and will be filing a response to the request.

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