## Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

## Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

**Cc:** PUCO Legal Department

**Date:** November 29, 2017

**Re:** PUCO Case No. 15-1494-RR-FED- In the Matter of the Authorization of Norfolk Southern Railway to Install Active Grade Crossing Warning Devices in Perry County.

On August 24, 2015, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to install active warning devices at the TR 185, DOT#513-448N, grade crossing in Perry County, Ohio. The crossing was initially surveyed on April 20, 2015 and was found to warrant the upgrade. The Commission approved this project and ordered completion of the project by June 30, 2016.

In March 2016, NS shut down service on the line and, in June 2016, leased the line to Kanawha River Railroad (KNWA). ORDC worked with NS and KNWA to determine if a project should move forward. A second field review was conducted, on April 26, 2017, and it was determined that a project should move forward. NS agreed to provide the plans since the design was already completed and KNWA used the plans to develop the estimates.

On July 25, 2017, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for KNWA to install lights and gates at the TR 185, DOT#513-448N, grade crossing in Perry County, Ohio. Case #17-2305-RR-FED has been opened on the Commission docket.

Staff requests that 15-1494-RR-FED be closed since the crossing will be upgraded by KNWA in the referenced case.

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