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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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<p>In the Matter of the Authorization of Norfolk Southern Railway to Install New Active Warning Devices at Four Grade Crossings in the City of Dayton, Montgomery County.</p>	<p>: Case No. 17-1508-RR-FED</p> <p>: <u>REQUEST TO DEFER</u></p> <p>: <u>CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE</u></p> <p>:</p> <p>: D. Casey Talbott (0046767)</p> <p>: (Counsel of Record)</p> <p>: EASTMAN & SMITH LTD.</p> <p>: One SeaGate, 24th Floor</p> <p>: P.O. Box 10032</p> <p>: Toledo, Ohio 43699-0032</p> <p>: Telephone: (419) 241-6000</p> <p>: Fax: (419) 247-1777</p> <p>: E-Mail: dctalbott@eastmansmith.com</p> <p>:</p> <p>: Attorneys for Norfolk Southern Railway Company</p>
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Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSRC”) respectfully requests a deferral of the project completion deadline with respect to the involved construction projects at the following grade crossings in Dayton, Montgomery County: Stewart Street (DOT# 524628S), Irwin Street (DOT# 527818F), Miami Chapel Road (DOT# 524629Y), and Findlay Street (DOT# 527819M).

A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

By Finding and Order of July 26, 2017, the Commission authorized NSRC to install new active warning devices at the above-referenced grade crossings in Dayton, Montgomery County. Substantial progress has been made – specifically, from a design and engineering standpoint, the projects have been progressed as far as they can be. But with respect to actual construction and cut-in, NSRC seeks a deferral of the assigned project completion deadline. The reason is that NSRC – like a number of other rail carriers throughout the country – is obligated to comply with the Positive Train Control Enforcement and Implementation Act of 2015 (“PTC”), which carries with it what appears to be a firm installation deadline of December 31, 2018, with operational implementation to be accomplished no later than December 31, 2020.

This federal mandate – unprecedented in scope, as to both capital investment and requisite manpower – has caused the affected carriers, including NSRC, to mobilize/dedicate their resources (manpower and equipment), toward complying with the federal mandate.

In light of same, NSRC would respectfully request that the project completion deadline for the four Dayton crossings be deferred, with a new deadline of December 31, 2020.

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