

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Thomas Persinger, Rail Project Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 4-25-2023

Re: PUCO Case No. 22-581-RR-FED- In the Matter of an Extension Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the Norfolk Southern Railway Crossing, Walter Street, DOT#505-147X, in Columbiana County, Ohio.

On February 17, 2022, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to install lights and gates at the Walter Street, DOT#505-147X grade crossing in Columbiana County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed, on July 21, 2021, and was found to warrant the upgrades.

On July 27, 2022, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by April 27, 2023.

On April 19, 2023, NS filed a request for a 30-day extension for completion of the project. Counsel for NS states construction is done, but AEP cannot assist on cut-in until after the deadline due to storm damage restoration tying up AEP crews.

Staff has discussed this issue with ORDC, and they are supportive of the extension request. Staff notes that NS has kept staff apprised of the electric service issues, as NS construction was completed on April 5, 2023. Staff finds that NS is working to complete this project. Staff recommends the extension request be approved.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation In the Matter of an Extension Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the Norfolk Southern Railway Crossing, Walter Street, DOT#505-147X, in Columbiana County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division.