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**To:** Docketing Division

**From:** Bonnie J Johrendt, <sup>BJJ</sup> Grade Crossing Planner

**Date:** November 23, 2004

**RE:** NS Grade Crossing, PUCO Case No. 04- 1770 -RR-RCP,  
Harper Road (262-436Y), City of Solon, Cuyahoga County

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Attached is a copy of a request for the downgrade of the warning device at the above-mentioned grade crossing. Please, assign a case number in this matter; docket this document and record the parties of record.

A suggested case coding and heading would be as follows:

PUCO Case No. 04 - 1770 - RR - RCP --  
 in the matter of a request for the downgrade of the warning devices at the NS  
 Grade Crossing at Harper Road (262-436Y), City of Solon, Cuyahoga County.

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Parties of record will be:

- 1.) Norfolk Southern Corporation  
Attn.: Mr. Richard Ray  
99 Spring Street SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

And

Norfolk Southern Corporation  
Attn.: W.R. Hughes  
110 Franklin Road  
Roanoke, Virginia 24042-0036

2. The City of Solon  
Attn.: Mr. David Hromco, Assistant  
Director of Public Works  
34200 Bainbridge Road  
Solon, Ohio 44139-2955

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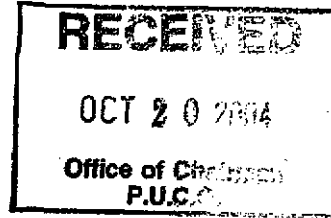


October 18, 2004

The City of Solon

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Mr. Alan R. Schriber, Chairman  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Subject: The Railroad Crossing on Harper Road between US Route 422 and State Route 43 in the City of Solon, Cuyahoga County

262-4364

Dear Mr. Schriber:

There is a railroad crossing located within the City of Solon on Harper Road between US Route 422 and State Route 43. This crossing is owned by the Norfolk and Southern railway, and is on what they refer to as their Randall Secondary line. The crossing has not been used for train activity for several years, and the Norfolk and Southern railway has no immediate plans to reopen this stretch of railroad track.

The City of Solon is concerned about the emergency crossing gates at this railroad crossing. The concrete bases of these gates are starting to deteriorate, and the gates have malfunctioned and come down on a couple of occasions in the past.

Our request to the Ohio Public Utilities Commission is that, through the powers granted in Chapter 4907 of the Ohio Revised Code, you give permission to the City of Solon and the railroad to have these crossing gates removed. It is understood by the City of Solon that these gates will need to be reinstalled if this section of railroad is ever reopened to train traffic.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please call me at telephone number (440) 349-6730 should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

David Hromco  
Assistant Director of Public Works

cc: David Klunzinger, Director of Public Works

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