

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Petition for permission to make a major change in crossing protection, or to install new protection under 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1535.400 (d)

X-12681

Illinois Commerce Commission
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Date: January 15, 2008

T08-0018

To the Illinois Commerce Commission:

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The petitioner **Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation** shows

- (1) That it is a railroad company operating a line of railroad in the State of Illinois.
- (2) That petitioner proposes and hereby makes application for authority to make a major change in crossing protection, or to install new protection, under 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1535.400 (d) adopted by this Commission.
- (3) That the location of the crossing, the nature of protection now established and proposed to be established, and other pertinent facts in connection therewith, are set forth in the statement attached to and forming part of this petition.
- (4) That petitioner's reasons and purpose, with reference to its said proposal are

Rearrange crossing equipment due to City of Chicago implementing one-way westbound only vehicular traffic. Date of change by City of Chicago unknown.

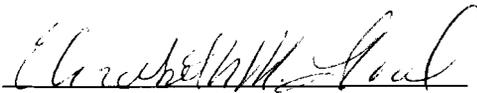
- (5) That the facts set forth in this petition and in the statement and plans or plats attached thereto, are, all of them, true and correct to the best of petitioner's knowledge and belief.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that the Commission will, if deemed desirable by the Commission, set the aforesaid matter for hearing, and that the Commission enter an order or adopt a resolution consenting to and granting authority for the making of the said proposed changes in or additions to crossing protection.

**Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter
Railroad Corporation**

By  1-16-08

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Statement, attached to and part of an application for permission to make a major change in crossing protection or to install new protection, under 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535.400(d).

1. Name of Railroad Company **Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation**
2. Crossing Number **289-563D**
3. Village or City **in City of Chicago**
4. Name of Street or Highway **81st Street**
5. Public Agency Maintaining Highway **City of Chicago**
6. Protection now established: (Give full description. Indicate the hours of any manual protection.)
 Gates and Flashing light signals in Southwest and Northeast quadrants. Bell located in Northeast quadrant
7. Protection desired: (Give details)
 Gate, lights, and bell located in Northeast quadrant. Sidelights to be mounted in Northeast quadrant. Flashing light signals in Southwest quadrant.
8. Number of main tracks **2** Other tracks **0**
9. Number of passenger train movements: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. **45** 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. **17**
10. Number of freight train movements: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. **0** 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. **0**
11. Approximate number of switch movements: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. **0** 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. **0**
12. Maximum speed of trains at crossing on each track in each direction
Track 1 N/E Bound **30** mph S/W Bound **30** mph
Track 2 N/E Bound **30** mph S/W Bound **30** mph
Track 3 N/E Bound **n/a** mph S/W Bound **n/a** mph
13. Passenger platforms served by tracks within the limits of track circuits, if any **83rd Street**
14. Where automatic signals or gates are proposed, approximately number of train or engine movements daily which would cause false indications or operation **0**

15. Nature and approximate amount of street or highway traffic over crossing
Urban Local 109 daily

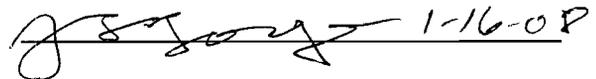
16. In addition to the information listed hereinbefore in Form 3, attach a track plan or plat of the proposed crossing. This plan should show:

- (a) Width and surface of highway.
- (b) Highway intersections (including private driveways to be so indicated) and location of established highway signs or signals within 100 feet of crossing.
- (c) Location of tracks, switches and other railroad facilities such as block signals, etc. within limits of track circuits, present and/or proposed.
- (d) Where automatic protection is proposed, show proposed location of signals (sidelights, cantilevers, etc., if any).
- (e) Show the length of each operation track section within the control limits of the crossing protection and its function.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VERIFICATION

I, **J.L. Lorenzini**, first being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am **Chief Engineering Officer** of **METRA**, an **Illinois** corporation; that I have read the above and foregoing petition by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that said contents are true in substance and in fact, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe same to be true.

 1-16-08

Chief Engineering Officer