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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Michael E. Stead, Railroad Safety Program Administrator

DATE: May 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation.

Stipulated Agreement regarding improving public safety by replacing the existing antiquated automatic flashing light signals and control circuitry with new automatic flashing light signals and gates with constant warning time circuitry at the State Line Road (AAR/DOT #479 843F, railroad milepost 294.55-WA), Poland Road (AAR/DOT #479 844M, railroad milepost 295.16-WA), 2050E Road (AAR/DOT #479 847H, railroad milepost 296.28-WA), and Park Street (AAR/DOT #873 086W, railroad milepost 314.30-WA) highway-rail grade crossings of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's tracks, all located in Vermilion County, Illinois.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Order approving Stipulated Agreement.

The recommended Order accepts the terms of Stipulated Agreement 1568, executed by the above named parties, which requires the installation of new automatic flashing light signals and gates at the State Line Road, Poland Road, 2050E Road, and Park Street grade crossings of Norfolk Southern's (NS) tracks in Vermilion County, Illinois. The project came to the attention of the Rail Safety Section via informal correspondence between Commission Staff and NS.

The total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices is \$934,262. Staff recommends that the GCPF be used to pay 90% of the signal installation costs, not to exceed \$840,836. Norfolk Southern Railway Company will pay all remaining installation costs, as well as all future operating and maintenance costs related to the new automatic warning devices. No local highway agency funds or work are required.

All work is to be completed within eighteen (18) months from the Order date. I recommend entry of the attached Order.

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