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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 2300E Road (AAR/DOT #479 903M, railroad milepost 325.21-WA), Seymour Road (AAR/DOT #479 950V, railroad milepost 346.95-WA) and 100E Road (AAR/DOT #479 951C, railroad milepost 347.97-WA) highway-rail grade crossings of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's tracks located in Champaign County, Illinois, and the 1200E Road (AAR/DOT #479 960B, railroad milepost 352.06-WA) highway-rail grade crossing of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's tracks located in Piatt County, Illinois.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Order approving Stipulated Agreement.

The recommended Order accepts the terms of Stipulated Agreement 1570, executed by the above named parties, which requires the installation of new automatic flashing light signals and gates at the 2300E Road, Seymour Road and 100E Road grade crossings of Norfolk Southern's (NS) tracks in Champaign County, and the 1200E Road grade crossing of the NS tracks in Piatt 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 \$938,575. Staff recommends that the GCPF be used to pay 90% of the signal installation costs, not to exceed \$844,718. 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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