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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Michael E. Stead, Railroad Safety Program Administrator

DATE: April 4, 2012

SUBJECT: Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Kinderhook Township Road District, and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation.

Stipulated Agreement regarding improving public safety at the 200th Street highway-rail grade crossing of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's track near Hull, Pike County, Illinois, designated as crossing AAR/DOT #479 618N, railroad milepost DH-504.26.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Order approving Stipulated Agreement.

The recommended Order accepts the terms of Stipulated Agreement 1656, executed by the above named parties, which requires the installation of new automatic flashing light signals and gates at the 200th Street grade crossing near Hull, Pike County. The project came to the attention of the Rail Safety Section via quantitative analysis by staff.

The total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices is \$219,304. Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) be used to pay 95% of the signal installation costs, not to exceed \$208,339. Norfolk Southern will pay all remaining installation costs, as well as all future operating and maintenance costs related to the new automatic warning devices.

Staff would normally recommend that Kinderhook Township Road District pay 10% of the signal installation costs. However, due to documented economic hardship, the Township cannot afford to contribute monetarily to the project. Staff considers the proposed crossing warning device improvements important enough to recommend that the GCPF be used to pay the Township's portion of the project costs.

All work is to be completed within twelve (12) months from the Order date. I recommend entry of the attached Order.

Attachment
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