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May 19, 2016

Steven K. Haas
Administrative Law Judge
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: **Docket No. A-2015-2466693**

Dear Judge Haas:

Counsel for the Department, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Guildford Township, and the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement have engaged in settlement discussions to resolve the issues involved in the above referenced docket matter, as well as the matter involving the adjacent Lighthouse Road crossing (Docket No. I-2016-2527248). As such, the Department respectfully requests a 12 month abeyance or continuance.

Additionally, all active parties are in agreement that it is in the best interest to refer the present matter to the Commission's Mediation Program to assist in reaching a settlement within the proposed 12 month timeframe. It is further requested that the litigation schedule in this matter, established on February 25, 2016, is suspended.

I hereby certify that a copy has been sent to all parties of record as indicated below. Thank you for your attention to this correspondence.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Mertens".

Nicholas D. Mertens
Assistant Counsel

cc: Rosemary Chiavetta, Commission Secretary (*for filing*)
Parties of Record
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