



Ohio Central System Southern Lines

General Order No. 6

Effective 0001 Hours, Friday, May 28, 2010

1. GENERAL ORDERS IN EFFECT: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

2. Neilston Crossover (MP N 135.9) and CP-138 Signal System

The signal system at CP-138 in Columbus includes the fixed signal at MP N 135.7 and the Main Neilston Crossover Switch. As a result of the current configuration, opening the Main Neilston Crossover Switch prevents a train that is eastbound to the Ohio Central through CP-138 from receiving a proceed indication when coming off the Western Branch, the Cincinnati Line, or the Buckeye Branch. If the train already has a proceed indication and the Main Neilston Crossover Switch is opened, the signal indication will change to a Stop, i.e. drop in front of the train.

The above scenario only becomes a problem when two trains have Track Warrants to the Main Neilston Crossover Switch at MP N 135.9 – one westbound and one eastbound; for example, when the Columbus Local needs to use the Neilston Crossover to work the industries in that area and an NS run-through coal train is ready to proceed eastbound off the NS Western Branch and needs to have a Track Warrant in order to receive a line up through CP-138.

Accordingly, when the above situation occurs, the Ohio Central Dispatcher will include a "Box 17 Other specific instructions" in the westbound train's Track Warrant. The Box 17 instructions will state, "Do not open the Main Neilston Crossover Switch until after the arrival of (engine number of eastbound train)".

Direct any and all questions to the Trainmaster's Office.

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