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Dear Georgina and Nigel,

Consent to a supplement to the Track Usage Price List: VGAF vehicles

1. The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has today issued a Notice of Consent to a supplement to the Track Usage Price List, submitted to us by DB Cargo (UK) Limited (DBC) on 28 March 2019 under paragraph 2.2.7 of Schedule 7 of the Track Access Contract between Network Rail and DBC. The application was supported by Network Rail on 29 March 2019. This letter sets out the reasons for our decision.

Purpose of the change

 The purpose of the supplement is to amend the Freight Variable Usage Charge (VUC) rates section of the Track Usage Price List to include VGAF vehicle type conveying steel.

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- 3. The parties have told us that VGAF vehicles are not on the Control Period 5 (**CP5**) price list for steel. As the new VUC has been agreed between the parties and calculated using the agreed CP5 VUC calculator, we have not re-checked the vehicle characteristics used and are content with the values proposed.
- 4. If the parties wish to include a rate for these vehicles in the Track Usage Price List for Control Period 6 (**CP6**), they will need to submit a new supplement to the price list for CP6 from 1 April 2019. This consent only supplements the CP5 price list. The parties have confirmed to us that they understand this.
- 5. These amendments shall have retrospective effect from the first date these vehicles were used on the Network or 1 April 2014, whichever date is later.

Yours sincerely

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