## southeastern.

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4 April 2014 By email to <u>david.reed@orr.gsi.gov.uk</u>

Dear David,

## Re: 2014 High Speed 1 Periodic Review – Draft ORR determination

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. This letter provides the views of Southeastern.

We support the proposals in the draft determination. We have a few specific comments:

We welcome the reduction in OMR charges as compared to CP1.

One omission from the draft determination which is important to our customers is the fact that Southeastern services cannot currently reach HS1 infrastructure during all NRIL possessions at Ashford. As we raised in response to HS1's 5YAMS consultation, we would like to see HS1 Limited take the lead on developing a solution to give better access to the HS1 infrastructure.

We are pleased that ORR recognise the importance of reducing unnecessary energy usage and taking responsibility for reducing transmission losses. HS1 have already engaged with TOCs on this issue and we look forward to even more positive progress during CP2.

Responsiveness to customer and end customer needs is vital to our business and we are pleased that ORR support HS1's proposed line-of-sight process and the 6 monthly asset management updates that the draft determination refers to in 2.74 (d). This helps us to become better informed customers and partners of our infrastructure provider.

Finally, we would like to thank you and your predecessor for the open and transparent way that the periodic review process has been managed.

Yours sincerely,

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