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#### **Update on 2018 Periodic Review**

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#### **PR18**

- Differences to previous reviews
  - Scope e.g. enhancements
  - Interactions with government Network Rail budget flexibilities
  - Route based plan bringing genuine benefits





# PR18 general policy issues

- Passenger train service performance
- Asset sustainability
- Scotland HLOS delivery
- Digital railway
- Group portfolio fund





## **Freight Charges**

- Recognise the issues, listened to concerns
- Discussion with government and industry
- Draft determination will include proposal to cap/phase in variable usage charges
- Asked Network Rail to cancel publication of 'draft CP6 price list'
- Will use Network Rail's new cost allocation methodology to set Infrastructure Cost Charges in CP6, subject to market can bear test
- But don't include non avoidable costs, following consultation feedback



#### Regulation of Network Rail

- CP5 to CP6 transition is key to PR18
- Network Rail preparations for CP6
  - Lessons learned from CP5
- Monitoring of CP6 efficiency plans starts in CP5
- Accountability issues under discussion
  - Role of route supervisory boards
  - Infrastructure projects





### **HS2** access policy

- We have issued a regulatory statement
- Access on HS2 itself
- Maintaining connectivity on existing routes
- Freed up capacity
- Some potential capacity problems



# Safety

- Work of National Freight Safety Group producing integrated freight safety plan is positive step
- In discussions around safety at freight sites
- Issues were raised at freight consumer panel







### Third party investment

- We are in regular discussions with third party investors
- Revamped guidance material and website
- Open for business'
- Clarity on our role



