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Dear John,

RE: Virgin Trains East Coast (VTEC) Section 17 Application

Thank you for your letter dated 14th April. The purpose of this letter is to respond to your comments. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

VTEC believes that there is sufficient capacity for both TSGN and VTEC's proposals.

On terms of capacity and performance modeling, VTEC expects any performance modeling to be undertaken by Network Rail in conjunction with operators. Network Rail has outlined its approach and this has been well documented as part of their East Coast Main Line 2020 Capacity - Timetable Assessment Report (dated 17 December 2014) and subsequent letter to ORR dated 15 May 2015.

Please find enclosed our indicative timetables to deliver our Train Service Requirement for May 2020 to which VTEC is committed to deliver under the terms of our franchise. Please treat these as confidential and do not share with third parties without our express written consent.

Yours sincerely

Phil Dawson

Regulation & Track Access Manager

cc Mark Garner, Network Rail David Reed, ORR