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East Coast Trains Limited Conditions Precedent

Dear Russell,

Thank you for your letter of 20 March 2019 providing evidence in order to meet the Conditions Precedent in the East Coast Trains Limited (ECTL) track access contract (the Contract).

Clause 3.8 of the Contract requires ECTL to provide ORR with evidence it has entered into a rolling stock contract, for at least the duration of the Contract (i.e. to the Subsidiary Change Date in or around May 2031) to procure a minimum of five trains, each with:

- (i) a capacity of at least 400 seats;
- (ii) 125mph capability with the ability for this to be increased to 140mph, subject to infrastructure; and
- (iii) acceleration and braking characteristics comparable with Class 801 rolling stock operating at speeds up to 125mph.

We are satisfied that the evidence provided by ECTL on 20 March 2019 meets these conditions. This letter should be taken as ORR's written confirmation that ECTL has entered into such a contract.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Gilliland at Network Rail. We will be publishing this letter on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ian Williams'.

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