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Dear Alan

**Consent to a change to the Traction Electricity Rules**

1. We have today issued a notice of consent to proposed Traction Electricity Rules (TERs) change submitted to us by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) on 4 August 2017 under Paragraph 17 of the TERs.

**Purpose of the change**

2. On 12 July 2017, we consented to an application made by Network Rail to amend Appendix 3 and 5 to the TERs to change ESTA boundaries on the East Coast Main Line to reflect the introduction of the new Essendine supply point located at the current boundary between ESTAs A & R. The changes took effect on 1 August 2017.

3. Network Rail emailed us on 2 August 2017 advising that since our consent, the neutral sections between ESTAs A & R at Tallington would now not be removed until after 1 April 2018. As such, it requested to defer the effective date for the boundary changes at ESTAs A & R to 1 April 2018 to make the 2017/18 billing of EC4T cleaner, particularly the Loss Incentive Mechanism. Network Rail also highlighted an oversight made in the Consent Notice for ESTA R in Appendix 3.

4. This consent reverses the changes made to ESTAs A & R in Appendix 5 and ESTA R in Appendix 3 and is made retrospectively to 1 August 2017.

### **Consultation**

6. No consultation was undertaken as this is delaying a change that industry had previously agreed to. Network Rail has advised that consultees have been advised of the deferral of the date of implementation.

### **Industry Vote**

7. Under the provision of Paragraph 17.9 of the TERs proposed changes to Appendix 3 and 5 of the Rules are exempt from the usual voting procedure.

### **ORR review**

8. We reviewed the application and have no objections for its approval.

9. We issued our notice of consent under the request of Network Rail and in accordance with the terms of the TERs to be 1 August 2017.

Yours sincerely

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**Michael Albon**