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Dear Mr Bullock

Consent to a change to the Traction Electricity Rules

1. We have today issued a notice of consent to proposed Traction Electricity Rules (TER) change submitted to us by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) on 21 October 2016 under Paragraph 11 of the TER.

Purpose of the change

2. This consent amends Appendix 3 and 5 to the TER's to add a temporary ESTA (L) and to alter the description of ESTA V in the Western Routes. This follows on from our consent to change ESTA boundaries in Scotland and the Western Routes on 3 October. A point of technicality was raised to Network Rail following our consent highlighting the lack of definition in the boundaries proposed for the Temporary Western ESTA. As such, the consent issued was not deemed to be valid. This proposal sets out the required defined boundaries for ESTA L (from Maidenhead to Swindon) and enables Network Rail to bill modelled operators currently undertaking testing of hybrid trains.

Consultation

3. No consultation was required as this application was amending part of a previous proposal that we had already consented to.



Industry Vote

5. Under the provision of Paragraph 11.9 of the TERs proposed changes to Appendix 3 and 5 of the Rules are exempt from the usual voting procedure.

ORR review

6. We considered the submission from an engineering perspective and were content with the proposal.

7. We issued our notice of consent under the request of Network Rail and in accordance with the terms of the TER to be 1 November 2016.

Yours sincerely

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