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Dear Andriana and Darren

**Thirty second supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Govia Thameslink Railway Limited (GTR)**

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 10 July 2019 under Section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act).
2. The purpose of the agreement is to update Schedule 1 of the track access contract to reflect a change to the contact details of Network Rail's Route Managing Director. It will also update Appendix 7C Default Consist Data in the contract to reflect some previously omitted entries regarding Gatwick Express empty coaching stock (Service Code 24788007).
3. There is no requirement for industry consultation in this matter as the changes do not affect any other train operating company.
4. We did not have any concerns about this application. There were some errors in the drafting of the agreement and we asked the parties to correct these before it was formally submitted.

5. In considering the agreement and in reaching our decision, we have had to weigh and strike the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act. We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement is consistent with our section 4 duties, in particular those relating to protecting the interests of users of railway services (section 4(1)(a)), promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers (section 4(1)(b)) and enabling persons providing railway services to plan their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance (section 4(1)(g)).

6. Under clause 18.2.4 of the track access contract, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and the Train Operator. ORR's copy should be sent for my attention.

7. Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jonathan Rodgers', written in a cursive style.

**Jonathan Rodgers**