Track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Govia Thameslink Railway Limited

Pursuant to section 18 of the Railways Act 1993, and having consulted you, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Govia Thameslink Railway Limited, as the persons who are stated to be the parties to a proposed track access contract submitted to the Office of Rail Regulation on 21 July 2015, I hereby approve the terms of the said proposed track access contract subject to the following amendment:

In paragraph 9.4 of Part 2 of Schedule 7: delete the word “or” after sub-paragraph (b); delete “.” at the end of sub-paragraph (c) and replace it with “; or”; and insert the following new sub-paragraph (d):

“(d) the List of Capacity Charge Rates be supplemented as necessary to take account of any difference as at 26 July 2015 between the railway passenger services specified in Schedule 5 of each of the track access agreements between:

(i) Network Rail and First Capital Connect Limited dated 9 February 2006 (as amended and supplemented from time to time); and

(ii) Network Rail and Southern Railway Limited dated 19 May 2010 (as amended and supplemented from time to time),

and the Services specified in this contract.”.

I further hereby direct you, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, to enter into the proposed track access contract not later than 7 August 2015.

You shall be released from the duty to enter into the track access contract in question if Govia Thameslink Railway Limited fails to enter into the proposed track access contract on the terms as aforesaid, by a date which is not later than 7 August 2015.

A copy of these directions has been sent to Govia Thameslink Railway Limited.

These directions are issued this twenty-third day of July 2015.

Ian Williams
Duly authorised by the Office of Rail Regulation