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Dear Tamzin,

Proposed Track Access Contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and East Coast Main Line Company Limited under Section 17 of the Railways Act 1993.

Thank you for your letter dated 7 July 2014. The purpose of this letter is to respond to your comments.

We note your comments in relation to the lack of detailed timetable capacity work – we agree that this is being addressed by the industry through Network Rail's 'ECML Capacity Remit' and through the ORR's approach to access to the ECML, as set out in their letter to the industry dated 18 June 2014. ORR plans to consider all the identified potential users of capacity together in the round. The ORR will ultimately have to make decisions about the best overall use of capacity and in doing so, must consider all of its duties and balance them when they do not all point in the same direction.

Additional comments in relation to Part A:

- 1) I can confirm that the definition for the Leeds to London services in Table 2.1 which designate specific departure times are for ease of reference only. East Coast is committed to working with Network Rail to revise the Schedule 5 Tables to improve the cross referencing of rights.
- 2) I can confirm that the reference to "Paragraph 3.5" (in the note to Table 3.1 of Schedule 5) should read "Paragraph 3.2".
- 3) In the revised draft of the contract, references in Table 4.1 to "All stations" will be replaced by a list of stations to be consistent with the rest of Table 4.1.
- 4) Your statement is correct – the revised contract will correct the journey time protection in Table 6.1 – the protection should be 201 minutes between Newcastle and London.
- 5) The calling pattern for the Leeds to Edinburgh (Sunday only) service is York, Northallerton, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnmouth, Berwick upon Tweed, Dunbar. Table 4.1 will be updated to reflect this.

Yours sincerely



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cc Gerry Leighton, ORR
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