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Dear Rachel,

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**PROPOSED TRACK ACCESS CONTRACT BETWEEN NETWORK RAIL
INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED AND GREAT NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
LIMITED**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 24 July 2014 inviting the comments of DB Schenker Rail (UK) Limited ('DB Schenker') on the further changes to the above proposed agreement.

DB Schenker understands that the changes (highlighted in red font on the revised Form P) are confined to a number of the proposed services calling additionally at Stevenage. As such, these changes do not alter the representations raised in DB Schenker's response to the original consultation on this matter (my letter to you dated 28 March 2014 refers).

Although in the intervening period DB Schenker has received some helpful further information from GNER, its position remains that until it has received and analysed relevant detailed information by way of recast timetable from December 2016 demonstrating that the proposed services can be accommodated without any material detrimental effects on the capacity that is also intended to exist for freight services on the route, it will not be in a position to respond meaningfully to the proposals signifying its consent or otherwise. DB Schenker remains willing, however, to work closely with relevant parties (including GNER and Network Rail) to ensure the aspirations of all route users can best be accommodated.

In addition, DB Schenker notes from the revised Form P that it appears that the intended date of commencement of the proposed services has been brought forward to December 2016 (shown as December 2017 on the original Form P) but such revision has not been highlighted in red as an actual "change".

Yours sincerely,



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