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Dear Matthew

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE 71 RELATING TO PARTS D & J AND ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE NETWORK CODE

1. The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has today approved Proposal for Change 71 (PfC 71) to the Network Code, which was submitted to it by the Class Representative Committee (CRC) on 22 June 2017. This proposal, sponsored by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, amends Parts D & J of the Network Code in relation to the transfer and surrender of Access Rights and Train Slots, and also amends all other parts of the Network Code to update outdated references to organisations and regulations.
2. ORR has reviewed the consultation responses received and considered by the CRC at its meeting on 26 May 2017. During the meeting the CRC agreed to make non-material changes to the proposal in light of representations received. The CRC unanimously endorsed PfC 71 at its meeting on 26 May 2017.
3. ORR has approved the proposal because it is satisfied that the changes to Parts D & J of the Network Code will benefit the industry, in particular Freight Operating Companies. In addition, we welcome the correction of outdated references, including amendments to reflect our change in name from Office of Rail Regulation to Office of Rail and Road. The approval of PfC 71 is consistent with ORR's section 4 duties.
4. In accordance with Condition C9.1.2 of the Network Code, the amendments to Parts D & J shall have effect 14 days from the date of this notification.
5. In giving CRC notice of approval ORR also copies this letter and attached notice to all parties identified under Conditions A4.1 and C9.1.1 of the Network Code.
6. A copy of this letter, the approval notice and of the Proposal for Change will be placed on the ORR website. A copy of the approval notice will also be placed on the ORR's public register.

Yours sincerely

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