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Ms Hazel Walker Group Company Secretary Network Rail Infrastructure Limited 40 Melton Street London NW1 2EE

Dear Hazel

Notice of modification of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited's network licence

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited ("the licence holder") has been granted a network licence ("the licence") under section 8 of the Railways Act 1993 ("the Act") subject to conditions contained in the licence.

In accordance with section 12(2) of the Act, on 23 February 2007, ORR gave notice of its proposal to modify the licence to:

- (a) remove obsolete or redundant clauses, such as where obligations to establish or produce policies or enter into agreements have been completed, to ensure clarity;
- (b) merge conditions where ORR has taken over responsibilities from the SRA under the Railways Act 2005, to clarify the obligations;
- (c) make consequential modifications to reflect changes made by virtue of the Railways Act 2005 to ensure the licences are up to date;
- (d) bring the licence into line with the changes ORR made to the other operators' licences in 2006, where appropriate, to ensure consistency;
- (e) tie the agreement of the form and content of the annual return to specific dates to ensure Network Rail has sufficient time to make any changes;
- (f) remove a provision exempting Network Rail from needing to seek consent from ORR for indebtedness to the SRA:
- (g) change responsibility for the approval of the arrangements for the publication of the national rail timetable from the Secretary of State to ORR to give oversight of all Network Rail's specific timetabling obligations to one regulator, which is consistent



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- with the transfer of responsibility for the enforcement of consumer protection provisions to ORR under the Railways Act 2005; and
- (h) generally tidy up the licence, such as correcting spelling, numbering and punctuation where necessary and simplifying the language to remove archaic legal terms.

The notice published by ORR required any representations or objections to the modifications to be made to it on or before 23 March 2007.

ORR has considered the representations or objections which were duly made and not withdrawn.

The licence holder has given its consent to the modifications.

Modifications

Under section 12(1) of the Act and with the consent of the licence holder, I therefore modify the licence by making the modifications set out in Schedule 1 with effect from 12 April 2007.

Yours sincerely

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