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Dear Ella and Daniel,

The Office of Rail and Road has issued a Notice of Consent to supplement the Track Usage Price List, as submitted to us by GB Railfreight Limited and Network Rail Infrastructure Limited on 15 August 2024 under Schedule 7 of the track access contract between the parties. This letter sets out the reasons for our decision.

### **Purpose of the change**

The purpose of the Supplement is to amend the Variable Usage Charge (VUC) rates section of the Track Usage Price List, for the purpose of the track access contract, to include rates for MLAA and FEAS wagon types carrying Industrial Minerals.

These amendments shall have retrospective effect from 1 April 2024.

### **Industry consultation**

There is no requirement for industry consultation in this matter as the changes do not affect any other freight operating company.

### **ORR review**

The VUC rates have been agreed between the parties using data from the wagon manufacturer and calculated using the CP7 VUC calculator. These rates were approved by ORR at the end of CP6 but the parties were too late to have them included in the CP7 price list and are therefore resubmitting them as a supplemental.

The CP7 VUC rates have been agreed between the parties using data from appropriate sources and calculated using the CP6 VUC calculator developed by Network Rail in 2023/24 prices. ORR have accepted the wagon characteristics at face value, and it is the parties' responsibility to assure themselves that they are correct in all aspects.

**Public register and administration**

Copies of this Decision Letter as well as the Notice of Consent will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

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