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RE: Freightliner Heavy Haul Ltd 25th Supplemental Agreement

Response to Network Rail Representations

Dear Margret,

Thank you for providing Freightliner Heavy Haul Ltd ('Freightliner') the opportunity to comment on Network Rail's representations to the proposed 25^h Supplemental Agreement.

Freightliner note that, at the time of writing, owing to the unprecedented number of applications received, Network Rail have been unable to provide confirmation on the impact Freightliner's aspirations will have on the timetable, and that a plan has been devised which will see Network Rail undertake a study to understand the impact these additional rights will have.

That said, the Firm Rights requested as part of this application reflect train slots already running in the working timetable as TOVRs and, in line with previous ORR directions stating that TOVRs should be converted to Firm Access Rights within 12 months of commencement of operation, Freightliner would reiterate that Network Rail already understand that these train slots can be accommodated, and as such expect this application to be expedited swiftly.

Freightliner are concerned that, following the ORR 'competing and/or complex track access applications' letter, the 'business as usual' process for the granting of Access Rights appears to have stalled and would push for both ORR and Network Rail to prioritise the processing of applications such as this without delay so as not to create a backlog of requests in the future.

Freightliner will await further information from Network Rail regarding any capacity or operational concerns and respond to these in due course.

Yours Sincerely



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