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Dear Mark

Network Rail's Response to LNER's 37th Supplemental Agreement

Thank you for the response to LNER's section 22A track access application.

We note the comments made in connection with the proposed amendment and welcome the continued collaboration on delivering the proposed changes to LNER's Track Access Contract (TAC).

We have reviewed the response and welcome the work that has taken place to deliver these services.

We are already in receipt of a timetable offer for the services and would welcome an early decision to provide the necessary assurance to stakeholders that the delivery of these services is supported.

We would like to reassure Network Rail and the Regulator that LNER remains committed to delivering the East Coast Mainline (ECML) event steering group (ESG) timetable which would see these services superseded by the planned hourly service between Newcastle and King's Cross. The proposal remains an interim measure until this is introduced.

We are aware that further discussions have taken place between LNER and Network Rail and would welcome an early decision on these services.

Yours sincerely,

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