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Dear Robert and Chris

## Consent to supplement the track usage price list (Class 397 and Mark 5A vehicles)

1. We have today consented to supplement the Control Period 6 (CP6) track usage price list, following a joint proposal submitted to us by you on 25 July 2019, under paragraph 9 of Part 2 of schedule 7 to the track access contract.

2. The purpose of this supplement is to amend the Passenger Variable Usage Charge (VUC) Rates section of the CP6 track usage price list to include rates for Class 397 and Mark 5A vehicle types. The Class 397 vehicles are due to begin operating on the Network on 26 October 2019 and the Mark 5A vehicles are due to begin operating on 23 September 2019.

3. There was no requirement for industry consultation on this matter as the changes do not affect any other train operating company. We reviewed the proposal and did not have any concerns.

4. Under paragraph 9 of part 2 of Schedule 7 to the TAC the change shall have effect and be applied from the date on which the vehicles are first used on the Network by the train operator.

Yours sincerely

**Jonathan Rodgers**