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Dear Andriana and Tony

# Consent to a Supplement to the List of Capacity Charge Rates: Govia Thameslink Railway Limited

1. On 15 April 2016 the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) issued a notice of consent to a supplement to the List of capacity Charge Rates submitted to us by Network Rail on 21 March 2016 under Paragraph 10(4) of Part 2 of Schedule 7 to the Track Access Contract (TAC) between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Govia Thameslink Railway Limited. The purpose of this letter is to set out the reasons for our decision.

#### Purpose of the change

2. The purpose is to supplement the List of Capacity Charge Rates to apply new rates for service codes, in service groups, ET07, ET08, ET09, ET10, ET11 and ET99. The new rates are required to reflect the Southern train service codes being remapped to align with those of GTR as a result of the merger between Southern Railway Limited and the GTR franchise on 26 July 2015.

#### Consultation

3. There is no requirement for industry consultation in this matter as it has no effect on any other train operator.

## **ORR** review

4. We are content that the proposal rates are correct.

## **Effective Date**

5. Sub-paragraph 9.9 states that consent by ORR shall have effect from such date as ORR shall determine. The service code became operational on 31 March 2015 and therefore application has been made for that date to apply to the effective date of the notice.

Yours sincerely

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