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Dear Mr Bullock

Consent to a change to the Traction Electricity Rules

1. We have today issued a notice of consent to proposed Traction Electricity Rules (TER) change submitted to us by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) on 31 August 2016 under Paragraph 11 of the TER.

Purpose of the change

2. The purpose of this change is to amend the boundaries of ESTA S and ESTA E in Scotland; and to extend ESTA V and establish ESTA Y and ESTA K in the Western Routes. This is to reflect the newly electrified lines in Scotland and the Western Routes.

Consultation

3. Industry consultation was undertaken by Network Rail for 28 days closing on 26 August 2016.

4. Two responses were received by Stagecoach South Western Trains and First Greater Western who both confirmed they had no objections to the proposed rule changes.



Industry Vote

5. Under the provision of Paragraph 11.9 of the TERs proposed changes to Appendix 5 of the Rules are exempt from the usual voting procedure.

ORR review

6. We considered the submission from an engineering perspective and were content with the proposal.

7. We issued our notice of consent which under the terms of the TER takes effect 14 days from the date of the notice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Albon', is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Albon