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Mr Richard Price

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Dear Richard

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on your draft determination the package of overall decisions on Periodic Review 13.

The nature of the Welsh Government's role in rail delivery, and the agreement in place with the Department for Transport, means that there is a limited impact on areas where the Welsh Government has responsibility, including the Arriva Trains Wales franchise, during Control Period 5.

Should there be a change to the Welsh Government's responsibilities for rail, we request the Office of Rail Regulation's support in understanding and quantifying the impact of the decisions set out in the final determination.

In relation to the Valley Lines electrification project, the Welsh Government and Department for Transport will provide the Office of Rail Regulation with a joint agreement on the principles for funding. On this basis the Valley Lines electrification project should continue to be a Regulated Output for Network Rail.

Yours sincerely

James Price
Director General