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Dear Neil

**APPEAL UNDER REGULATION 29 OF THE RAILWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE
(ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 2005 – RAIL FREIGHT CHARGING
SYSTEM AND LEVEL OF ACCESS CHARGES FOR THE HIGH SPEED 1 RAILWAY**

Thank you for your letter of 22nd July 2008 which sought clarification on the role of infrastructure manager for High Speed 1 as defined under the Railways Infrastructure (Access and Management) Regulations 2005.

The correct position is in fact as set out in the Network Statement for High Speed 1 dated 27 November 2006, which is still the current version.

For the purposes of the Railways Infrastructure (Access and Management) Regulations 2005, HS1 Ltd (formerly Union Railways (North) Limited) and CTRL (UK) Ltd are the infrastructure managers for High Speed 1. Network Rail (CTRL) Ltd has been appointed by those two companies under an operations agreement, entered into in 2002, to perform certain operations, management and maintenance services, including charging and allocations functions, in relation to High Speed One on a sub-contracted basis. The reference in our letter of 16 June was intended only to convey this position: that is to say, that Network Rail (CTRL) Ltd performs functions in relation to High Speed 1 only on behalf of HS1 Ltd and CTRL (UK) Ltd, who remain the infrastructure managers for the purposes of the Regulations. Our apologies if the manner in which we described that position has led to some confusion.

Yours sincerely

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Anthony Barnes
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