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Mr Jonathan Haskins  
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Dear Jon

### **Infrastructure Capability Programme**

David Rayner has confirmed to us that Network Rail is close to regularising all items on the outstanding capability discrepancy list, having recently established most of the batch of network change proposals you submitted nearly a year ago. Although it is disappointing that it has taken so long to get to this point, I am writing to acknowledge the progress now made and to set out our future monitoring arrangements.

I understand that you are very close to resolving objections from Freightliner at six sites and would be grateful if you could confirm when these are closed. David has assured us that the Boulden East Curve will be rectified by May 2011 and that a network change proposal for Pontefract Monk Hill is currently out to consultation. We will monitor these and will consider escalating the issue again if progress stalls.

We will also monitor how you deal with the short term network changes you made as they come up to their expiry dates. Please keep us informed of the milestones and progress restoring these, or alternatively any plans you agree with your customers to extend any of these short term arrangements (plans you will, of course, need to agree beforehand).

Like you, we expect any future changes to capability to be agreed before works are done or, if that is not possible, that they are regularised through the industry processes quickly. We understand you have introduced a new company standard setting out the procedures for doing this, which you believe will prevent future problems. You have said that you will be carrying out an audit of this standard and we would like to discuss a summary of this when it is available. We will also be monitoring the trends in the identification and management of discrepancies through your published updates to the Sectional Appendices and through the statements you make in your annual return.



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I am copying this letter to the ICP stakeholders and publishing it on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Abigail Grenfell.' The signature is written in a cursive style.

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