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To the company secretaries of the organisations listed in the annex

27 October 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

**Extension to deadline in Review Initiation Notice pursuant to Schedule 4A of the Railways Act 1993**

On 9 June 2022, we gave formal notice of our intention to undertake an access charges review by way of serving two notices issued under Paragraph 1C of Schedule 4A to the Railways Act 1993.

This access charges review, which we refer to as the 2023 periodic review (or PR23), will determine what Network Rail is expected to deliver with respect to its infrastructure operations and the level of funding that it is provided with over the five-year period from 1 April 2024 (known as control period 7 (or CP7)).

As you are aware, the High-Level Output Specification (HLOS) document will set out what the respective funders' objectives are and what they want the railway to deliver over CP7. The Statement of Funds Available (SoFA) sets out the level of funding each funder will make available to deliver the corresponding HLOS.

The previous information and the notices we issued are available on our website and can be accessed at: [www.orr.gov.uk/pr23-legal-notice](http://www.orr.gov.uk/pr23-legal-notice)

We served notices to each funder as follows:

- The notice to the Secretary of State required the HLOS and SoFA documents for England and Wales by 28 October 2022; and
- The notice to Scottish Ministers required their HLOS and SoFA documents by 30 November 2022.

In light of changing circumstances, we recognise the Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers will require more time to provide their respective High-Level Output Statement (HLOS) and their Statement of Funds Available (SoFA). Therefore, we are issuing an extension to the Review Initiation Notice and now require that:

- the Secretary of State provides us with the HLOS and SoFA documents for England & Wales by **25 November 2022**; and
- Scottish Ministers provide us with their HLOS and SoFA documents by **9 January 2023**.

This will enable us to complete our periodic review by the statutory deadlines, including to ensure appropriate funding is in place for Network Rail for CP7.



We are working with Network Rail to understand the implications, if any, of this delay for its Strategic Business Plan (SBP) which we currently expect to receive on 24 February 2023. We will follow up on this, and our wider PR23 timeline, in due course.

Further information on PR23 is available on our website ([www.orr.gov.uk/PR23](http://www.orr.gov.uk/PR23)). To subscribe for email updates on PR23, please get in touch using the PR23 inbox address, [PR23@orr.gov.uk](mailto:PR23@orr.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Godfrey', written over a horizontal line.

**Will Godfrey**

## Annex

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| Abellio East Anglia Limited                                   | Locomotive Services (TOC) Limited<br>(Charter Passenger Services) |
| Abellio East Midlands Limited                                 | London Gateway Port Limited                                       |
| Abellio ScotRail Limited                                      | London North Eastern Railway Limited                              |
| Arriva Rail London Limited                                    | London Underground Limited  |
| Associated British Ports                                      | Loram UK Limited  |
| The Chiltern Railway Company Limited                          | Mersey rail Electrics 2002 Limited                                |
| Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway<br>Company Limited       | MTR Corporation (Crossrail) Limited                               |
| Colas Rail Limited  | Network Rail Infrastructure Limited                               |
| Crossrail Limited   | North Yorkshire Moors Railway<br>Enterprises Plc                  |
| DB Cargo (UK) Limited   | Northern Trains Limited   |
| Devon and Cornwall Railways Limited                           | Peak Rail Plc   |
| Direct Rail Services Limited                                  | Rail Express Systems Limited                                      |
| Direct Rail Services Limited (Charter<br>Passenger Services)  | Rail Operations Group Limited                                     |
| East Coast Trains Limited                                     | Rail Operations (UK) Limited                                      |
| Eurostar International Limited                                | SE Trains Limited   |
| Festiniog Railway Company Limited                             | Serco Caledonian Sleepers Ltd                                     |
| First Greater Western Limited                                 | SLC Operations Limited (Freight<br>Services)                      |
| First Greater Western Limited (Charter<br>Passenger Services) | SLC Operations Limited (Charter<br>Passenger Services)            |
| First MTR South Western Trains<br>Limited                     | South Yorkshire Super Tram Limited                                |
| First Trans Pennine Express Limited                           | Tarmac Trading Limited  |
| First Trenitalia West Coast Rail Limited                      | Transport for Wales Rail Limited                                  |
| Freightliner Limited  | Trenitalia c2c Limited  |
| Freightliner Heavy Haul Limited                               | Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport<br>Executive (NEXUS)            |



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| GB Rail freight Limited  | Varamis Limited   |
| GB Rail freight Limited (Charter Passenger Services)               | Victa Rail freight Limited                                      |
| Govia Thameslink Railway Limited                                   | Victoria Harbour Limited  |
| Grand Central Railway Company Limited                              | Vintage Trains (Charter Passenger Services)                     |
| Grand Central Railway Company Limited (North West Services)        | Vintage Trains (Freight Services)                               |
| Grand Central Railway Company Limited (Charter Passenger Services) | West Coast Railway Company Limited (Charter Passenger Services) |
| Hanson and Hall Rail Service Solutions Limited                     | West Coast Railway Company Limited (Freight Services)           |
| Harsco Rail Limited  | West Coast Railway Company Limited ("The Jacobite")             |
| Hull Trains Company Limited  | West Midlands Trains Limited                                    |
| Legge Infrastructure Services Limited                              | XC Trains Limited   |
| Locomotive Services (TOC) Limited (Freight Services)               |   |