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Dear Alan,

We have today given our consent to a request made to us by Network Rail to a proposed change under Paragraph 11 of the Traction Electricity Rules (the TERs). The change amends Appendix 5 (Geographic Areas) to the TERs to change the boundary of ESTA N in the Eastern Region due to new electrification on the Midland Main Line.

The change shall have effect from 14 days after the date that Network Rail notifies the relevant parties under Paragraph 11.16 of the TERs, such date being within 7 days of our consent.

### **Background**

Electrification of the Midland Main Line route previously covered the electrified lines from City Thameslink and St Pancras to Bedford. Works have now been completed to extend electrification to Corby and Market Harborough. The proposed change amends the definition of ESTA N, so that it includes track between Bedford, and Corby and Market Harborough.

Network Rail conducted an industry consultation, closing on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. No responses were received to the

### **ORR review**

ORR notes that the proposed change was previously shared with the Traction Electricity Steering Group (TESG). ORR has no objections to the change.



A Copy of this letter and the consent notice will be placed on the public register and the ORR website.

Yours sincerely



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