David Reed Senior Executive, Access & Licensing Telephone: 0207 282 3754 E-mail: david.reed@orr.gov.uk



14 December 2020

Paul Harris NW & C Customer Manager Network Rail Infrastructure Limited Baskerville House, Centenary Square Broad St Birmingham B1 2ND James Carter Network Access Manager West Midlands Trains Limited 134 Edmund Street Birmingham B3 2ES

Dear Paul and James

Consent to supplement the track usage price list (Class 196)

We have today consented to supplement the track usage price list, following a joint proposal submitted to us by the above on 13 November 2020, under paragraph 9 of Part 2 of schedule 7 to their track access contract. The change shall have effect from the date on which the vehicles were first used on the network by the train operator.

Proposal

The purpose of this supplement is to amend the Passenger Variable Usage Charge (VUC) Rates section of the Track Usage Price List to include new Class 196/0 and Class 196/1 Motor vehicle types. They have been operating on the network since 23 July 2020.

Industry consultation

There is no requirement for industry consultation in this matter as the changes do not affect any other train operating company.

ORR review

We reviewed the proposal from a technical and economic viewpoint and were content with the values proposed.



On reviewing the spreadsheet submitted with the application we noted the class types had been defined in a non-standard manner. We queried this with Network Rail and West Midlands Trains who noted that this was an error and provided an updated spreadsheet in the standard manner.

Public register and administration

I am copying this letter to the Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. Copies will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

mn

David Reed