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Dear Nick and John

Consent to supplement the track usage price list (MK3 coaching stock)

We have today consented to supplement the track usage price list, following a joint proposal submitted to us by the above on 28 January 2022, under Paragraph 9 of Part 2 of Schedule 7 to their track access contract (TAC). The change shall have effect from the beginning of CP6 (1 April 2019).

Proposal

The purpose of this supplement is to amend the Passenger Variable Usage Charge (VUC) Rates section of the Track Usage Price List to account for the reduced speed at which the modified MK3 coaching stock runs on ScotRail's network. The current VUC rates assume higher speeds and are therefore inaccurate. They have been operating on the network since 2017 but the charges may only be retrospectively applied to the start of the latest control period.

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. The initial application included amended rates for the Class 43/0 passenger vehicles, but ORR's technical colleagues were not in agreement with their inclusion, since there have been no modifications to these vehicles since the start of CP6 and this is a condition of any amendment to the VUC rate. Network Rail resubmitted the application without the Class 43/0 vehicles and we are now content with the values proposed.

Public register and administration

I am copying this letter to the Department for Transport and Network Rail's Policy and Access Team. Copies will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Louise Beilby'.

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