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Dear Stephen and Jonathan

**Approval of the first supplemental agreement to the track access contract (Passenger Services) between Rail for London (Infrastructure) Limited and MTR Corporation (Crossrail) Limited**

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 14 September 2022 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. This letter explains the reasons for our decision.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to grant MTR Corporation (Crossrail) Limited (“MTR”) rights to run passenger services on Sunday 18 September 2022 on the Crossrail Central Operating Section (CCOS). This is in order to deal with the expected increase in passenger demand for rail services in London related to the Lying-in-State of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**Industry consultation**

No industry consultation was undertaken as the changes proposed do not affect any other train operating company.

**ORR review**

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns.

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## **Our duties under section 4 of the Act and our decision**

We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement strikes the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act; in particular, those relating to protecting the interests of users of railway services (section 4(1)(a)), promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers (section 4(1)(b)) and enabling persons providing railway services to plan their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance (section 4(1)(g)).

## **Conformed copy of the track access agreement**

Under clause 18.2.4 of the track access contract, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and the Train Operator. Please send the conformed copy to me at ORR.

## **Public register and administration**

Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to the Department for Transport and Network Rail's Policy and Access Team. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register (website) and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Reed', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

**David Reed**