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Dear Mark

Network Rail's Response to LNER's 34th Supplemental Agreement

Thank you for the response to LNER's section 22A track access application.

We note the comments made in connection with the proposed amendment and welcome the continued collaboration on delivering the proposed changes to LNER's Track Access Contract (TAC).

LNER notes the comments concerning the use of a section 22A application for a TAC extension and will work with Network Rail to deliver a revised TAC.

The rights requested remain within the grant of rights made by the ORR in May 2016 and LNER remains committed to deliver the East Coast Mainline (ECML) event steering group (ESG) timetable) and we believe it would be unsafe for the rights to be materially altered.

The assumptions in the supplemental were made based on the information at the time of submission and that ESG timetable would be delivered in May 2025. We recognize that this has now been deferred to December 2025 and will be submitting the necessary amendments to this and the other supplementals.

LNER will continue to work with LNER to deliver the necessary rights for delivery of the industry agreed timetable.

Yours sincerely,

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