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Dear Francesca Cotgreave,

**THE RAILWAYS (INTEROPERABILITY) REGULATIONS 2011, AS AMENDED
WIGAN TO BOLTON ELECTRIFICATION BETWEEN LCN 13M 39CH – 17M 18CH
AND WBS2 14M 64CH – 17M 44CH**

I refer to your application for authorisation, received on the 11 June 2025. Following review of your application grants a first authorisation under regulation 4(1)(a) of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011, as amended.

This authorisation is for the placing in service of Wigan to Bolton Electrification between

- LCN 13m 39ch – 17m 18ch and WBS2 14m 64ch – 17m 44ch

The restrictions or limitations of use on the structural subsystem are those contained on the UK declaration of verification NHE_142797-NR-ALL-00-UAP-W-000028, ApBo DeBo Technical File (all documents in application of 11 June 2025), and Project Authorisation Strategy & System 142797-624-00-0000-STR-W-SE-000001 B04, dated 26 November 2024.

The Energy subsystem authorised by this letter must be operated and maintained in accordance with Regulation 20.

You should be aware that any future modifications to the authorised subsystem may constitute a further 'renewal' or an 'upgrade' as defined in Regulation 2. If a project entity, in relation to the project, considers that the modification meets either of these definitions they may apply, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 13, to the

Department for Transport (DfT) for a decision on whether a new authorisation will be required. Should DfT decide that an authorisation is not required they must consult with ORR whether authorisation is required on safety grounds.

As the project entity you are responsible for retaining the technical file, keeping it up to date and making it available to the ORR in accordance with Regulations 18 and 19.

If you are not the owner of the authorised subsystem you shall within 60 days, in accordance with Regulation 19(3), transfer the technical file, certificate of verification and verification declaration to the owner of the subsystem and the owner shall then be regarded as the project entity. If the owner, in accordance with Regulation 19(4), disposes of his interest in the authorised subsystem, he shall within 60 days of the disposal transfer the technical file, certificate of verification and verification declaration to the person acquiring that interest and that person shall be regarded as the project entity.

Please note that the person who applied for the authorisation shall send particulars to the owner of the infrastructure to enable the owner of the infrastructure to enter the items on the Register of Infrastructure in accordance with Table 1 Commission Implementing Decision 2011/633/EU. This will include such further information as the registration entity may reasonably require set out in the relevant standard.

The person who applied for the authorisation to place in service may apply to the ORR for a determination of type. You will receive the type authorisation after providing the relevant data to the ORR.

If you are the operator, may I remind you of the need to have adequate arrangements within your Safety Management System to control the risks associated with this renewed infrastructure subsystem.

This decision letter will be published on ORR's website.

Yours sincerely

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