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Dear Louise / Jonathan,

Transport UK East Midlands Limited (“EMR”) response to Network Rail’s Final Representations on EMR’s 21st Supplemental Agreement

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Network Rail’s final representations dated 4th April 2025 regarding EMR’s Section 22a application to convert the contingent rights it holds for EM01 East Midlands Local, EM02 East Midlands Regional and EM03 Liverpool – Norwich to firm rights in line with its Track Access Agreement expiry date (proposed 21st Supplemental Agreement to the Track Access Contract).

EMR notes that Network Rail is supportive of this application, subject to suggested amendments and specific issues highlighted in the representation letter. With respect to the specific points raised in this representation, in particular the discrepancies between the quantum of rights in our 21st Supplemental Agreement and the rights required to run these services in the December 2025 Timetable, please see below EMR’s comments in response to the points raised in clause 5.8.2:

- Cleethorpes – Newark Northgate: The additional quantum on Saturday is required to mirror a weekday service to EWD as part of the Abraham Project, the scope of the December 2025 timetable change. This additional quantum is proposed in EMR’s 24th Supplemental Agreement, its industry consultation is currently underway.
- Lincoln – Newark Northgate: EMR acknowledges that Network Rail is not in a position to support the excess rights in this application and only supports the three rights reflected in the proposed December 2025 timetable. In EMR’s 19th Supplemental Agreement, submitted to ORR on 20 May 2024, four Lincoln – Newark Northgate rights on weekdays and Saturdays have been relinquished. A further 9 SX, 9 SO and 2 SUN rights have been relinquished in EMR’s 24th Supplemental Agreement. So, EMR agrees with the three rights in the proposed December 2025 Timetable to be acceptable.
- Norwich – Sheffield: 1R86 Norwich – Sheffield service on weekdays and Saturdays have been removed from the timetable since Covid and we are not running this service in the December

2025 Timetable. As such, EMR agrees to accept the quantum rights (1 SX, 1 SO) reflected in the December 2025 Timetable.

- Nottingham – Peterborough: The one access rights for Saturdays highlighted in red is not an additional quantum in December 2025. The service 2E01 SO 05.13 NOT-PBO has been in operation but located under Service Group EM02 (changes to EM03 from Grantham). We agree that this service quantum should be relocated to EM03.

Whilst EMR acknowledges that there are discrepancies between the timetable and the calling patterns for the associated services in the 21st Supplemental Agreement. EMR is now made aware of this oversight; the calling patterns for these services will be updated in Table 4.1 the Calling Patterns and addressed in EMR's 24th Supplemental Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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