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Dear Mark and Andy,

Approval of the 20th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and East Coast Trains Limited (trading as Lumo) dated 3 October 2016.

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 27 November 2025 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 add a new contractual monitoring point at Glasgow Queen Street, which will have the short-term weighting of 0.001. To accommodate this, the weighting at the existing point at Edinburgh will be reduced by this amount. This new monitoring point is a placeholder point to reflect the new services introduced by Lumo as part of the December 2025 timetable. This new contractual monitoring point will commence on 14 December 2025 and will cease at the expiry of the contract, which is currently the Subsidiary Change Date in 2033.

Industry consultation

As this amendment is purely an administrative one and affects no other operator, no industry consultation took place.



ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns. We identified some minor drafting issues, and these were resolved when the agreement was formally submitted.

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

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