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Dear Mike and Nigel

DB Cargo (UK) Limited: First Supplemental Agreement

1. On 12 May 2017 the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) approved the 1st Supplemental Agreement (SA) to the track access contract (TAC) between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and DB Cargo (UK) Limited (DBC) under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). The SA was formally submitted to us on 9 May 2017. This letter sets out the reasons for our decision.

Background

2. The purpose of the SA is to make changes to the Schedule 5 of the TAC. The changes are to replace Service Groups 4126, 4130 and 4134.

Consultation

3. In line with the Industry Code of Practice for Track Access Application consultations¹, Network Rail conducted a consultation of potentially affected operators and other interested parties. This ran from 25 August 2016 to 25 September 2016. There were no objections.

ORR Review

4. We received an informal submission from Network Rail on 13 January 2017. We recommended the following changes which were reflected in the formal submission we received 9 May 2017:
 - Drafting changes to the SA to correct the definition of “Effective Date”;
 - Minor corrections to the rights table; and
 - Form F had to be signed by both parties for submission.

ORR Decision

5. This application is under section 22 of the Act and therefore is agreed between the parties, who are prepared to enter into the agreement as submitted.

¹ http://orr.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/17592/code-of-practice-for-track-access-application-consultations.pdf

6. In making this decision, we are satisfied that this decision reflects our duties under section 4 of the Act, in particular:
 - i. to protect the interests of users of railway assets;
 - ii. to promote improvements in railway service performance;
 - iii. to promote the use of railway network in Great Britain for the carriage of passengers and goods and the development of that railway network, to the greatest extent ...economically practicable;
 - iv. to promote efficiency and economy on the part of the persons providing railway services; and
 - v. to enable persons providing railway services to plan the future of their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance.
7. Under clause 18.2.4 of the TAC, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and DBC. I look forward to receiving the conformed copy.
8. In accordance with section 72 of the Act, we will place a copy of the 3rd SA on our public register.

Yours sincerely



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