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Dear Mark and Phil

**Approval of the 9th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and London North Eastern Railway Limited**

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 29 August 2018 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. The purpose of this letter is to set out the reasons for our decision.
2. The purpose of this agreement is to update a number of details in the parties' Track Access Contract to reflect the change of franchisee from East Coast Main Line Company Limited to London North Eastern Railway Limited.
3. No industry consultation was undertaken as the changes do not have any material impact to any other train or freight operating company.
4. Our review identified no issues and we are satisfied that approval is in accordance with our statutory duties under Section 4 of the Railways Act 1993.
5. In considering the agreement and in reaching our decision, we have had to weigh and strike the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act. We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement is consistent with our section 4 duties, 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)).

6. 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.

7. Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at Department for Transport to Peter Craig at Network Rail. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Albon', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M' and 'A'.

**Michael Albon**