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To all those listed in appendices 1 and 2 of the annex to the review initiation notice issued on 27 March 2017

Dear sir/madam

Extension notice issued under Schedule 4A of the Railways Act 1993

On 27 March 2017, we served a notice of our access charges review in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1C of schedule 4A to the Railways Act 1993. This notice related to our 2018 periodic review ('PR18') of Network Rail and set out a date for submission of certain information to ORR by the Secretary of State for Transport and the Scottish Ministers in connection with that review. This information is commonly known as the high-level output specification (HLOS) and statement of funds available (SoFA).

The Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers have today published their respective HLOSs. However, both parties require more time to finalise their SoFAs and we have written to them setting out an extension to provide for this and describing the additional work that will be carried out over the summer to support this.

Accordingly, please find enclosed by way of service an extension notice, giving formal effect to this extension.

Information relating to the further work being undertaken over the summer can be found in the letters that we have sent to the Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers, which we have published on our <u>website</u> (see the publications section at www.orr.gov.uk/pr18).

PR18 will determine what Network Rail is expected to deliver and the funding that it is given in control period 6 (CP6, which we expect to run from 2019 to 2024). This will feed through into the service that passengers and freight customers receive and, together with taxpayers, ultimately pay for. It will also affect the access charges that Network Rail's train operator customers will pay to use its track and stations in CP6.

Yours faithfully

John Larkinson

