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Dear Ian and Chris

Seventy-Ninth supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Arriva Train Wales Limited

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 3 April 2017.
2. The agreement provides Arriva Train Wales with the necessary access rights to operate additional trains on the Rhymney Line on Sundays. This will allow for an hourly service between Cardiff Central and Ystrad Mynach for the main part of the day. The agreement also converts the Contingent Rights (Cardiff Central-Penarth service) granted under the General Approval on 8 January 2017 to Firm Rights.
3. Network Rail undertook a 28 day industry consultation and received two responses from Transport Focus and First TransPennine Express both supporting the application.
4. Our own review of the application identified no issues and we are satisfied that approval is in accordance with our statutory duties under section 4 of the Railways Act 1993. We advised the parties of a drafting issue and after accepting the comments, they made the necessary amendments to the agreement.

5. 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. ORR's copy should be sent for my attention.

6. In accordance with section 72 of the Act, we will place a copy of the approval notice and the agreement on our public register. Copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at the Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. 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.

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