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Dear Jayne and Robert

**Approval of the 52nd supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and First Greater Western Limited dated 4 March 2016**

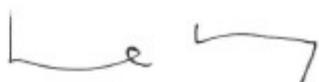
1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 5 March 2020 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. The purpose of this letter is to set out the reasons for our decision.
2. The agreement amends Schedule 7 Part 5 of the Track Access Contract to facilitate the invoicing of additional opening hours at Goonbarrow Signal Box for one hour each Sunday during the winter period. This will be applied retrospectively to 15 December 2019 when the services started.
3. No industry consultation was required for this application as it affects no other train operator.
4. We clarified with Network Rail how the rates had been calculated and are satisfied this is appropriate.
5. 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)).

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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. 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. I am also copying this letter without enclosures to Peter Craig at Network Rail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Louise Beilby**