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Network Rail's Representations on GTR's 62nd Supplemental.

Dear Louise

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Network Rail's representations to the ORR regarding GTR's 62nd supplemental.

GTR appreciates the complexity of the current situation surrounding the ECML given the number of applications received coupled with the as yet unfinished analysis work that needs to be carried out by Network Rail. However, the consequence of this is the lack of detail NR is able to provide in regard to their position on the applications submitted for the ECML for Dec 24, May 25 and Dec 25, and the resultant uncertainty which remains. An example of this is that at present, GTR is in the position where proposed changes to what are currently firm rights, will now be treated as contingent rights, even though they do not increase quantum.

GTR acknowledges the points raised within NR's representation letter, specifically around decisions not yet made on what additional access rights can be sold (and in what format, firm or contingent) and whilst this situation is far from NR ideal have sought to provide some assurance to the next steps they will undertake.

GTR's understanding of NR's overall stance is that at this point, they are not in a position to make firm decisions on a number of the key issues, so GTR looks forward to receiving more concrete decisions on items such as the continuation of NR's previous approach to access rights on the ECML (if required), the treatment of requests for contingent rights to be converted to firm rights and the all important go/no go decision on the implementation of the ECML ESG TT.

GTR will continue to work with NR to facilitate this process and provide both the ORR and NR with as much information as possible as soon as it is practicable when requested.

Yours sincerely

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