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Dear Calvin,

Enhancements Delivery Plan (EDP) change control: June 2014

I am writing to notify you of our decisions on the recent requests you made to amend the CP5 EDP under the change control mechanism established through the periodic review. We note that while Network Rail will be holding change control panels on a monthly basis, you will continue to update the online document each quarter.

We have worked with you to agree a consistent format for entries in the CP5 EDP. We expect that all milestones should be shown as either indicative, indicator, on hold, regulated output, missed or complete. In addition, every project should have at least one milestone that is listed as a regulated output. We have agreed that completed milestones should now be shown as such and not removed from the EDP.

At the end of CP4 we agreed that a document would be produced to enable stakeholders to track progress with projects that were still running in the Dec13 edition of the plan (the last CP4 edition). We note that this has yet to be completed (although a look up table is expected to be included in the Jun14 update) and trust that this will be made available on your website so that it is not necessary to wait for the September update.

Projects applying for change control for the Jun14 update

CR002 – Reading station area redevelopment

We note the good progress on this scheme and the completion of the core station works on time. You have asked to change later milestones so that they align with the staged implementation plan that you developed with the industry. This will not delay the final completion of the project and we approve this change.

CR005 – North of England programme

You are seeking to combine three separate delivery plan entries into one (Northern Hub, North West Electrification and Trans-Pennine Electrification West) which is sensible as these are being delivered as a programme of works; you also propose to revise milestone

dates to ones that are supported by stakeholders. However, the delivery plan entry is not clear which milestones are regulated and all GRIP 3 milestones from the current version of the EDP have been deleted. This programme is yet to come through ECAM, so our approval is therefore conditional on the GRIP 3 milestones being reinstated (both planned and complete) as they remain the regulated output.

EM002 – St Pancras to Sheffield linespeed improvements

This project missed its Dec 2013 milestone and has rolled over into CP5. The current entry in the CP5 EDP does not have any milestones. You have worked with the train operators to develop a plan that now allows the interim timetable introduced in Dec13 to be operated reliably. However, the necessary work to allow the full 8 minutes improvement to be recognised was not complete in time for the May 2014 timetable change and so the revised timetable will not be implemented until December 2014. We approve this change but expect that the timetable change date will be listed under the milestone table and the GRIP 6 regulated milestone will reflect the date when the infrastructure is ready for use.

F006 – Strategic freight network – train lengthening, Peak Forest to London

This application is to accommodate a delayed milestone, because of lost possessions following a TOC challenge to the Network Change proposal. Network Rail has completed modelling/analysis and this has resolved the challenge. Possessions are now planned, but this will delay completion until November 2014. This project missed its regulatory milestone in CP4 and we will take this into account in our financial assessment for CP4. We approve this change.

LNE002a – IEP East Coast capability

You have asked to put the GRIP 3 completion milestone for phase 2 of the station works on hold while a new date is determined. The feasibility study has been completed and you had been waiting for DfT to confirm the next steps. The delay means that the published August 2014 date is no longer achievable. We approve the change to mark the GRIP 3 milestone as “on hold” with a short explanation under the milestone table. As the remaining milestones are indicative they should not be changed to “on hold” but left to show the original dates, still as indicative.

Since the application was submitted, DfT has instructed Network Rail and we expect that a new date for GRIP 3 will be included in the September edition of the EDP.

LNW007 – Chiltern main line train lengthening

We required some improvements to the Delivery Plan entry as part of our ECAM review. This application includes those changes and also confirms the completion date for the second phase of the project. Chiltern Railways has confirmed that it plans to introduce its new services on 6 September 2015 and it is this date (rather than 7 September as shown on the application) that should be listed below the milestone table. As you have worked closely with the train operator to develop the plan we approve the change.

SC008 – Rolling programme of electrification, Scotland

We recommended you split the Delivery Plan entry into the three elements of the Rolling Programme of Electrification when we assessed the efficient cost for this project via ECAM. This application only separates out the milestones for R&C electrification, but we understand from recent discussions you plan to split it into three sets of milestones in September. We approve this change.

SC009 - Aberdeen to Inverness improvements, phase 1

We note you have updated the scope to reflect recent agreement with Transport Scotland on the outputs to be delivered within CP5. We approve this change.

SC011 – Motherwell area stabling

This application is to delay completion of GRIP 3 for this project to February 2015. We recognise this is due to planning consent issues that need to be resolved and therefore approve this change.

WX005 – 10-car South West suburban railway

You have again asked to change the delivery milestones for this CP4 project, delaying completion until October 2014. Various issues with access and signalling records have caused the delay. Working as the South Western Alliance you have got the agreement from South West Trains that the continuing delays to complete these works will not affect their introduction of 10-car services and we therefore approve this change.

W001a – Great Western electrification

You missed the regulatory milestone for GRIP3 in May 2014, and are now asking to change it to July 2014. We will take account of this missed regulatory milestone in our financial assessment at the end of the year. You have assured us that the rescheduled date will have no effect on the final delivery of the project or the forthcoming ECAM reviews and we therefore approve this change. As a missed milestone the original date should be left in the EDP with a status of 'missed' and a new line for the revised regulated milestone inserted in the table.

Yours sincerely



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