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Dear Sarah and John,

Consent to a Supplement to the Track Usage Price List: Class 700

1. The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has today issued a Notice of Consent to a Supplement to the Track Usage Price List, submitted to us jointly by Network Rail and Govia Thameslink Railway Limited (GTR) on 18 February 2016 under Paragraph 9 of Part 2 of Schedule 7 to the Track Access Contract (TAC) between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and GTR. The purpose of this letter is to set out the reasons for our decision.

Purpose of the change

2. The purpose of this supplement is to amend the Passenger Variable Use Charge (VUC) Rates section of the Track Usage Price List to include new Class 700 Motor (700/M) and Trailer (700/T) vehicle types, which are expected to begin operating on the network in May 2016.

Consultation

4. There is no requirement for industry consultation in this matter.

ORR review

5. We reviewed the application from a technical viewpoint and, while there was a very small difference in our calculations and the calculations submitted by Network Rail & GTR, we were content with the values proposed.

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6. Paragraph 9 of Part 2 of Schedule 7 to the TAC states that consent by ORR shall come into effect on the date on which the vehicles are first used on the Network by the Train Operator.

Yours sincerely

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