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To: Liz Hudson

Cc: Rachel Gilliland; helen.cavanagh; rebecca.stonehouse; Reed, David

Subject: Re: FW: Section 17 Application by East Coast Trains Ltd for Open Access services on ECML

Hi Liz

Thank you for your response.

In terms of the points that you have raised, our comments are as follows:

- Calling at Morpeth - ECTL's proposed rolling stock for the services will fit within the requirements for calling at the station. The proposed rolling stock would have similar capabilities to the Super Express Trains to be operated by Virgin Trains East Coast, and ECTL intends to operate trains in 5-car formations. The stock will also be fitted with Selective Door Operation (SDO);
- Capacity / Northern franchise performance and journey time - ECTL's analysis is that there is sufficient capacity to enable our proposed services to operate alongside the other LDHS services on the route. Given the increase in capacity as a result of the CP5 investment in the route coupled with the introduction of new intercity rolling stock replacing older less reliable trains, there is unlikely to be any detrimental impact on Northern franchise train service performance. In addition the capacity provided will not affect Northern franchise service journey time; and
- Capacity at Doncaster - It is important to note that regardless of any additional services operated by ECTL, the significant change to LDHS services through the VTEC proposals in particular will trigger a major rewrite in the Doncaster area. Nevertheless ECTL's analysis is that once the new east side platform is constructed there is sufficient capacity to accommodate the LDHS services for the current Open Access operators, our proposals and the VTEC aspirations and as such we do not envisage that there will be a detrimental impact on Northern franchise services at Doncaster.

I trust that this addresses your points.

Kind Regards
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Please see our response below

Regards

Liz

From: Liz Hudson

Sent: 02 April 2015 12:59

To: 'Gilliland Rachel'

Cc: 'Russell.evans Helen Cavanagh

Subject: RE: Section 17 Application by East Coast Trains Ltd for Open Access services on ECML

Dear Rachel,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Section 17 Application by East Coast Trains Ltd for Open Access Services on ECML.

Northern Rail have the following comments to make

Northern Rail are the Franchise Station Operator for Morpeth and as such we would require any other Operator wishing to call to be aware and agree any requirements as Northern has the overall responsibility for the Station. We would require assurance that any trains proposing to call would fit within the platform lengths 232m Up and 234m Down and if not, that any specific requirements for the calling of over-length trains are met.

Northern Rail would like assurance / visibility that these proposed new services would not conflict with any possible paths which are proposed for the sixth Trans Pennine Service paths and that there would be no detrimental impact on our journey time or performance impact along the line of route.

Northern Rail believes that the introduction of more non-stop services using the fast Lines through Doncaster may impact on its local services that operate through Doncaster and would seek assurance that there would be no detrimental impact on its current services.

We would welcome a response to our comments.

Regards

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