

TRACK ACCESS CONTRACT

Dated

Between

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

and

CHINNOR & PRINCES RISBOROUGH RAILWAY COMPANY LTD

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THIS CONTRACT is made the day of

BETWEEN:

- (1) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, a company registered in England under number 2904587 having its registered office at 1 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 2DN ("Network Rail"); and
- (2) Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway Ltd, a company registered in England under number 2729049 having its registered office at Chinnor Station, Chinnor, Oxfordshire, OX39 4ER (the "Train Operator").

WHEREAS:

- (A) Network Rail is the owner of the Network; and
- (B) Network Rail has been directed by ORR to grant to the Train Operator permission to use certain track comprised in the Network on the terms and conditions of this contract.

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1 INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this contract unless the context otherwise requires:

"Access Agreement" has the meaning ascribed to it in Part A of the Network Code;

"access charges review" has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 4A to the Act;

“Access Dispute Resolution Rules” and **“ADRR”** have the meaning ascribed to them in Part A of the Network Code;

“Act” means the Railways Act 1993;

“Affected Party” has the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 17.1;

“Affiliate” means, in relation to any company:

- (a) a company which is either a holding company or a subsidiary of such company; or
- (b) a company which is a subsidiary of a holding company of which such company is also a subsidiary,

and for these purposes “holding company” and “subsidiary” have the meanings ascribed to them in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;

“Ancillary Movements” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part D of the Network Code;

“Applicable Engineering Access Statement” means the Engineering Access Statement in force in respect of the Routes on the Effective Date as from time to time amended or replaced under Part D of the Network Code;

“Applicable Timetable Planning Rules” means the Timetable Planning Rules in force in respect of the Routes on the Effective Date as from time to time amended or replaced under Part D of the Network Code;

“Applicable Timetable” has the meaning ascribed to it in Schedule 8;

“associate” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 17 of the Act;

“Claims Allocation and Handling Agreement” means the agreement of that name approved by ORR;

“Collateral Agreements” means the agreements and arrangements listed in Schedule 3;

“Confidential Information” means information relating to the affairs of one party to this contract or any of its Affiliates which has been provided by any such person to the other party under or for the purposes of this contract, or any matter or thing contemplated by this contract or to which this contract relates, the disclosure of which is likely materially to compromise or otherwise prejudice the commercial interests of any such person;

“contract” means this document including all schedules and appendices to it and the Network Code;

“Contract Year” means each yearly period commencing on 25th June 2016 and subsequently on each anniversary of such date;

“Default Interest Rate” is two percent above the base lending rate of Barclays Bank PLC as varied from time to time;

“Effective Date” means the date that the provisions of this contract, other than Clause 5, take effect pursuant to Clause 3.1;

“Engineering Access Statement” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part D of the Network Code;

“Environmental Condition” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part E of the Network Code;

“Environmental Damage” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part E of the Network Code;

“European licence” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 6(2) of the Act;

“Event of Default” means a Train Operator Event of Default or a Network Rail Event of Default;

“Expiry Date” means 25th June 2021;

“Force Majeure Event” has the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 17.1;

“Force Majeure Notice” has the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 17.1;

“Force Majeure Report” has the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 17.1;

“Innocent Party” means, in relation to a breach of an obligation under this contract, the party who is not in breach of that obligation;

“Insolvency Event”, in relation to either of the parties, has occurred where:

- (a) any step which has a reasonable prospect of success is taken by any person with a view to its administration under Part II of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- (b) it stops or suspends or threatens to stop or suspend payment of all or a material part of its debts, or is unable to pay its debts, or is deemed unable to pay its debts under section 123(1) or (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, except that in the interpretation of this paragraph:
 - (i) not used
 - (ii) it shall not be deemed to be unable to pay its debts for the purposes of this paragraph if any such demand as is mentioned in section 123(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 is satisfied before the expiry of 21 days from such demand;
- (c) its directors make any proposal under section 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or it makes any agreement for the deferral, rescheduling or other readjustment (or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of the relevant creditors) of all or a material part of its debts, or a moratorium is agreed or declared in respect of or affecting all or a material part of its debts;
- (d) any step is taken to enforce security over or a distress, execution or other similar process is levied or sued out against the whole or a substantial part of its assets or undertaking, including the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, manager or similar person to enforce that security;

- (e) any step is taken by any person with a view to its winding up or any person presents a winding-up petition which is not dismissed within 14 days, or it ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or a material part of its business, except for the purpose of and followed by a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation on terms approved by the other party before that step is taken (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed); or
- (f) any event occurs which, under the law of any relevant jurisdiction, has an analogous or equivalent effect to any of the events listed above,

unless:

- (i) in any case, a railway administration order (or application for such order) has been made or such order (or application) is made within 14 days after the occurrence of such step, event, proposal or action (as the case may be) in relation to the party in question under section 60, 61 or 62 of the Act and for so long as any such order (or application) remains in force or pending; or
- (ii) in the case of paragraphs (a), (d) and (e), the relevant petition, proceeding or other step is being actively contested in good faith by that party with timely recourse to all appropriate measures and procedures;

“Liability Cap” has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 9;

“Longstop Date” means 25th June 2016;

“Network” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part A of the Network Code;

“Network Code” means the document now known as the Network Code and formerly known as the Railtrack Track Access Conditions 1995;

“Network Rail Event of Default” has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 1.3 of Schedule 6;

“Office of Rail and Road” has the meaning ascribed to it under section 15 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003, and references to “ORR” shall be construed as references to the Office of Rail and Road;

“Performance Order” has the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 13.3.2;

“Railway Code Systems” means necessary systems within the meaning of the Systems Code;

“railway facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 83 of the Act;

“relevant ADRR Forum ” means the Forum, having the meaning ascribed to it in the ADRR, to which a Relevant Dispute is allocated for resolution in accordance with the ADRR

“Relevant Dispute” means any difference between the parties arising out of or in connection with this contract;

“Relevant Force Majeure Event” has the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 17.1;

“Relevant Losses” means, in relation to:

- (a) a breach of this contract; or
- (b) in the case of Clause 10, any of the matters specified in Clause 10.1(a), (b) or (c) or Clause 10.2(a), (b) or (c) (each a “breach” for the purpose of this definition),

all costs, losses (including loss of profit and loss of revenue), expenses, payments, damages, liabilities, interest and the amounts by which rights or entitlements to amounts have been reduced, in each case incurred or occasioned as a result of or by such breach;

“Relevant Obligation” has the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 17;

“Routes” means that part of the Network specified in Schedule 2;

“safety authorisation” has the meaning ascribed to it by regulation 2 of, and Schedule 5 to, the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006;

“safety certificate” has the meaning ascribed to it by regulation 2 of, and Schedule 5 to, the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006;

“Safety Obligations” means all applicable obligations concerning health and safety (including any duty of care arising at common law, and any obligation arising under statute, statutory instrument or mandatory code of practice) in Great Britain;

“Services” means the railway passenger services specified in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 5;

“SNRP” has the meaning ascribed to it in the Railways (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005;

“Specified Equipment” has the meaning ascribed to it in Schedule 5;

“Stabling” means the parking or laying up of the Specified Equipment or such other railway vehicles as the Train Operator is permitted by this contract to use on the Network, such parking or laying up being necessary or reasonably required for giving full effect to the movements of Specified Equipment required for the provision of the Services;

“Suspension Notice” means a notice in writing served by the relevant party on the other party under paragraph 2 of Schedule 6;

“Systems Code” means the code of practice relating to the management and development of railway code systems as amended from time to time in accordance with its terms;

“Termination Notice” means a notice in writing served by the relevant party on the other party under paragraph 3 of Schedule 6;

“Timetable Period” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part D of the Network Code;

“Timetable Planning Rules” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part D of the Network Code;

“Track Charges” means the charges payable by or on behalf of the Train Operator to Network Rail, as set out in or calculated under Part 2 of Schedule 7;

“Train Consist Data” means information as to the number(s) and type(s) of railway vehicle comprised in a train movement;

“Train Operator Variation Request” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part D of the Network Code;

“Train Operator Event of Default” has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 6;

“Train Slot” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part D of the Network Code;

“Value Added Tax” means value added tax as provided for in the Value Added Tax Act 1994, and any tax similar or equivalent to value added tax or any turnover tax replacing or introduced in addition to them, and “VAT” shall be construed accordingly;

“Working Day” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part A of the Network Code; and

“Working Timetable” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part A of the Network Code.

1.2 Interpretation

In this contract, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (b) any one gender includes the other;
- (c) all headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in the construction of this contract;
- (d) reference to an item of primary or secondary legislation is to that item as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (e) reference to a contract, instrument or other document is to that contract, instrument or other document as amended, novated, supplemented or replaced from time to time;
- (f) reference to a party is to a party to this contract, its successors and permitted assigns;
- (g) reference to a recital, Clause or Schedule is to a recital, clause or schedule of or to this contract; reference in a schedule to a Part of or an Appendix to a schedule is to a part of or an appendix to the schedule in which the reference appears; reference in a Part of a Schedule to a paragraph is to a paragraph of that part; reference to a

Part of an appendix is to a part of the appendix in which the reference appears; and reference in a schedule to a Table is a reference to the table included in or annexed to that schedule;

- (h) where a word or expression is defined, cognate words and expressions shall be construed accordingly;
- (i) references to the word “person” or “persons” or to words importing persons include individuals, firms, corporations, government agencies, committees, departments, authorities and other bodies incorporated or unincorporated, whether having separate legal personality or not;
- (j) “otherwise” and words following “other” shall not be limited by any foregoing words where a wider construction is possible;
- (k) the words “including” and “in particular” shall be construed as being by way of illustration or emphasis and shall not limit or prejudice the generality of any foregoing words;
- (l) words and expressions defined in the Railways Act 1993, the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 and Network Rail’s network licence shall, unless otherwise defined in this contract, have the same meanings in this contract;
- (m) not used;
- (n) words and expressions defined in the Network Code shall have the same meanings in this contract; and
- (o) if there is any conflict of interpretation between this contract and the Network Code, the Network Code shall prevail.

1.3 Indemnities

Indemnities provided for in this contract are continuing indemnities in respect of the Relevant Losses to which they apply, and hold the indemnified party harmless on an after tax basis.

2 NETWORK CODE

2.1 Incorporation

The Network Code is incorporated in and forms part of this contract.

2.2 Modifications to the Network Code

If the Network Code is modified at any time, Schedule 10 shall have effect.

2.3 Compliance by other operators

Except where ORR has directed otherwise in the exercise of its powers under the Act or the Network Code, and except in relation to London Underground Limited and Heathrow Express Operating Company Limited to the extent that such persons are not party to the Network Code, Network Rail shall ensure that all operators of trains having permission to use any track comprised in the Network agree to comply with the Network Code.

3 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT AND DURATION

3.1 Effective date

The provisions of this contract, other than Clause 5, take effect from the later of the signature of this contract and 25th June 2016.

3.2 Conditions precedent to Clause 5

Clause 5 shall take effect when the following conditions precedent have been satisfied in full:

- (a) to the extent required by the Act and/or the Railways (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005, the Train Operator is authorised to be the operator of trains for the provision of the Services by:
 - (i) a licence granted under section 8 of the Act; and/or
 - (ii) a European licence and corresponding SNRP; and/or
 - (iii) a licence exemption under section 7 of the Act;
- (b) Network Rail is authorised by a licence granted under section 8 of the Act to be the operator of that part of the Network comprising the Routes or is exempt from the requirement to be so authorised under section 7 of the Act;
- (c) each of the Collateral Agreements is executed and delivered by all the parties to each such agreement and is unconditional in all respects (save only for the fulfilment of any condition relating to this contract becoming unconditional);
- (d) each of the parties has, as necessary, a valid safety certificate or safety authorisation as required by the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 and has established and is maintaining a safety management system which meets the requirements of those Regulations; and
- (e) the provisions of this contract, other than Clause 5, have taken effect in accordance with Clause 3.1.

3.3 Obligations to satisfy conditions precedent to Clause 5

Each party shall use all reasonable endeavours to secure that the following conditions precedent are satisfied as soon as practicable, and in any event not later than the Longstop Date:

- (a) in the case of Network Rail, the conditions precedent contained in Clause 3.2(b) and, insofar as within its control, Clauses 3.2(c) and 3.2(d); and
- (b) in the case of the Train Operator, the conditions precedent contained in Clause 3.2(a) and, insofar as within its control, Clauses 3.2(c) and 3.2(d).

3.4 Consequences of non-fulfilment of conditions precedent to Clause 5

If the conditions precedent set out in Clause 3.2 have not been satisfied in full on or before the Longstop Date:

- (a) this contract shall lapse save for the obligations of confidence contained in Clause 14 which shall continue in force; and
- (b) neither party shall have any liability to the other except in respect of any breach of its obligations under this contract.

3.5 Expiry

This contract shall continue in force until the earliest of:

- (a) lapse under Clause 3.4;
- (b) termination under Schedule 6; and
- (c) 0159 hours on the Expiry Date.

3.6 Suspension and termination

Schedule 6 shall have effect.

4 STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

4.1 General standard

Without prejudice to all other obligations of the parties under this contract, each party shall, in its dealings with the other for the purpose of, and in the course of performance of its obligations under, this contract, act with due efficiency and economy and in a timely manner with that degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which should be exercised by a skilled and experienced:

- (a) network owner and operator (in the case of Network Rail); and
- (b) train operator (in the case of the Train Operator).

4.2 Good faith

The parties to this contract shall, in exercising their respective rights and complying with their respective obligations under this contract (including when conducting any discussions or negotiations arising out of the application of any provisions of this contract or exercising any discretion under them), at all times act in good faith.

5 PERMISSION TO USE

5.1 Permission to use the Routes

Network Rail grants the Train Operator permission to use the Routes.

5.2 Meaning

References in this contract to permission to use the Routes shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be construed to mean permission:

- (a) to use the track comprised in the Routes for the provision of the Services using the Specified Equipment;
- (b) to use the track comprised in the Network in order to implement any plan established under Part H of the Network Code;
- (c) to make Ancillary Movements;
- (d) to Stable, which shall be treated, for the purposes of Part D of the Network Code, as the use of a Train Slot;
- (e) for the Train Operator and its associates to enter upon that part of the Network comprising the Routes, with or without vehicles; and
- (f) for the Train Operator and its associates to bring things onto that part of the Network comprising the Routes and keep them there,

and such permission is subject, in each case and in all respects to:

- (i) the Network Code;
- (ii) the Applicable Engineering Access Statement; and
- (iii) the Applicable Timetable Planning Rules.

5.3 Permission under Clauses 5.2(e) and 5.2(f)

In relation to the permissions specified in Clauses 5.2(e) and 5.2(f):

- (a) the Train Operator shall, and shall procure that its associates shall, wherever reasonably practicable, first obtain the consent of Network Rail, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed;
- (b) the Train Operator shall remove any vehicle or other thing so brought onto any part of the Network when reasonably directed to do so by Network Rail; and
- (c) whilst exercising any rights conferred by Clauses 5.2(e) and 5.2(f), the Train Operator shall, and shall procure that its associates shall, comply with such reasonable restrictions or instructions as Network Rail shall specify.

5.4 Changes to the Applicable Engineering Access Statement and the Applicable Timetable Planning Rules

Changes to the Applicable Engineering Access Statement and the Applicable Timetable Planning Rules are subject to regulatory protection (including appeals) in accordance with Part D of the Network Code.

5.5 Not used

5.6 The Services and the Specified Equipment

Schedule 5 shall have effect.

5.7 Performance

Schedule 8 shall have effect.

5.8 Stabling

Network Rail shall use all reasonable endeavours to provide such Stabling facilities as are necessary or expedient for or in connection with the provision of the Services in accordance with the Working Timetable.

6 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAINS AND NETWORK

6.1 General

Without prejudice to the other provisions of this contract:

- (a) the Train Operator shall maintain and operate the Specified Equipment used on the Network in accordance with Clause 4.1 with a view to permitting the provision of the Services on the Routes in accordance with the Working Timetable and the making of Ancillary Movements; and
- (b) Network Rail shall maintain and operate the Network in accordance with Clause 4.1 with a view to permitting the provision of the Services on the Routes using the Specified Equipment in accordance with the Working Timetable and the making of Ancillary Movements.

6.2 Trespass, vandalism and animals

Without prejudice to the other provisions of this contract, each of the parties shall use all reasonable endeavours (including participating in such consultation and joint action as is reasonable in all the circumstances) to reduce:

- (a) trespass;
- (b) vandalism; and
- (c) intrusions on to the Network by animals,

in each case as may affect either the provision of the Services or the Routes.

6.3 Safety

In relation to Safety Obligations:

- (a) the Train Operator shall comply with any reasonable request by Network Rail in relation to any aspect of the Train Operator's operations which affects or is likely to affect the performance of Network Rail's Safety Obligations; and
- (b) Network Rail shall comply with any reasonable request by the Train Operator in relation to any aspect of Network Rail's operations which affects or is likely to affect the performance of the Train Operator's Safety Obligations.

6.4 Use of Railway Code Systems

6.4.1 General

The parties shall:

- (a) use the Railway Code Systems in their dealings with each other in connection with matters provided for in this contract; and
- (b) comply with the Systems Code.

6.4.2 Provision of Train Consist Data

Without prejudice to Clause 6.4.1, the Train Operator shall:

- (a) provide to Network Rail such Train Consist Data as shall be necessary to enable Network Rail to calculate the amount of Track Charges; and
- (b) procure that such data is true and accurate in all respects.

7 TRACK CHARGES AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Schedule 7 shall have effect.

8 LIABILITY

8.1 Performance Orders in relation to breach

In relation to any breach of this contract:

- (a) the Innocent Party shall be entitled to apply under Clause 13 for a Performance Order against the party in breach; and
- (b) if a Performance Order is made, the party against whom it has been made shall comply with it.

8.2 Compensation in relation to breach

In relation to any breach of this contract, the party in breach shall indemnify the Innocent Party against all Relevant Losses.

9 NOT USED

10 LIABILITY - OTHER MATTERS

10.1 Train Operator indemnity

The Train Operator shall indemnify Network Rail against all Relevant Losses resulting from:

- (a) a failure by the Train Operator to comply with its Safety Obligations;
- (b) any Environmental Damage arising directly from the acts or omissions of the Train Operator or the proper taking by Network Rail under Condition E2 of the Network Code of any steps to prevent, mitigate or remedy an Environmental Condition which exists as a direct result of the acts or omissions of the Train Operator; and
- (c) any damage to the Network arising directly from the Train Operator's negligence.

10.2 Network Rail indemnity

Network Rail shall indemnify the Train Operator against all Relevant Losses resulting from:

- (a) a failure by Network Rail to comply with its Safety Obligations;
- (b) any Environmental Damage to the Network arising directly from any acts or omissions of the British Railways Board prior to 1 April 1994 and any Environmental Damage arising directly from the acts or omissions of Network Rail; and
- (c) any damage to the Specified Equipment or other vehicles or things brought onto the Network in accordance with the permission to use granted by this contract arising directly from Network Rail's negligence.

11 RESTRICTIONS ON CLAIMS

11.1 Notification and mitigation

A party wishing to claim under any indemnity provided for in this contract:

- (a) shall notify the other party of the relevant circumstances giving rise to that claim as soon as reasonably practicable after first becoming aware of those circumstances (and in any event within 365 days of first becoming so aware); and
- (b) subject to Clause 11.1(c), shall take all reasonable steps to prevent, mitigate and restrict the circumstances giving rise to that claim and any Relevant Losses connected with that claim; but
- (c) shall not be required to exercise any specific remedy available to it under this contract.

11.2 Restrictions on claims by Network Rail

Any claim by Network Rail against the Train Operator for indemnity for Relevant Losses:

- (a) shall exclude payments to any person under or in accordance with the provisions of any Access Agreement other than any such payments which are for obligations to compensate for damage to property, and so that any claim for indemnity under this contract for such payments for damage to property, in relation to any incident, shall be limited to:
 - (i) the maximum amount for which the Train Operator would be liable for such damage in accordance with the Claims Allocation and Handling Agreement; less
 - (ii) any other compensation which the Train Operator has an obligation to pay for such damage;
- (b) shall exclude loss of revenue in respect of permission to use any part of the Network under or in accordance with any Access Agreement with any person; and
- (c) shall:
 - (i) include Relevant Losses only to the extent that these constitute amounts which Network Rail would not have incurred as network owner and operator but for the relevant breach; and

- (ii) give credit for any savings to Network Rail which result or are likely to result from the incurring of such amounts.

11.3 Restrictions on claims by Train Operator

Any claim by the Train Operator against Network Rail for indemnity for Relevant Losses:

- (a) shall exclude any Relevant Losses to the extent that they result from delays to or cancellations of trains ; and
- (b) shall:
 - (i) include Relevant Losses only to the extent that these constitute amounts which the Train Operator would not have incurred as train operator but for the relevant breach; and
 - (ii) give credit for any savings to the Train Operator which result or are likely to result from the incurring of such amounts.

11.4 Restriction on claims by both parties

Any claim for indemnity for Relevant Losses shall exclude Relevant Losses which:

- (a) do not arise naturally from the breach; and
- (b) were not, or may not reasonably be supposed to have been, within the contemplation of the parties:
 - (i) at the time of the making of this contract; or
 - (ii) where the breach relates to a modification or amendment to this contract, at the time of the making of such modification or amendment,as the probable result of the breach.

11.5 Limitation on liability

Schedule 9 shall have effect so as to limit the liability of the parties to one another under the indemnities in Clauses 8.2 and 10, but:

- (a) does not limit any liability arising under Schedules 5, 7 or 8;
- (b) in relation to a failure to perform an obligation under the Network Code, only to the extent (including as to time and conditions) that the Network Code so provides; and
- (c) subject to Clause 18.3.3.

11.6 Claims Allocation and Handling Agreement

11.6.1 General

Clauses 16 and 17 of the Claims Allocation and Handling Agreement provide that claims between parties to it are limited to specified amounts unless the parties expressly contract otherwise.

11.6.2 Restriction of application

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this contract, Clauses 16 and 17 of the Claims Allocation and Handling Agreement shall not apply as between the parties to this contract if and to the extent that the giving of any right or remedy as provided for under this contract would be prevented or restricted by Clauses 16 and 17 of the Claims Allocation and Handling Agreement.

11.6.3 Liability for small claims

Nothing in this contract shall affect the application as between the parties of the provisions of the Claims Allocation and Handling Agreement which relate to liability for small claims equal to or below the Threshold (as defined in that agreement).

12 GOVERNING LAW

This contract and any non-contractual obligations connected with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

13 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

13.1 ADRR

A Relevant Dispute shall be referred for resolution in accordance with the Access Dispute Resolution Rules in force at the time of the reference (the "ADRR"), as modified by this Clause 13, unless:

- (a) any Part of the Network Code provides for an alternative dispute resolution procedure for the Relevant Dispute, in which case such alternative procedure shall apply;
- (b) any Part of Schedules 5, 7 or 8 provides for an alternative dispute resolution procedure for the Relevant Dispute, in which case such alternative procedure shall apply; or
- (c) Clause 13.2 applies.

13.2 Unpaid sums

If either party fails to pay:

- (a) any invoice issued to it under this contract in respect of Track Charges; or
- (b) any other sum which has fallen due in accordance with any provision of this contract,

then:

- (i) the amount invoiced or sum due, as referred to in Clause 13.2(a) or (b), shall immediately constitute a debt due and owing from the party who has failed to pay the invoice or sum due to the other party (and to any assignee of a party's right to payment in respect of any invoice or other sum due);

- (ii) such debt shall be recoverable by any means available under the laws of England and Wales; and
- (iii) the dispute resolution procedures in Clauses 13.1 and 13.3 to 13.5 shall not apply to proceedings commenced under this Clause 13.2.

13.3 Performance Orders

13.3.1 Power to order provisional relief

For the purposes of section 39 of the Arbitration Act 1996, should any Relevant Dispute be allocated in accordance with the ADRR to arbitration under Chapter F of the ADRR, the arbitrator shall have power to order on a provisional basis any relief which he would have power to grant in a final award including Performance Orders.

13.3.2 Performance Orders

A Performance Order:

- (a) is an order made under Clause 13.3.3(b), relating to a Relevant Dispute, whether by way of interim or final relief; and
- (b) may be applied for by Network Rail or the Train Operator in the circumstances set out in Clause 8.1, subject to the qualifications in Clause 17.8,

and an application for a Performance Order shall be without prejudice to any other remedy available to the claimant under this contract (whether final or interim and whether by way of appeal under the Network Code or otherwise).

13.3.3 Duties of arbitrator in relation to Performance Orders

Without prejudice to any additional remedies that may be ordered by the arbitrator under Clause 13.4, where a dispute is allocated in accordance with the ADRR to arbitration and a party has applied for a Performance Order, the parties shall agree in a Procedure Agreement, as defined in the ADRR, that:

- (a) the arbitrator shall decide as soon as possible whether the application is well founded or not; and
- (b) if the arbitrator decides that the application is well founded, he shall be required to make an interim or final declaration to that effect and, in that event, the arbitrator may also make any interim or final order directing any party to do or to refrain from doing anything arising from such declaration which he considers just and reasonable in all the circumstances.

13.4 Remedies

The powers exercisable by the arbitrator as regards remedies shall include:

- (a) the powers specified in sections 48(3) to (5) of the Arbitration Act 1996;
- (b) the powers specified in the ADRR;
- (c) the power to make Performance Orders; and
- (d) the power to order within the same reference to arbitration any relief specified in Clause 13.4 (a), (b) and (c) consequent upon, or for the breach of, any interim or final Performance Order previously made.

13.5 Exclusion of applications on preliminary points of law

Any recourse to any Court for the determination of a preliminary point of law arising in the course of the arbitration proceedings is excluded.

14 CONFIDENTIALITY

14.1 Confidential Information

14.1.1 General obligation

Except as permitted by Clause 14.2, all Confidential Information shall be held confidential during and after the continuance of this contract and shall not be divulged in any way to any third party without the prior written approval of the other party.

14.1.2 Network Rail - Affiliates

Except as permitted by Clause 14.2, Network Rail shall procure that its Affiliates and its and their respective officers, employees and agents shall keep confidential and not disclose to any person any Confidential Information.

14.1.3 Train Operator - Affiliates

Except as permitted by Clause 14.2, the Train Operator shall procure that its Affiliates and its and their respective officers, employees and agents shall keep confidential and not disclose to any person any Confidential Information.

14.2 Entitlement to divulge

Either party, and its Affiliates, and its and their respective officers, employees and agents, shall be entitled in good faith to divulge any Confidential Information without the approval of the other party in the following circumstances:

- (a) to ORR;
- (b) to the Secretary of State;
- (c) to any Affiliate of either party;
- (d) to any officer or employee of the party in question or any person engaged in the provision of goods or services to or for him if disclosure is necessary or reasonably required to enable the party in question to perform its obligations under this contract, upon obtaining an

undertaking of strict confidentiality from such officer, employee or person;

- (e) to any professional advisers or consultants of such party engaged by or on behalf of such party and acting in that capacity, upon obtaining an undertaking of strict confidentiality from such advisers or consultants;
- (f) to any insurer or insurance broker from whom such party is seeking insurance or in connection with the making of any claim under any policy of insurance upon obtaining an undertaking of strict confidentiality from the insurer or insurance broker;
- (g) to any lender, security trustee, bank or other institution from whom such party is seeking or obtaining finance or credit support for such finance, or any advisers to any such entity, or any rating agency from whom such party is seeking a rating in connection with such finance or credit support, upon obtaining an undertaking of strict confidentiality from the entity, advisers or rating agency in question;
- (h) to the extent required by the Act, the Railways (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005, any other applicable law, the rules of any recognised stock exchange or regulatory body or any written request of any taxation authority;
- (i) to the extent that it has become available to the public other than as a result of a breach of confidence; and
- (j) under the order of any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction (including the Allocation Chair or any relevant ADRR Forum, each as defined in the ADRR).

14.3 Return of Confidential Information

Each of Network Rail and the Train Operator shall promptly return to the other party any Confidential Information requested by the other party if such request:

- (a) is made on or within two months after the Expiry Date or, if this contract lapses or is terminated earlier, is made within two months after the date on which this contract lapses or is terminated;
- (b) is reasonable; and
- (c) contains a sufficient description of the relevant Confidential Information to enable such information to be readily identified and located.

14.4 Retention or destruction of Confidential Information

If Network Rail or the Train Operator, as the case may be, has not received a request to return any Confidential Information to the other party under and within the time limits specified in Clause 14.3, it may destroy or retain such Confidential Information.

14.5 Ownership of Confidential Information

All Confidential Information shall be and shall remain the property of the party which supplied it to the other party.

14.6 Network Code and Schedule 7

Nothing in this Clause 14 restricts the right of Network Rail to disclose information to which this Clause 14 applies to the extent that it is permitted or required so to do under the Network Code or Schedule 7.

15 ASSIGNMENT AND NOVATION

Neither party may assign, transfer, novate or create any encumbrance or other security interest over the whole or any part of its rights and obligations under this contract except to the extent approved by ORR following consultation with the other party, and subject to the conditions (if any) of ORR's approval.

16 PAYMENTS, INTEREST AND VAT

16.1 Payment

16.1.1 No deduction

All sums due or payable by either party under this contract shall be paid free and clear of any deduction, withholding or set off except only as may be required by law or as expressly provided in any Schedule to this contract or in the Network Code.

16.1.2 Delivery of invoices

All invoices issued under Schedule 7, or statements of amounts payable under Schedules 5 or 8 or the Network Code, shall be delivered by hand at, or sent by prepaid first class post or by facsimile transmission (with confirmation copy by prepaid first class post) to, the address for service for the recipient specified in Schedule 1 and shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee in accordance with Clause 18.4.3.

16.1.3 Content of invoices and other statements of amounts payable

Each invoice and statement of amounts payable shall contain such detail as to the constituent elements of the amounts stated to be payable as shall be necessary or expedient so as to enable the person to whom it is given to understand and check it.

16.1.4 Method of payment

All payments shall be made by direct debit mandate or standing order mandate, CHAPS transfer, BACS transfer or other electronic or telegraphic transfer to a London clearing bank or such other financial institution as may be approved by the party entitled to the payment, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

16.2 Interest

Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies which one party may have in respect of the failure of the other party to pay any amount on the due date, amounts payable under this contract and not paid by the due date shall carry interest (to accrue daily and to be compounded monthly) at the Default Interest Rate from the due date until the date of actual payment (as well after judgment as before), except to the extent that late payment arises from any failure by the invoicing party to comply with Clause 16.1.2 or Clause 16.1.3.

16.3 VAT

16.3.1 *Payment of VAT*

Where any taxable supply for VAT purposes is made under or in connection with this contract by one party to the other the payer shall, in addition to any payment required for that supply, pay such VAT as is chargeable in respect of it.

16.3.2 *Reimbursement of VAT*

Where under this contract one party is to reimburse or indemnify the other in respect of any payment made or cost incurred by the other, the first party shall also reimburse any VAT paid by the other which forms part of its payment made or cost incurred to the extent such VAT is not available for credit for the other party (or for any person with whom the indemnified party is treated as a member of a group for VAT purposes) under sections 25 and 26 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

16.3.3 *VAT credit note to be issued on repayment*

Where under this contract any rebate or repayment of any amount is payable by one party to the other, and the first party is entitled as a matter of law or of HM Revenue and Customs practice to issue a valid VAT credit note, such rebate or repayment shall be paid together with an amount representing the VAT paid on that part of the consideration in respect of which the rebate or repayment is made, and the first party shall issue an appropriate VAT credit note to the other party.

17 FORCE MAJEURE EVENTS

17.1 Meaning of Force Majeure Event

In this Clause 17:

“Affected Party” means, in relation to a Force Majeure Event, the party claiming relief under this Clause 17 by virtue of that Force Majeure Event, and **“Non-affected Party”** shall be construed accordingly;

“Force Majeure Event” means any of the following events (and any circumstance arising as a direct consequence of any of the following events):

- (a) an act of the public enemy or terrorists or war (declared or undeclared), threat of war, revolution, riot, insurrection, civil commotion, demonstration or sabotage;
- (b) acts of vandalism or accidental damage or destruction of machinery, equipment, track or other infrastructure;
- (c) natural disasters or phenomena, including extreme weather or environmental conditions (such as lightning, earthquake, hurricane, storm, fire, flood, drought or accumulation of snow or ice);
- (d) nuclear, chemical or biological contamination;
- (e) pressure waves caused by devices travelling at supersonic speeds;
- (f) discovery of fossils, antiquities or unexploded bombs; and
- (g) strike or other industrial action which is a single circumstance and which also is a strike or industrial action in sectors of the economy other than the railway industry;

“Force Majeure Notice” means a notice to be given by the Affected Party to the other party stating that a Force Majeure Event has occurred;

“Force Majeure Report” means a report to be given by the Affected Party to the other party following the giving of a Force Majeure Notice;

“Relevant Force Majeure Event” means a Force Majeure Event in relation to which an Affected Party is claiming relief under this Clause 17; and

“Relevant Obligation” means an obligation under this contract in respect of which a Force Majeure Event has occurred and the Affected Party has claimed relief under this Clause 17.

17.2 Nature and extent of relief for Force Majeure

Force Majeure relief under this Clause 17:

- (a) extinguishes the obligation of the Affected Party to indemnify the other party under Clause 8.2 in respect of Relevant Losses sustained as a result of the failure of the Affected Party to perform a Relevant Obligation; but
- (b) is not available in respect of:
 - (i) any obligation to pay money under Schedules 5, 7 and 8; or
 - (ii) any other obligation to do or refrain from doing any other thing provided for in this contract; and
- (c) is only available in relation to a failure to perform an obligation under the Network Code to the extent (including as to time and conditions) that the Network Code so provides.

17.3 Entitlement to Force Majeure relief

An Affected Party is entitled to Force Majeure relief if and to the extent that:

- (a) performance of the Relevant Obligation has been prevented or materially impeded by reason of a Force Majeure Event;
- (b) it has taken all reasonable steps, taking account of all relevant circumstances (including as to whether the event in question could reasonably have been anticipated):
 - (i) to avoid the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event; and
 - (ii) to minimise, and where practicable avoid, the effects of the Force Majeure Event on its ability to perform the Relevant Obligation; and
- (c) except in the case of Clause 17.1(f), none of the Affected Party, its officers, employees or agents caused the Force Majeure Event.

17.4 Procedure for claiming relief

Without prejudice to Clause 17.3, an Affected Party is only entitled to claim Force Majeure relief under this Clause 17 if it complies with the obligations to give Force Majeure Notices, Force Majeure Reports and provide other information under Clause 17.5 and to perform its obligations under Clause 17.6.

17.5 Force Majeure Notices and Reports

17.5.1 Force Majeure Notice

In relation to any Relevant Force Majeure Event:

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after the Affected Party becomes aware, or ought reasonably to have become aware, that such Force Majeure Event qualifies for relief under this Clause 17 (and, in any event, within 72 hours of becoming aware of such circumstances), the Affected Party shall give a Force Majeure Notice; and
- (b) the Force Majeure Notice shall include detailed particulars (to the extent available) of the Relevant Force Majeure Event and its consequences, its effects on the Affected Party, the Relevant Obligations, the likely duration of such consequences and effects and the remedial measures proposed by the Affected Party to avoid or remove the Relevant Force Majeure Event or to mitigate its consequences and effects.

17.5.2 Force Majeure Report

Following the giving of a Force Majeure Notice:

- (a) the Affected Party shall give a Force Majeure Report as soon as practicable, and in any event within seven days of service of the Force Majeure Notice; and
- (b) the Force Majeure Report shall constitute a full report on the Relevant Force Majeure Event, amplifying the information provided in the Force Majeure Notice and containing such information as may reasonably be

required by the Non-affected Party, including the effect which the Relevant Force Majeure Event is estimated to have on the Affected Party's performance of the Relevant Obligations.

17.5.3 Other information

The Affected Party shall promptly give the Non-affected Party all other information concerning the Relevant Force Majeure Event and the steps which could reasonably be taken, and which the Affected Party proposes to take, to avoid or remove the Relevant Force Majeure Event or to mitigate its consequences and effects as may reasonably be requested by the Non-affected Party from time to time.

17.6 Mitigation

The Affected Party shall, promptly upon becoming aware of the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event in respect of which it intends to claim relief, use all reasonable endeavours to:

- (a) minimise the effects of such Force Majeure Event on the performance of the Relevant Obligations; and
- (b) minimise the duration of such Force Majeure Event,

and shall keep the Non-affected Party fully informed of the actions which it has taken or proposes to take under this Clause 17.6.

17.7 Duration of relief for force majeure

The right of an Affected Party to relief under Clause 17.2 shall cease on the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which its performance of the Relevant Obligations is no longer prevented or materially impeded by the Relevant Force Majeure Event; and
- (b) the date on which such performance would no longer have been prevented or materially impeded if the Affected Party had complied with its obligations under Clause 17.6.

17.8 Availability of Performance Order

If and to the extent that a breach of this contract has been caused by a Relevant Force Majeure Event, the Non-affected Party shall not be entitled to a Performance Order except to secure performance by the Affected Party of its obligations under this Clause 17.

18 MISCELLANEOUS

18.1 Non waiver

18.1.1 No waiver

No waiver by either party of any failure by the other to perform any obligation under this contract shall operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or further default, whether of a like or different character.

18.1.2 Failure or delay in exercising a right or remedy

The failure to exercise or delay in exercising a right or remedy under this contract shall not constitute a waiver of the right or remedy or a waiver of any other rights or remedies, and no single or partial exercise of any right or remedy under this contract shall prevent any further exercise of the right or remedy or the exercise of any other right or remedy.

18.2 Variations

18.2.1 Amendments to be in writing and to be approved

No amendment of any provision of this contract shall be effective unless:

- (a) such amendment is in writing and signed by, or on behalf of, the parties; and
- (b) if it is an amendment which requires ORR's approval under section 22 of the Act, the amendment has been approved by ORR.

18.2.2 Exceptions

Clause 18.2.1(b) does not apply to amendments of the following kinds:

- (a) an amendment made by virtue of a general approval issued by ORR under section 22 of the Act; and
- (b) a modification made by virtue of Clause 18.4.2.

18.2.3 No Office of Rail and Road approval needed

Modifications of the following kinds do not require ORR's approval under section 22 of the Act and so are not subject to Clause 18.2.1(b):

- (a) modifications effected by virtue of any of the Schedules to this contract; and
- (b) modifications effected by virtue of the Network Code, unless the relevant provision expressly states that it requires the approval of ORR.

18.2.4 Conformed copy of contract

Network Rail shall produce and send to the Train Operator and to ORR a conformed copy of this contract within 28 days of the making of any amendment or modification to it (including any modification made by virtue of Schedule 10).

18.3 Entire contract and exclusive remedies

18.3.1 Entire contract

Subject to Clause 18.3.3:

- (a) this contract contains the entire agreement between the parties in relation to the subject matter of this contract;

- (b) each party acknowledges that it has not been induced to enter into this contract in reliance upon, nor has it been given, any warranty, representation, statement, agreement or undertaking of any nature whatsoever other than as expressly set out in this contract and, to the extent that this is not the case, the relevant party unconditionally and irrevocably waives any claims, rights or remedies which it might otherwise have had in relation to any such matter; and
- (c) neither party shall have any right to rescind or terminate this contract either for breach of contract or for misrepresentation or otherwise, except as expressly provided for in this contract.

18.3.2 Exclusive remedies

Subject to Clause 18.3.3 and except as expressly provided in this contract:

- (a) neither party shall have any liability (including liability arising as a result of any negligence, breach of contract or breach of statutory obligation) to the other in connection with the subject matter of this contract; and
- (b) the remedies provided for in this contract shall be the sole remedies available to the parties in respect of any matters for which such remedies are available.

18.3.3 Fraud, death and personal injury

Without prejudice to the generality of this Clause 18.3, nothing in this contract shall exclude, restrict or limit, or purport to exclude, restrict or limit:

- (a) any liability which either party would otherwise have to the other party, or any right which either party may have to rescind this contract, in respect of any statement made fraudulently by the other party before the execution of this contract;
- (b) any right which either party may have in respect of fraudulent concealment by the other party;
- (c) any right which either party may have in respect of a statement of the kind referred to in section 146 of the Act, whether or not proceedings have been instituted in that respect; or
- (d) any liability which either party may have towards the other party for death or personal injury resulting from its negligence or the negligence of any of its officers, employees or agents.

18.4 Notices

18.4.1 Giving of notices

Any notice to be given under this contract:

- (a) shall be in writing; and

- (b) shall be duly given if signed by or on behalf of a person duly authorised to do so by the party giving the notice and delivered by hand at, or by sending it by prepaid first class post, recorded delivery or by Email (with confirmation copy by prepaid first class post) to, the relevant address or Email address set out in Schedule 1.

For the purposes of this Clause 18.4 and Clause 16.1.2, delivery by hand shall include delivery by a reputable firm of couriers.

18.4.2 Right to modify registered company and communication details

A party shall be entitled to modify in any respect:

- (a) the registered name and address details which relate to it and are set out on page one of this contract (provided that this modification shall not amount to or purport to be an assignment, transfer or novation of this contract); and

- (b) the communication particulars which relate to it and which are set out in Schedule 1,

by giving notice of such modification:

- (i) to the other party as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- (ii) to ORR within 14 days of such modification.

18.4.3 Deemed receipt

A notice shall be deemed to have been given and received:

- (a) if sent by hand or recorded delivery, at the time of delivery;

- (b) if sent by prepaid first class post from and to any place within the United Kingdom, three Working Days after posting unless otherwise proven; and

- (c) if sent by Email (subject to confirmation of receipt of delivery) before 1700 hours on a Working Day, on the day of transmission and, in any other case, at 0900 hours on the next following Working Day.

18.4.4 Copyees

If Schedule 1 specifies any person to whom copies of notices shall also be sent:

- (a) the party giving a notice in the manner required by this Clause 18.4 shall send a copy of the notice to such person at the address for sending copies as specified in Schedule 1, or to such other person or address as may, from time to time, have been notified by the party to be notified to the notifying party under this Clause 18.4; and

- (b) such copy notice shall be sent immediately after the original notice.

18.5 Counterparts

This contract may be executed in two counterparts which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same document. Either party may enter into this contract by signing either of such counterparts.

18.6 Survival

Those provisions of this contract which by their nature or implication are required to survive expiry or termination of this contract (including the provisions of Clauses 8 (Liability), 10 (Liability - Other Matters), 11 (Restrictions on Claims); 12 (Governing Law), 13.2 (Unpaid Sums), 14 (Confidentiality), 16 (Payments, Interest and VAT), 17 (Force Majeure Events), paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 (Consequence of Termination) and Schedule 9 (Limitation on liability)), shall so survive and continue in full force and effect, together with any other provisions of this contract necessary to give effect to such provisions.

18.7 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

18.7.1 Application to third parties

Save as provided in this Clause 18.7 or as expressly provided elsewhere in this contract, no person who is not a party to this contract shall have any right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this contract.

18.7.2 Application to the Office of Rail and Road

ORR shall have the right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce directly such rights as have been granted to it under this contract.

19 NOT USED

SCHEDULE 1: CONTACT PARTICULARS

1. Network Rail's address for service of notices is:

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
1 Eversholt Street
London
NW1 2DN

Tel: 020 7904 4001

Email: notices@networkrail.co.uk

All written notices to be marked:

“URGENT: ATTENTION THE COMPANY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR”

and copied to:

Route Managing Director,

London North Western Route

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

100 Wharfside Street

The Mailbox

Birmingham

B1 1RT

Tel: 0121 345 3868

2. The Train Operator's address for the service of notices is:

Chinnor Station

Station Approach

Station Road

Chinnor

Oxfordshire

OX39 4ER

Tel: 01494 483853

Email: <mailto:network@chinnorrailway.co.uk>

All written notices to be marked:

“URGENT: ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTORS”

SCHEDULE 2: THE ROUTES

The Route is from the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway connection point on the Thame Branch Siding at 0 miles 50 chains through ME925B points at 0 miles 09 chains to Princes Risborough South Sidings stop blocks.

For the purposes of this agreement the Route excludes any parts of that Route which shall have been leased or sold by Network Rail to the Train Operator.

SCHEDULE 3: COLLATERAL AGREEMENTS

1. An accession agreement to the document entitled Emergency Access Code as approved or directed by ORR and, for the purpose of Schedule 6, the Emergency Access Code.
2. An agreement between Network Rail and the Train Operator concerning the Operating Arrangements.

SCHEDULE 4: NOT USED

SCHEDULE 5: THE SERVICES AND THE SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT

1. In this Schedule unless the context otherwise requires:

“Contingent Right” means a right under this Schedule 5 which is not a Firm Right and which is subject to the fulfilment of all competing Exercised Firm Rights and any additional contingency specified in this Schedule 5;

“Exercised” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part D of the Network Code;

“Specified Equipment” means any rolling stock for which the Train Operator has obtained route clearance, and as agreed in advance with Network Rail

2. The Train Operator has the Contingent Right to operate Passenger and Infrastructure Services to the extent necessary or reasonably required, using the Specified Equipment.
3. The Train Operator has the Contingent Right to operate trains for the purpose of crew training to the extent necessary or reasonably required.
4. The Train Operator shall not have any rights to operate on 25th and 26th December.
5. The Train Operator shall not have any rights to operate test trains over Network Rail’s network unless prior arrangements have been agreed between Network Rail and the Train Operator.
6. The Train Operator shall control the use of toilets aboard the Services such that effluent will not be discharged by the Specified Equipment onto Network Rail infrastructure.

SCHEDULE 6: EVENTS OF DEFAULT, SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

1 Events of Default

1.1 Train Operator Events of Default

The following are Train Operator Events of Default:

- (a) the Train Operator ceases to be authorised to be the operator of trains for the provision of the Services in accordance with Clause 3.2(a);
- (b) an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to the Train Operator;
- (c) (i) any breach by the Train Operator of this contract, its Safety Obligations or any of the Collateral Agreements; or
(ii) any event or circumstance which is reasonably likely to result in any such breach,
which, by itself or taken together with any other such breach, event or circumstance, Network Rail reasonably considers constitutes a threat to the safe operation of any part of the Network;
- (d) any Track Charges or other amount due by the Train Operator to Network Rail under this contract remain unpaid for more than seven days after their due date;
- (e) any breach of this contract or any material breach of any of the Collateral Agreements by the Train Operator which, by itself or taken together with any other such breach, results, or is likely to result, in material financial loss to Network Rail; and
- (f) any breach of this contract or any material breach of any of the Collateral Agreements by the Train Operator which, by itself or taken together with any other such breach, results, or is likely to result, in material disruption to train operations of other train operators.
- (g) Not used.

1.2 Notification

The Train Operator shall notify Network Rail promptly on becoming aware of the occurrence of a Train Operator Event of Default.

1.3 Network Rail Events of Default

The following are Network Rail Events of Default:

- (a) Network Rail ceases to be authorised to be the operator of that part of the Network comprising the Routes by a licence granted under section 8 of the Act unless exempt from the requirement to be so authorised under section 7 of the Act;
- (b) an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to Network Rail;

- (c) (i) any breach by Network Rail of this contract, its Safety Obligations or any of the Collateral Agreements; or
- (ii) any event or circumstance which is reasonably likely to result in any such breach,
which, by itself or taken together with any other such breach, event or circumstance the Train Operator reasonably considers constitutes a threat to the safe operation of the Services or any Ancillary Movements; and
- (d) any breach of this contract or any material breach of any of the Collateral Agreements by Network Rail which, by itself or taken together with any other such breach, results, or is likely to result, in material financial loss to the Train Operator.

1.4 *Notification*

Network Rail shall notify the Train Operator promptly on becoming aware of the occurrence of a Network Rail Event of Default.

2 **Suspension**

2.1 *Right to suspend*

2.1.1 Network Rail may serve a Suspension Notice where a Train Operator Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

2.1.2 The Train Operator may serve a Suspension Notice where a Network Rail Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

2.2 *Contents of Suspension Notice*

A Suspension Notice shall specify:

- (a) the nature of the relevant Event of Default;
- (b) the date and time at which suspension is to take effect;
- (c) in the case of a Suspension Notice served on the Train Operator, reasonable restrictions imposed while the Suspension Notice is in force on the permission to use the Routes or any parts of them or any other part of the Network;
- (d) in the case of a Suspension Notice served on Network Rail, details of any necessary suspension of the Services; and
- (e) whether the party serving the Suspension Notice reasonably considers that the Event of Default is capable of remedy, and where the Event of Default is capable of remedy:
 - (i) the steps reasonably required to remedy the Event of Default; and
 - (ii) a reasonable grace period for the defaulting party to remedy it (where the Event of Default which has occurred is a failure to pay Track Charges or other amount due, seven days shall be a reasonable grace period).

2.3 *Effect of Suspension Notice served by Network Rail*

Where Network Rail has served a Suspension Notice on the Train Operator:

- (a) the Train Operator shall comply with any reasonable restrictions imposed on it by the Suspension Notice;
- (b) the Suspension Notice shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms until it has been revoked either in whole or in part by notice from Network Rail to the Train Operator under paragraph 2.5.4;
- (c) service of the Suspension Notice shall not affect the Train Operator's continuing obligation to pay the Track Charges; and
- (d) service of the Suspension Notice shall not affect the Train Operator's rights (as defined in Schedule 5) for the purpose of making a Train Operator Variation Request.

2.4 *Effect of a Suspension Notice served by the Train Operator*

Where the Train Operator has served a Suspension Notice on Network Rail:

- (a) it shall have the effect of suspending the Train Operator's permission to use the Routes to provide the Services to the extent specified in the Suspension Notice;
- (b) not used;
- (c) the Suspension Notice shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms until it has been revoked either in whole or in part by notice from the Train Operator to Network Rail under paragraph 2.5.4; and
- (d) the service of the Suspension Notice shall not affect the Train Operator's Rights (as defined in Schedule 5) for the purpose of making a Train Operator Variation Request.

2.5 *Suspension to be proportionate to breach*

2.5.1 A Suspension Notice served under paragraph 2.3 in respect of any of the Train Operator Events of Default specified in paragraphs (a) and (c) to (f) (inclusive) of paragraph 1.1 shall, so far as reasonably practicable, apply only to the:

- (a) railway vehicles;
- (b) Services;
- (c) Routes; and
- (d) categories of train movements or railway vehicles, (or (as the case may be) parts or part of them) to which the relevant Train Operator Event of Default relates.

2.5.2 A Suspension Notice served under paragraph 2.4 in respect of any of the Network Rail Events of Default specified in paragraphs 1.3(a), (c) and (d) shall, so far as reasonably practicable, apply only to the:

- (a) railway vehicles;

- (b) Services;
- (c) Routes; and
- (d) categories of train movements or railway vehicles,
(or (as the case may be) parts or part of them) to which the relevant Network Rail Event of Default relates.

2.5.3 The party served with a Suspension Notice which specifies an Event of Default which is capable of remedy shall:

- (a) with all reasonable diligence, take such steps as are specified in the Suspension Notice to remedy the Event of Default; and
- (b) keep the party serving the Suspension Notice fully informed of the progress which is being made in remedying the Event of Default.

2.5.4 Where a party served with a Suspension Notice has complied with its obligations under paragraph 2.5.3 (whether in whole or in part) and it is reasonable for the suspension effected by the Suspension Notice to be revoked (whether in whole or in part), the party which served the Suspension Notice shall revoke the suspension to that extent. Such revocation shall be effected as soon as practicable after the remedy in question by notice to the other party specifying the extent of the revocation and the date on which it is to have effect.

3 Termination

3.1 *Network Rail's right to terminate*

Network Rail may serve a Termination Notice on the Train Operator:

- (a) where the Train Operator fails to comply with any material restriction in a Suspension Notice;
- (b) where the Train Operator fails to comply with its obligations under paragraph 2.5.3;
- (c) where the Train Operator Event of Default specified in paragraph 1.1(a) has occurred and is continuing; or
- (d) where the Train Operator Event of Default specified in a Suspension Notice served by Network Rail is not capable of being remedied and three months have elapsed from the service of that Suspension Notice.

3.2 *Train Operator's right to terminate*

The Train Operator may serve a Termination Notice on Network Rail:

- (a) where Network Rail fails to comply with its obligations under paragraph 2.5.3;
- (b) where the Network Rail Event of Default specified in paragraph 1.3(a) has occurred and is continuing; or
- (c) where the Network Rail Event of Default specified in a Suspension Notice served by the Train Operator is not capable of being remedied and three months have elapsed from the service of that Suspension Notice.

3.3 *Contents of Termination Notice*

A Termination Notice shall specify:

- (a) the nature of the relevant Event of Default;
- (b) a date and time, which shall be reasonable in the circumstances, at which termination is to take effect; and
- (c) whether the party serving the Termination Notice reasonably considers that the Event of Default is capable of remedy, and where the relevant Event of Default is capable of remedy:
 - (i) the steps which the party serving the Termination Notice believes are reasonably required to remedy the Event of Default; and
 - (ii) a reasonable grace period within which such steps may be taken (where the Event of Default is a failure of the Train Operator to pay Track Charges or other amounts due, seven days is a reasonable grace period).

3.4 *Effect of Termination Notice*

Where Network Rail or the Train Operator has served a Termination Notice on the other:

- (a) the service of the Termination Notice shall not affect the parties' continuing obligations under this contract up to the date of termination, which date shall be determined in accordance with paragraph 3.4(c);
- (b) the party which has served the Termination Notice shall withdraw it by notice to the other party, upon being reasonably satisfied that the relevant Event of Default has been remedied; and
- (c) this contract shall terminate on the later of:
 - (i) the date and time specified in the Termination Notice for the contract to terminate (or such later date and time as the party which served the Termination Notice notifies to the other before the date and time so specified); and
 - (ii) the date on which a copy of the Termination Notice is given to ORR.

4 Consequence of termination

4.1 *Directions regarding location of Specified Equipment*

Immediately before, upon or following termination or expiry of this contract, the Train Operator shall comply or procure compliance with all reasonable directions given by Network Rail concerning the location of the Specified Equipment.

4.2 *Failure to comply with directions*

If the Train Operator fails to comply with any directions given under paragraph 4.1, Network Rail shall be entitled to remove from the Network or Stable any Specified Equipment left on the Network or to instruct a third party to do so and

any reasonable costs incurred by Network Rail in taking such steps shall be paid promptly by the Train Operator.

4.3 *Evidence of costs*

Network Rail shall provide such evidence of such costs as are referred to in paragraph 4.2 as the Train Operator shall reasonably request.

SCHEDULE 7: TRACK CHARGES

PART 1: INTERPRETATION

1 Definitions

In Parts 1-5 inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

- “Additional Permitted Charges”** means the charges specified in paragraph 2 of Part 5;
- “Relevant Year”** means a year commencing at 0000 hours on 1 April and ending at 2359 hours on the following 31 March; “Relevant Year t” means the Relevant Year for the purposes of which any calculation falls to be made; “Relevant Year t-1” means the Relevant Year preceding Relevant Year t; and similar expressions shall be construed accordingly;
- “Retail Prices Index”** means the general index of retail prices published by National Statistics each month in respect of all items or:
- (a) if the index for any month in any year shall not have been published on or before the last day of the third month after such month, such index for such month or months as ORR may (after consultation with the parties and such other persons as it considers appropriate) determine to be appropriate in the circumstances; or
 - (b) if there is a material change in the basis of the index, such other index as ORR may (after consultation with the parties and such other persons as it considers appropriate) determine to be appropriate in the circumstances;

PART 2: TRACK CHARGES

1 Principal formula

Subject to the provisions in part 2 of this Schedule 7, during each Relevant Year, Network Rail shall levy and the Train Operator shall pay Track Charges in accordance with the following formula:

$$T_t = T_{t-1} (1 + RPI_{t-1} / 100)$$

where:

T_t means Track Charges in Relevant Year t; and

where:

RPI_{t-1} means the percentage change (whether of a positive or negative value) between the Retail Prices Index published or determined with respect to November in Relevant Year t-1 and the index published or determined with respect to November in Relevant Year t-2, but so that in relation to the Relevant Year t commencing on 1st April 2016, T_t shall have the value of ∞

2 Review of Track Charges

2.1 Network Rail or the Train Operator may at any time notify the other of its requirement to increase or decrease the Track Charges by issuing a review notice ("Review Notice") to the other.

2.2 The Review Notice will

- (a) specify the amount by which it is proposed the Track Charges are increased or decreased;
- (b) set out reasonable justification and explanation for that increase or decrease;
- (c) include the date (which cannot be before the first day of the Relevant Year following the Relevant Year in which the Review Notice is served) from which that increase or decrease shall apply.

2.3 Subject to an amendment to the contract being agreed between the parties and approved by the ORR under section 22 of the Act, the Train Operator

shall pay the amended Track Charges from the date specified in the supplemental agreement approved by the ORR.

PART 3: NOT USED

PART 4: NOT USED

PART 5: ADDITIONAL PERMITTED CHARGES

1 Obligation to pay

Network Rail may make and the Train Operator shall be required to pay under this contract, in addition to Track Charges, only such Additional Permitted Charges as are enumerated in paragraph 2.

2 Definition

Additional Permitted Charges shall comprise the following:

- (a) Not used.
- (b) Not used.
- (c) such amounts payable to Network Rail pursuant to any provision of the Network Code.

SCHEDULE 8: PERFORMANCE REGIME

1. Definition

In this Schedule

“Third Party Train Operator” means Train Operators (other than the Train Operator) using the Network.

“Third Party Train Operator Payment” means a payment Network Rail is required to make to a Third Party Train Operator pursuant to Schedule 8 of that Third Party Train Operator’s track access contract with Network Rail as a result of any act or omission of the Train Operator.

“Performance Notice” means the notice Network Rail may serve on the Train Operator pursuant to paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule 8.

2. Performance Notice

2.1 Where Network Rail is required to make a Third Party Train Operator Payment, it may issue a Performance Notice.

2.2. Network Rail may not issue a Performance Notice before the end of the first Contract Year.

2.3. The Performance Notice shall include:

(a) the acts or omissions of the Train Operator giving rise to the Third Party Train Operator Payment; and

(b) the amount of the Third Party Train Operator Payment.

2.4. Within 14 days of the date of the Performance Notice, Network Rail and the Train Operator shall meet and work to agree measures:

(a) to address and minimise the acts or omissions leading to the Third Party Train Operator Payment; and

(b) to fairly allocate the financial liabilities arising as a result of those performance issues and any likely future performance issues, which measures may include the incorporation of a performance or payment regime into the contract, subject to the approval of ORR..

SCHEDULE 9: LIMITATION ON LIABILITY

1 Definitions

In this Schedule

“**Liability Cap**” means:

- (a) in relation to the first Contract Year, the sum of £5m; and
- (b) in relation to any subsequent Contract Year, the sum calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$C_n = C_1 * \left(\frac{RPI_n}{RPI_1} \right)$$

where:

- (i) C_1 is the sum of £5m;
- (ii) C_n is the Liability Cap in the nth subsequent Contract Year;
- (iii) RPI_n is the Retail Prices Index (as defined in Schedule 7) published or determined with respect to the first month of the subsequent Contract Year n; and
- (iv) RPI_1 is the Retail Prices Index (as defined in Schedule 7) published or determined with respect to April 2009.

2 Application

The limitations on liability contained in this Schedule apply in the circumstances set out in Clause 11.5.

3 Limitation on Network Rail’s liability

In relation to any claim for indemnity made by the Train Operator to which this Schedule 9 applies:

- (a) Network Rail shall not be liable to make payments in relation to such claims which are admitted in writing or finally determined in any Contract Year to the extent that its liability for such claims exceeds the Liability Cap for such Contract Year; and
- (b) to the extent that its liability for such claims exceeds the Liability Cap for such Contract Year, any claim for payment of a sum which exceeds such Liability Cap shall be extinguished and Network Rail shall have no further liability for it.

4 Limitation on Train Operator’s liability

In relation to any claims for indemnity made by Network Rail to which this Schedule 9 applies:

- (a) the Train Operator shall not be liable to make payments in relation to such claims which are admitted in writing or finally determined in any Contract Year to the extent that its liability for such claims exceeds the Liability Cap for such Contract Year; and

- (b) to the extent its liability for such claims exceeds the Liability Cap for such Contract Year, any claim for payment of a sum which exceeds such Liability Cap shall be extinguished and the Train Operator shall have no further liability for it.

5 Disapplication of limitation

To the extent that any Relevant Losses:

- (a) result from a conscious and intentional breach by a party; or
- (b) are in respect of obligations to compensate any person for liability for death or personal injury, whether resulting from the negligence of a party or the negligence of any of its officers, employees or agents or from a failure by a party to comply with its Safety Obligations,

such Relevant Losses:

- (i) shall not be subject to the limitation of liability in Schedule 9; and
- (ii) shall not be taken into account when calculating the amount of Relevant Losses in respect of claims admitted or finally determined in a Contract Year for the purposes of the limitations of liability in this Schedule 9.

6 Exclusion of legal and other costs

The limits on the parties' liabilities provided for in paragraphs 3 and 4 shall not apply to costs incurred in recovering any amount under a relevant claim, including legal, arbitral and other professional fees and expenses.

7 Exclusion of certain Relevant Losses

A party shall have no claim for Relevant Losses to the extent that such Relevant Losses result from its own negligence or breach of this contract.

8 Continuing breaches

Nothing in this Schedule 9 shall prevent a party making a new claim for indemnity in respect of a continuing breach of contract which:

- (a) is a continuing breach of contract which continues for more than 12 months;
- (b) is a continuing breach of contract which continues beyond a period within which it might reasonably be expected to have been remedied; or
- (c) is a breach of a Performance Order in relation to a breach of contract,

but any such new claim shall not include any sum which was the subject matter of a previous claim and was extinguished by virtue of paragraph 3(b) or 4(b).

9 Final determination of claims

For the purpose of this Schedule 9, a determination of a claim for Relevant Losses by a Court or other tribunal shall be treated as final when there is no further right of appeal or review from such determination or in respect of which

any right of appeal or review has been lost, whether by expiry of time or otherwise.

SCHEDULE 10: NETWORK CODE MODIFICATIONS

1 Automatic effect

1.1 General

This contract shall have effect:

- (a) with the modifications; and
- (b) from the date,

specified by ORR in a modification notice as supplemented (where appropriate) by a notice of consent to requisite adaptations or a notice of determined requisite adaptations.

1.2 Retrospective effect

No relevant notice may have retrospective effect.

2 Modification notice

2.1 Meaning

A modification notice is a notice given by ORR to the parties for the purposes of this contract which modifies specified provisions of this contract (other than this Schedule 10) by making such modifications as are consequential upon, or necessary to give full effect to, any change to the Network Code.

2.2 Contents of modification notice

A modification notice shall state:

- (a) the modifications which are to be made to this contract;
- (b) the date from which specified modifications are to have effect; and, if any such modifications are to have effect from different dates, the dates applicable to each modification; and
- (c) which of the specified modifications are to be subject to adaptation and the backstop date for the requisite adaptations in question.

3 Adaptation procedure

3.1 Application

This paragraph 3 applies in the case of specified modifications which are specified as being subject to adaptation.

3.2 Negotiation of adaptations

In respect of the modifications in each modification notice:

- (a) within 14 days of the date of service of the relevant modification notice, the parties shall meet and in good faith negotiate and attempt to agree the requisite adaptations;

- (b) each party shall ensure that:
 - (i) such negotiations are conducted in good faith in a timely, efficient and economical manner, with appropriate recourse to professional advice; and
 - (ii) ORR's criteria are applied in the negotiations; and
- (c) the negotiations shall not continue after the backstop date.

3.3 *Agreed adaptations - notice to the Office of Rail and Road*

If the parties have agreed the requisite adaptations on or before the backstop date, not later than seven days after the backstop date the agreed requisite adaptations shall be sent by the parties to ORR for its consent, together with a statement, signed by or on behalf of both parties:

- (a) stating the reasons for the agreed requisite adaptations;
- (b) stating the extent to which and ways in which ORR's criteria have been applied in arriving at the agreed requisite adaptations and, in any case where they have not been applied, the reasons; and
- (c) giving such other information as ORR may have requested.

3.4 *Agreed adaptations – Office of Rail and Road's consent*

If ORR is satisfied with the agreed requisite adaptations, and it gives a notice of consent to requisite adaptations, they shall have effect as provided for in paragraph 3.8.

3.5 *Agreed requisite adaptations – Office of Rail and Road's refusal of consent*

If ORR gives notice to the parties that it is not satisfied with any or all of the agreed requisite adaptations, it may:

- (a) require the parties again to follow the procedure for negotiating requisite adaptations (with such modifications as to time limits as it specifies), in which case they shall do so; or
- (b) determine the requisite adaptations itself.

3.6 *Requisite adaptations - failure to agree or submit*

If the parties have failed to submit agreed requisite adaptations to ORR for its consent within seven days after the backstop date, it may determine the requisite adaptations itself.

3.7 *Notice of determined requisite adaptations*

A notice of determined requisite adaptations is a notice:

- (a) given by ORR to the parties for the purposes of this paragraph 3 following the failure of the parties to send to ORR within seven days of the backstop date requisite adaptations to which it gives its consent; and

- (b) which states the requisite adaptations which ORR has determined should be made using its powers to do so under paragraph 3.5 or 3.6.

3.8 *Effect of requisite adaptations*

Requisite adaptations established either:

- (a) by agreement of the parties and in respect of which ORR has given a notice of consent to requisite adaptations under paragraph 3.4; or
- (b) by the determination of ORR under paragraph 3.5 or 3.6 and stated in a notice of determined requisite adaptations,

shall have effect from such date as ORR states in the relevant notice of consent to requisite adaptations or (as the case may be) the relevant notice of determined requisite adaptations.

4 **Procedural matters**

4.1 *More than one notice*

More than one modification notice may be given.

4.2 *Differences etc as to requisite adaptations*

Any difference or question as to whether any thing is a requisite adaptation shall be determined by ORR:

- (a) on the application of either party; and
- (b) in accordance with such procedure (including as to consultation) as ORR may by notice to the parties determine.

4.3 *Co-operation and information*

If ORR gives notice to either or both of the parties that it requires from either or both of them information in relation to any requisite adaptation or proposed requisite adaptation:

- (a) the party of whom the request is made shall provide the requested information promptly and to the standard required by ORR; and
- (b) if that party fails timeously to do so, ORR shall be entitled to proceed with its consideration of the matter in question and to reach a decision in relation to it without the information in question and the party in default shall have no grounds for complaint in that respect.

4.4 *Office of Rail and Road's criteria*

In relation to the negotiation of any requisite adaptation, ORR shall be entitled to:

- (a) give to the parties any criteria which it requires to be applied in the negotiations; and
- (b) modify the criteria after consultation.

4.5 *Procedural modifications*

In relation to the procedure in paragraph 3 for the agreement or establishment of requisite adaptations (including the times within which any step or thing requires to be done or achieved):

- (a) such procedure may be modified by ORR by a notice of procedural modification given by it to the parties; but
- (b) ORR may give a notice of procedural modification only if it is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient to do so in order to promote or achieve the objectives specified in section 4 of the Act or if such a notice is requested by both parties.

4.6 *Dates*

In this Schedule 10:

- (a) where provision is made for a date to be specified or stated by ORR it may, instead of specifying or stating a date, specify or state a method by which a date is to be determined, and references to dates shall be construed accordingly; and
- (b) any notice given by ORR which states a date may state different dates for different purposes.

4.7 *Requirement for prior consultation*

No relevant notice shall have effect unless:

- (a) ORR has first consulted the parties in relation to the proposed relevant notice in question;
- (b) in the consultations referred to in paragraph 4.7(a), ORR has made available to the parties such drafts of the proposed relevant notice as it considers are necessary so as properly to inform them of its contents;
- (c) ORR has given each party the opportunity to make representations in relation to the proposed relevant notice and has taken into account all such representations (other than those which are frivolous or trivial) in making its decision on the relevant notice to be given;
- (d) ORR has notified the parties as to its conclusions in relation to the relevant notice in question (including by providing to each such person a copy of the text of the proposed relevant notice) and its reasons for those conclusions; and
- (e) in effecting the notifications required by paragraph 4.7(d), ORR has treated as confidential any representation (including any submission of written material) which (and to the extent that) the person making the representation, by notice in writing to ORR or by endorsement on the representation of words indicating the confidential nature of such representation, has specified as confidential information.

4.8 *Consolidated contract*

Not later than 28 days after the giving of the last of:

- (a) a modification notice; and
- (b) a notice of determined requisite adaptations or a notice of consent to requisite adaptations (as the case may be),

Network Rail shall prepare and send to the Train Operator and ORR a copy of this contract as so modified.

4.9 *Saving*

Nothing in this Schedule 10 affects:

- (a) the right of either party to approach and obtain from ORR guidance in relation to the requisite adaptations; or
- (b) the right of ORR at any time to effect modifications to the Network Code under Condition C8 of that code.

5 **Definitions**

In this Schedule 10:

- “backstop date”** means the date (being not earlier than 28 days from the date of the modification notice) specified as such in a modification notice (or such later date as may be established under paragraph 3.5(a) or 4.6);
- “modification notice”** has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.1;
- “notice of consent to requisite adaptations”** means a notice given by ORR under paragraph 3.4;
- “notice of determined requisite adaptations”** has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 3.7;
- “notice of procedural modification”** means a notice given by ORR to the parties under paragraph 4.5 modifying any aspect of the procedure in this Schedule 10 for the agreement or establishment of requisite adaptations;
- “ORR’s criteria”** means the criteria established by ORR for the purposes of the negotiation of requisite adaptations and given to the parties, or modified, under paragraph 4.4;

“relevant notice” means a modification notice, notice of determined requisite adaptations, notice of procedural modification or notice of modification of ORR’s criteria;

“requisite adaptations” in relation to specified modifications, means the amendments (including the addition of information) to the provisions in question which are necessary or expedient so as to give full effect to them in the particular circumstances of the case, and “adaptation” shall be construed accordingly; and

“specified” means specified in a modification notice.

IN WITNESS whereof the duly authorised representatives of Network Rail and the Train Operator have executed this contract on the date first above written.

Signed by

Print name

Duly authorised for and on behalf of
NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

Signed by

Print name

Duly authorised for and on behalf of
CHINNOR AND PRINCES RISBOROUGH RAILWAY COMPANY LTD

Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway
(Princes Risborough Extension)

OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS

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NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

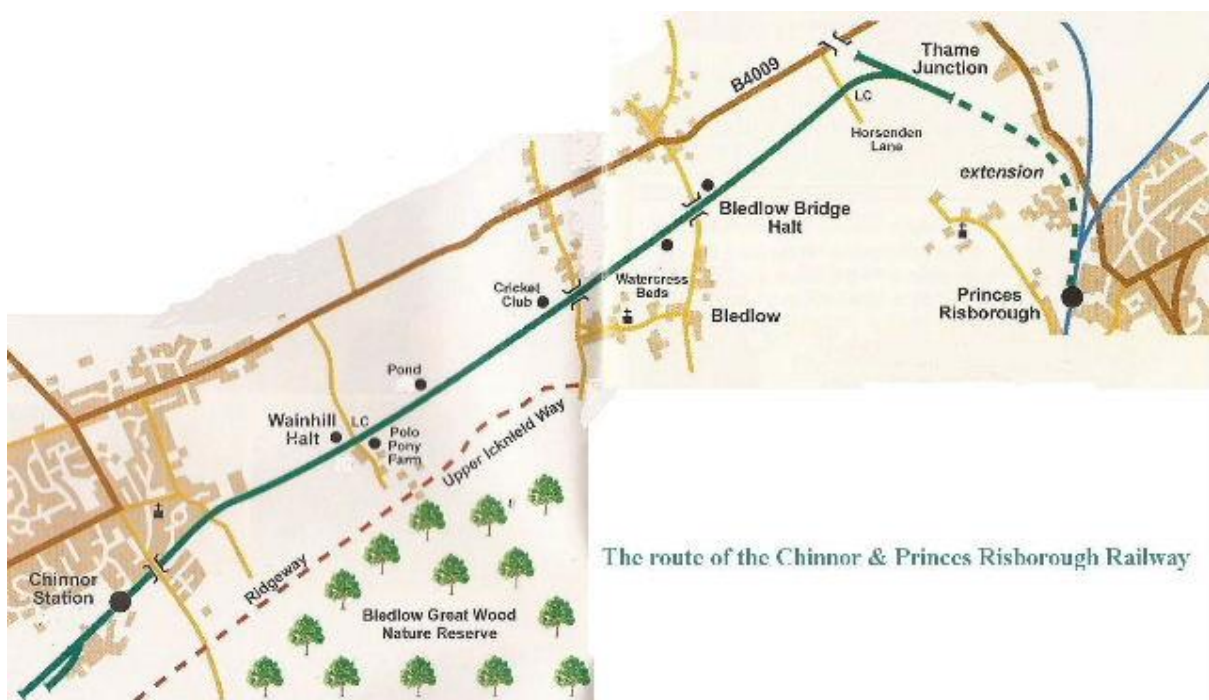
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1. Introduction

The Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway is a standard-gauge heritage line which owns and operates part of the former Watlington branch of the Great Western Railway, between its base at Chinnor and a boundary with Network Rail (NR) close to Princes Risborough. For the final half mile into Princes Risborough it shares use of a NR siding.

The siding is known in the NR Sectional Appendix as the Thame Branch Siding.

This Operating Arrangements document describes the interfaces in place between Network Rail and the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway (CPRR) which provide for the safe, efficient and reliable operation of the siding. It is published jointly by NR and CPRR.

2. Other Agreements

The Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway has Transport & Works Act Orders covering the railway it owns, and an Office of Rail and Road (ORR) licence exemption allowing it to operate.

To provide a legal and commercial framework for the interface between Network Rail and CPRR, a Track Access Agreement (TAA) and a Connection Agreement (CA) have been negotiated. These are both based on template rail industry agreements, suitably modified.

The CA relates to the Connecting Point where the CPRR infrastructure physically connects to the NR Thame Branch Siding, a location known as Thame Junction.

The TAA relates to the Route between the Connecting Point and the siding buffer stops South of Princes Risborough station. (See diagram in Appendix 1.) This Route is owned by Network Rail, who are responsible for its inspection, maintenance and renewal. However, it is anticipated that during the currency of the TAA part(s) of the Route may be leased by NR to CPRR, and in that case those parts so leased will become the responsibility of the CPRR and will be excluded from the TAA.

The TAA requires suitable operating arrangements to be in place between NR and CPRR. This document forms part of, and summarises, those operating arrangements.

3. Location and Description of Line

(See diagram in Appendix 1.)

The NR Thame Branch Siding comprises approximately half a mile of the truncated former Princes Risborough to Oxford line via Thame (Engineers' Line Reference (ELR): THA), ending at a location known as Thame Junction, 0m50ch, NGR SP791036. It is largely on embankment, has a maximum permitted speed of 25mph and is lightly used for refuging coaching stock terminating/reversing at Princes Risborough between turns, and as a headshunt giving access via the platform 4 area to sidings South of the station. These sidings are again only lightly used, for stabling yellow plant and refuging crippled trains, and have a maximum permitted speed of 15mph.

The CPRR line comprises approximately 3 miles of the former Princes Risborough to Watlington (latterly truncated to Chinnor) branch (ELR: PRC). It is operated for passengers as a heritage railway, mainly at weekends, using a variety of steam and diesel traction. This line runs from the Thame Junction boundary at the end of the NR Thame Branch Siding to Chinnor, Oxon. (NGR: SP754001). Other than a short loop at Thame Junction and sidings at Chinnor, the line is single throughout. It is a “Minor Railway” as defined in legislation, and as such has a maximum operating speed of 25mph.

For clarification, there is a stretch of the Chinnor (former Watlington) branch, currently derelict, running alongside the Thame Branch Siding and shown as such in the NR Sectional Appendix. This stretch of line is not presently in use and does not form part of these Operating Arrangements.

Both the NR Thame Branch Siding and the CPRR line are essentially rural in character. None of the lines involved is electrified.

4. Signalling Arrangements

The NR Thame Branch Siding is under the control of Marylebone Area Signalling Centre (ASC), North workstation. This is an Integrated Electronic Control Centre (IECC). Train movements into and out of the siding are controlled by fixed signals, but the siding itself is not track circuited so Drivers advise the signaller of their positions and readiness to move by radio (GSM-R) or use of signal post telephones.

The CPRR line (also known as the Chinnor Railway) is a single line worked by Token. A Driver is required to have this Token with him before taking a train into the single line section; there being only one Token this ensures that only one train is in the section at a time. The system is operated by the Signaller at Chinnor, who also controls the station area there through traditional mechanical semaphore signalling. The loop at Thame Junction is worked by train crew from a ground frame which can only be released using the Token.

A Method of Work document has been agreed between NR and CPRR for use when any CPRR train is to cross the boundary at Thame Junction.

5. Method of Working CPRR trains into Princes Risborough

(See diagram in Appendix 1.)

Having agreed a Method of Working, both Network Rail and Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway have prepared formal operating instructions for their respective relevant staff concerning the operation of CPRR trains onto the NR-owned section of line. Such instructions are subject to routine review and potential consequential detail refinement, so are not included in full here. The description below is a summary for information only and is not all-encompassing.

When CPRR trains are to operate over the Thame Branch Siding, operational control of that siding is handed over to a CPRR Person In Charge (PIC) at Princes Risborough and it is then

worked as part of the CPRR Single Line. A procedure is defined to ensure the proper transfer of responsibilities between the PIC and the Marylebone Signaller, and the securing/protection of the route.

The dates and times of C&PRR operation over the siding will be published. The signaller at Marylebone ASC will advise the C&PRR PIC of any operational problems potentially affecting this operation.

Setting up the Working.

At the agreed time the C&PRR Person-in-Charge (PIC) will contact the Marylebone signaller and request permission to start C&PRR operations over the Thame Branch Siding.

The Marylebone signaller will not give permission if any trains are present, or signalled towards, the Thame Branch Siding or if any movements have been authorised on the Princes Risborough Platform 4 siding line. (Any on-track machines or traction units stabled in the sidings to the South of Princes Risborough station may be disregarded.)

The Marylebone signaller will lock ME 925 points in the Normal position with a reminder on its control, and place reminders on ME 163 and ME 174 signalling controls to prevent movements to and from the Down Main.

When the Marylebone signaller has placed reminders on the points and signalling controls, authority can be given to “start C&PRR operations on the Thame Branch Siding”.

The C&PRR PIC will then secure ME 925B points in the Normal position using a scotch, clip and padlock and place a Possession Limit Board (PLB) at the South end of the Princes Risborough Platform 4 siding line. When this is done the PIC can authorise the gate separating the C&PRR track from Network Rail infrastructure to be opened and C&PRR train movements to enter the Thame Branch Siding.

Once permission has been given to start C&PRR operations on the Thame Branch Siding, the C&PRR PIC is responsible for maintaining the safe working of C&PRR operations between Chinnor and ME 174 signal. The Marylebone signaller will signal trains into and out of the Princes Risborough Platform 4 siding line when requested to do so by either the C&PRR PIC or a C&PRR Driver.

Up direction trains from Chinnor to Princes Risborough

Up trains must be prepared to stop at ME 174 signal. The Marylebone signaller will be informed by the PIC when a C&PRR train approaches ME 174 signal.

Down direction trains from Princes Risborough to Chinnor.

The Marylebone signaller will be informed by the PIC when a train is ready to depart towards Chinnor. Trains must not be despatched towards ME 667 ground signal until it is showing a proceed indication.

General

In the event of signal or infrastructure failure preventing clearance of either ME 174 or ME 667 signals, train drivers must obtain instructions to pass the signal directly from the Marylebone signaller.

Suspending or terminating C&PRR movements

All C&PRR trains must be clear of Network Rail infrastructure and the gate separating C&PRR and Network Rail infrastructure locked closed across the railway. If trains or vehicles are left in the sidings to the South of Princes Risborough Station, the Marylebone signaller must be informed. They must not be authorised to move by the PIC.

The C&PRR PIC will remove the Possession Limit Board from the sidings, and remove the padlock, clip and scotch from ME 925B points.

Once all C&PRR equipment and staff are clear of the track, the PIC will contact the NR Marylebone signaller and confirm that:

- C&PRR operations over the Thame Branch Siding have ended
- All vehicles are clear and no movements have been authorised to leave Thame Junction for Princes Risborough
- Staff and equipment are clear of the track and in a position of safety
- The gate separating the C&PRR lines from Network Rail infrastructure has been locked closed across the railway
- ME 925B points are no longer secured

The Signaller may remove reminders from the signalling controls and operate ME 925B points to the Reverse position and back to Normal. Once satisfied that the points are operating correctly, the signaller will confirm that “C&PRR train movements have ended” and may resume movements to and from the Down Main line as required. The C&PRR PIC may then depart.

6. Communication

It has been agreed that the nomenclature used for locations and sidings etc. in telephone conversations will be as defined in the Network Rail Sectional Appendix.

In normal circumstances all communications between NR & CPRR concerning operation of CPRR trains over the Thame Branch Siding will be between the NR Marylebone Signaller and the CPRR Person in Charge (PIC) at Princes Risborough.

The nature of the PIC’s role makes it sensible for him to carry a mobile telephone. A key element within the instructions issued to the PIC and the Signaller covering the commencement of operations is to ensure that this is working and that the Signaller has the number for it.

The CPRR has an internal radio system to which train guards, the Chinnor Signaller, the PIC at Princes Risborough, and the Duty Line Manager (who holds CPRR's "Control" function) have access.

Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway Contacts:

PIC at Princes Risborough:	To be advised daily.
Chinnor Signal Box and station:	01844 353653.
General enquiries number:	07979 055366.

(Both lines have ansaphone/voicemail facilities when closed. The Chinnor Signaller may be absent from the box when dealing with Token issue or crossing gates etc.)

Network Rail contacts:

Marylebone Area Signalling Centre (North workstation): 0207 922 9541

7. Regulation of Trains

The use of the Thame Branch Siding by CPRR trains is only planned when no other network user has movements scheduled there. Regulation of CPRR trains is the responsibility of the CPRR PIC at Princes Risborough and the Signaller at Chinnor, both reporting to the CPRR Duty Line Manager who holds a "Control" function.

8. Operational Disruption

In the event of an unscheduled need for a Network train to be moved between the NR running lines and the Thame Branch Siding during a period of CPRR operation over that siding, that operation will be suspended as described above. The PIC and the NR Signaller will co-operate to arrange when this needs to be done, and how to enable normal services to be resumed as soon as possible afterwards.

In practice, the most likely scenario for this is that an ailing or failed train on the Chiltern line is required to be refuged in or recovered to the sidings at Princes Risborough. The Marylebone Signaller will inform the CPRR PIC of the circumstances and estimate the likely arrival time of the crippled train. The PIC will take the necessary steps to suspend operation of CPRR trains on the Thame Branch Siding (Section 5, Method Of Working, above). Once the crippled train has been moved onto the Thame Branch Siding from the Down Main line, it must then be shunted into the South sidings as soon as possible so that CPRR operations can be resumed.

In the event of the failure of a CPRR train on the Thame Branch Siding, it would be recovered by a CPRR locomotive in accordance with the normal CPRR Rules.

9. Emergency Arrangements

In the event of the CPRR PIC at Princes Risborough becoming aware of any safety issue likely to affect the safety of trains or persons on the NR lines he will immediately contact the Marylebone North Signaller as above.

Similarly if the NR Signaller becomes aware of any problem liable to affect the safety of the CPRR operation he will contact the PIC.

10. Inspection, Maintenance & Renewal of Infrastructure

The Track Access Agreement formalises the arrangements in place between CPRR and NR. Network Rail is responsible for the inspection, maintenance and renewal of the “Route” as defined in the TAA (see Section 2 above).

Under the TAA, if it is necessary to restrict or prevent CPRR access over the Route, Network Rail has a duty to consult with CPRR, where it is practicable to do so.

Under the Connection Agreement, both CPRR and NR have duties to consult and co-operate with the other if it is necessary to block or restrict availability of the connection.

11. Stabling Arrangements

Neither the Track Access Agreement nor the operation of CPRR trains over the Thame Branch Siding places any restrictions on what can be stabled in the South sidings or by whom. (Usually empty, the sidings are sometimes used to hold an item of yellow plant or occasionally two.)

As indicated previously, it is anticipated that these sidings will be leased by NR to CPRR in due course. It is intended then to continue to accommodate yellow plant stabling as previously, but CPRR vehicles are also likely to be stabled there. A simple protocol on use of the three sidings will be implemented, in order to ensure that no operator arrives to find either that his plant is blocked in or that there is insufficient space to stable.

To aid plant operators, it is proposed to provide a noticeboard by the lever of the first hand-point, providing instructions on stabling locations within the sidings.

It is also the intent to continue to permit crippled trains to be refuged in the South sidings in emergency.

12. Effluent Discharge

It is NR’s policy not to permit new operators to bring rolling stock having track discharge toilets onto its network, and to require existing operators to phase out their use. CPRR has BR mk.1 coaches, which are so fitted, within its stable.

It has been agreed that on such trains the toilets will be taken out of use (normally by locking the doors) when operating over the NR Thame Branch Siding.

Appendix 1 – Layout Diagram.

