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**To:** Track Access Managers

**Subject:** GB Railfreight response to ORR consultation on Schedule 5 of the Model Freight Track Access Contract

Dear Bill,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ORR's consultation, dated 6th November 2015, on improving Schedule 5 of the Model Freight Track Access Contract.

As you're aware, there has been much discussion on freight track access rights over the last two years, under the auspices of the CRRWG Access Rights Sub-Group, and the proposals as outlined in your consultation take into account all of that good work. GB Railfreight supports the principle of time windows in the rights table as they, along with other information described in the new rights table, can only help planners even more in understanding the parameters within which they need to work.

As articulated in paragraphs 3 and 4, some current flexibility has been agreed to be removed by FOCs but you are correct in stating that window sizes for specific freight commodities are still the main issue on which GB Railfreight would like ORR to direct. In particular, the time-sensitive nature of certain bulk products, such as biomass, need to be taken into account.

As I have been very much involved in reaching this point of the Schedule 5 improvement proposal, there are no other comments to make on this consultation apart from GBRf giving the proposal its support.

Regards,

Ian Kapur.

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