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Attention: David Brown

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Attention: Bernard Garner

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Dear Sirs,

Northern Franchise: Notice of Continuation (7 Period Extension)

This letter provides notice to the Franchisee and the Executives that the Secretary of State confirms her agreement to the continuation of the Franchise Agreement dated 18th October 2004 made between the Strategic Rail Authority, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive, Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, Tyne & Wear Passenger Transport Executive, West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive and Northern Rail Limited (the "Franchise Agreement"), which is due to expire on 15 September 2013.

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Continuation is notified as set out in Paragraph 1.7 of Schedule 18 of the Franchise Agreement and will be for an additional 7 Reporting Periods, the Franchise Agreement will expire on the 1 April 2014 at 2am.

Yours sincerely,

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