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THIS AGREEMENT is dated

[INSERT DATE]

BETWEEN:

- (1) **THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**, whose principal address is at 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR (the "**Secretary of State**"); and
- (2) **[INSERT NAME OF FRANCHISEE]** (Company Number: [INSERT NUMBER]), whose registered office is at [INSERT REGISTERED ADDRESS] (the "**Franchisee**").

WHEREAS:

- (A) On 28 February 2017 the Secretary of State invited prospective franchisees who are Passport Holders to submit proposals for the provision of railway services to the South Eastern rail passenger franchise. On the basis of the Franchisee's response to the Invitation to Tender, the Secretary of State selected the Franchisee as its preferred service provider.
- (B) The Secretary of State wishes to appoint a franchisee to provide railway passenger services within the Franchise and expects his franchisee, on the terms of the Franchise Agreement, actively to seek, in all reasonable business ways, greatly improved performance over the Franchise Term from its employees, its Train Fleet and other assets, and from the Infrastructure Managers and its other suppliers, so as to deliver to the passenger the best railway passenger service that can be obtained from the resources that are available to it.
- (C) The Franchisee wishes to be appointed as the Secretary of State's franchisee for the Franchise and intends, on the terms of this Agreement, actively to seek, in all reasonable business ways, greatly improved performance over the Franchise Term from its employees, its Train Fleet and other assets, and from the Infrastructure Managers and its other suppliers, so as to deliver to the passenger the best railway passenger service that can be obtained from the resources that are available to it.
- (D) The following provisions of this Agreement are intended to reflect and give effect to the matters referred to in Recitals (B) and (C) inclusive.

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In the Franchise Agreement, except to the extent the context otherwise requires:

- (a) words and expressions defined in Part I of the Act have the same meanings when used therein provided that, except to the extent expressly stated, "**railway**" shall not have the wider meaning attributed to it by section 81(2) of the Act;
- (b) words and expressions defined in the Interpretation Act 1978 have the same meanings when used in the Franchise Agreement;
- (c) references to "**Parties**" shall mean the Secretary of State and the Franchisee (and references to a "**Party**" shall mean the Secretary of State or the Franchisee as the context requires);
- (d) the words "**include**", "**including**" and "**in particular**" are to be construed without limitation;

³ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate the franchisee name, company number and registered number.

- (e) references to any **"person"** include its successors, transferees or assignees;
- (f) the words **"subsidiary"**, **"subsidiary undertaking"** and **"parent undertaking"** each have the same meaning in the Franchise Agreement as in section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (g) references in any of the agreements comprising the Franchise Agreement to Recitals, clauses, Schedules, Parts of Schedules, paragraphs of Schedules and Appendices to Schedules are to Recitals, clauses, Schedules, Parts of Schedules, paragraphs of Schedules and Appendices to Schedules of that agreement, unless expressly specified to the contrary, and the Schedules and Appendices form part of the agreement in which they appear;
- (h) references in any Schedule in any of the agreements comprising the Franchise Agreement to a Part, paragraph or Appendix are references to a Part, paragraph or Appendix of that Schedule (or the relevant Part of a Schedule), unless expressly specified to the contrary;
- (i) headings and references to headings shall be disregarded in construing the Franchise Agreement;
- (j) references to any enactment include any subordinate legislation made from time to time under such enactment and are to be construed as references to that enactment as for the time being amended or modified or to any enactment for the time being replacing or amending it and references to any subordinate legislation are to be construed as references to that legislation as for the time being amended or modified or to any legislation for the time being replacing or amending it;
- (k) references to an agreement or any other document shall be construed as referring to that agreement or document as from time to time supplemented, varied, replaced, amended, assigned or novated;
- (l) references to any particular provisions of any agreement or any other document shall be construed to include any other provisions of, or incorporated in, that agreement or other document which the Secretary of State reasonably considers have an equivalent effect or are intended to fulfil the same function;
- (m) amendments to or variations of contracts or arrangements include assignments, novations or other transfers of rights and/or obligations (in whole or in part) under such contracts or arrangements;
- (n) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and vice-versa, and words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa;
- (o) wherever provision is made for the giving or issuing of any notice, endorsement, consent, approval, waiver, certificate or determination by any person, unless otherwise specified, such notice, endorsement, consent, approval, waiver, certificate or determination shall be in writing and the words **"notify"**, **"endorse"**, **"consent"**, **"approve"**, **"waive"**, **"certify"** or **"determine"** and other cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;
- (p) references to materials, information, data and other records shall be to materials, information, data and other records whether stored in electronic, written or other form;
- (q) references to the Franchisee bidding for Train Slots or a Timetable shall mean the final action incumbent on the Franchisee under each Network Code to confirm to the relevant Infrastructure Manager its interests in the Train Slots to which that confirmation relates, and **"bid"** shall be construed accordingly;

- (r) references to the period of validity of any Fare are references to its period of validity excluding any rights of any purchaser thereof to extend such period under the Passenger's Charter, any equivalent document, or the terms and conditions attaching to such Fare (including any applicable conditions of carriage) in the event of the cancellation or delay of any of the railway passenger services for which such Fare is valid;
 - (s) references to **"railway passenger services"** are to be construed subject to section 40 of the Railways Act 2005;
 - (t) references to the **"provision of railway passenger services"** include the organisation of the relevant train movements and making the necessary arrangements with the Infrastructure Managers or any other relevant Facility Owner;
 - (u) references in lower case letters to terms defined in clause 3 (*Definitions*) shall be construed, where relevant, as being references to the terms defined as such in a franchise agreement or relevant agreement made under section 30 of the Act or section 6 of the Railways Act 2005 with any other Train Operator;
 - (v) references to sums of money being expended by the Franchisee shall be to such sums exclusive of Value Added Tax;
 - (w) the words **"shall not be liable"** are to be construed as meaning that no contravention of the Franchise Agreement and no Event of Default shall arise as a result of the occurrence of the matter to which such words relate;
 - (x) references to a **"contravention of the Franchise Agreement"** or a **"contravention"** (and cognate expressions) are to be construed as meaning a breach of the Franchise Agreement;
 - (y) wherever provision is made for the Franchisee to **"procure"** or **"ensure"** the delivery of an obligation under the Franchise Agreement, unless otherwise specified, that provision shall be construed as a primary obligation on the Franchisee to deliver that obligation;
 - (z) references to **"profit"** shall be construed as meaning profit before corporation tax, determined in accordance with GAAP; and
 - (aa) references to **"process"** or **"processing"** or **"processed"** are to be construed in accordance with the Data Protection Act for the purposes of Schedule 1.5 (*Information about Passengers*) and paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*).
- 1.2 Where there is a requirement on the Franchisee to **"fully and effectively co-operate"** with one (1) or more other parties with regard to an objective, that requirement relates to the quality of co-operation to be provided by the Franchisee taking into account and subject to the response of the other parties concerned. It does not indicate an obligation on the Franchisee beyond co-operation, relating to the funding of detailed design and development of an infrastructure project, actual delivery or subsequent operation (including in each case performance cost and revenue effects). It does indicate that the Franchisee shall participate actively in relation to the relevant objective including through the application of management time and internal resources, correspondence and attendance at meetings, in each case as the Franchisee reasonably considers in all of the circumstances to be an appropriate use of its resources and effective to achieve the relevant objective.
- 1.3 In the Franchise Agreement, the Secretary of State is acting as part of the Crown.

2. AGREED DOCUMENTS

2.1 References to documents **“in the agreed terms”** are references to documents initialled by or on behalf of the Secretary of State and the Franchisee.

2.2 As at the date of this Agreement, the documents **“in the agreed terms”** are as follows:

- 4AA** Alliance Agreement;
- 5ABD** Actual Benchmark Data;
- 6BFS** Bid Fares Strategy;
- 7CFD** Commuter Fares Document;
- 8CSES** Customer & Stakeholder Engagement Strategy;
- 9DSMI** Data Site Monitor and Index;
- 10DL** Depot Lease;
- 11FF** Financial Formats;
- 12FM** Financial Model;
- 13OM** Operational Model;
- 14PC** Passenger's Charter;
- 15PFD** Protected Fares Document;
- 16POA** Power of Attorney;
- 17PSM** Passenger Survey Methodology;
- 18ROA** Record of Assumptions;
- 19RSL** Replacement Sub-Lease;
- 20SCDP** Station Social and Commercial Development Plan;

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- 4 **Note to Bidders:** To be supplied by Bidders as required by the ITT.
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 - 14 **Note to Bidders:** To be supplied by Bidders as required by the ITT.
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21 SL	Station Lease;
22 TP	Train Plan;
23 TSR1 - 2	Train Service Requirement TSR1 - TSR2; and
24 TTSM	Ticketless Travel Survey Methodology.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 In the Franchise Agreement, except to the extent the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

"2015 Nominal Ticket Sales"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3 of Schedule 5.4 (<i>Regulation of Fares Basket Values</i>);
"2015 Ticket Revenue"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4 of Schedule 5.4 (<i>Regulation of Fares Basket Values</i>);
"Access Agreement"	has the meaning given to the term "access agreement" in section 83(1) of the Act;
"ACoRP"	means the Association of Community Rail Partnerships whose principle place of business is The Old Water Tower, Huddersfield Railway Station, St Georges Square, Huddersfield, HD1 1JF or any successor body whose purpose is to support Community Rail Partnerships;
"Act"	means the Railways Act 1993 (as modified, amended or replaced by the Transport Act 2000, the Railways Act 2005 and the Deregulation Act 2015) and any regulations or orders made thereunder;
"Action Plan"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 26.2(a) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Active User"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Activity Ratio"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.3(b) of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Actual All Cancellations Performance Level"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Actual Benchmark"	means the document in the agreed terms marked

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Data" or "ABD"

ABD;

"Actual Consist Data"

means information as to the type of individual vehicles of rolling stock in the Train Fleet which are actually used to form a train on any particular Passenger Service and the manner in which they are configured, which may or may not be the same as the Scheduled Consist Data for the same service;

"Actual Operating Costs"

means:

(a) the Franchisee's total operating expenses for the period being reviewed as stated in its profit and loss account, including any of the following operating expenses that are payable during that period:

- (i) amounts payable to the Secretary of State and the Infrastructure Managers;
- (ii) taxation;
- (iii) shareholder distributions including dividends;
- (iv) interest;
- (v) capital expenditure (net of grants received);
- (vi) cash lease payments in relation to on-balance sheet leased assets; and
- (vii) **NOT USED,**

but excluding any of the following expenses that are payable in that period:

- (A) finance/interest costs solely relating to on-balance sheet leased assets;
- (B) depreciation (including in relation to on-balance sheet leased assets);
- (C) amortisation;
- (D) bad debt provisions; and
- (E) **NOT USED;**

(b) either:

- (i) plus any reduction in the total amount owing by the Franchisee to creditors over that period; or
- (ii) less any increase in the total amount owing by the Franchisee to creditors

over that period,

where creditors:

- (A) include any persons owed amounts by the Franchisee in respect of loans or funding agreements, operating expenses, including the types of expenses set out in paragraphs (a)(i) to (a)(v) above inclusive, provisions and deferred income balances; but
- (B) exclude persons owed amounts by the Franchisee in respect of season ticket liabilities, lease liabilities in relation to on-balance sheet leased assets and liabilities in relation to grants received for the purchase of fixed assets;
- (C) exclude any creditors or other liabilities relating to on-balance sheet leases;

"Actual Passenger Demand" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 1.5 (*Information about Passengers*);

"Actual T-3 Performance Level" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Actual T-15 Performance Level" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Actual Train Mileage" means the actual train mileage operated during each Reporting Period by each train used in the provision of the Passenger Services (excluding any actual train mileage operated as a result of positioning or other movements of rolling stock vehicles outside the Timetable) and **"Actual Train Miles"** shall be construed accordingly;

"Actuary" has the meaning given to it in the Pension Trust;

"Additional Boxing Day Services" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 10.1(b) of Schedule 6.1 (*Franchise Specific Obligations*);

"Additional Expenditure" or "AD" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"Administration Fee" has the meaning given to it in clause 8.5 (*Change of Control and Facilitation Fee*);

"Advance Purchase Train-specific Fares" has the meaning given to it under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

“Affected Party” has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.3 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

“Affected Routes” means:

- (a) Main Line in respect of the Passenger Services specified in ML2 in Table ML of the Baseline TSR2 only; and
- (b) Victoria Metro in respect of the Passenger Services specified in SD2 in Table SD of the TSR and SE2 of Table SE of the Baseline TSR2 only;

“Affected Service Quality Area” has the meaning given to it in paragraph 20.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

“Affected Service Quality Indicator” has the meaning given to it in paragraph 20.1(c) of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

“Affiliate” means,

- (a) in respect of any person (“A”):
 - (i) any person which A Controls or which Controls A; or
 - (ii) any person which is Controlled by any other Affiliate of A; and
- (b) for the purposes of Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*) only, any person which directly or indirectly (including as a shareholder in any immediate parent undertaking):
 - (i) holds any share capital in the Franchisee;
 - (ii) in the event of the winding-up or other analogous event in respect of the Franchisee would be entitled to any share or receive any assets of the Franchisee which are available for distribution; or
 - (iii) has any voting power in the Franchisee,

and for the purpose of this definition Network Rail or NR shall not be construed as being an affiliate of the Secretary of State;

“Agreement” means clauses 1 to 17 and Schedules 1 to 17 including any Appendices and Annexes as varied from time to time;

“Aggregated Qualifying Change” means two (2) or more Changes which:

- (a) are notified or agreed (in the case of a Change

which is a Variation pursuant to paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*)); and/or

- (b) a Party has become aware of (in the case of any other kind of Change),

in a Franchisee Year (the "**Aggregation Year**") which individually do not exceed the Threshold Amount for the Aggregation Year taken alone but do exceed it when taken together. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Changes arise in different Franchisee Years, for the purposes of determining whether in aggregate they exceed the Threshold Amount:

- (i) the net present value of the adjustment in Franchise Payments which would result from a Run of the Financial Model (where Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*) applies) in respect of each Change shall be calculated in accordance with the process described in the definition of Qualifying Change; and
- (ii) there will be an Aggregated Qualifying Change where the aggregate of the net present values of those Changes exceeds the Threshold Amount for the Aggregation Year;

"All Cancellation Figures"

means the moving annual average percentage published by Network Rail in respect of All Cancellation, rounded to one (1) decimal place;

"All Cancellations Performance Sum"

means an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 22.7C of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or to be incurred (other than in respect of the Final Franchisee Year where the provisions of paragraph 29 shall apply) by the Franchisee (as the case may be);

"All Cancellations"

means the sum of Cancellations, Partial Cancellations, Network Rail Cancellations and Network Rail Partial Cancellations relating to the Franchise as produced and/or published by Network Rail;

"Alliance Agreement"

means the agreement in the agreed terms marked **AA**, as amended from time to time with the prior consent of the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of Schedule 6.4 (*Alliances*);

"Alternative NRPS"

has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 2.6 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and*

Engagement);

"Alternative Scheme"	means a Committed Obligation proposed by the Franchisee in place of a Specimen Scheme in accordance with paragraph 7 of Part 2 (Special Terms related to Committed Obligations) of Schedule 6.2 (<i>Committed Obligations</i>);
"Ancillary Service"	means any service specified in paragraph 4 of Part 1 (Franchise Services) of Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>);
"Annual All Cancellations Measure"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual All Cancellations Payment Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual All Cancellations Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Audited Accounts"	means the accounts of the Franchisee which: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) comply with paragraph 9.5(b) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>); and(b) are delivered to the Secretary of State by the Franchisee in accordance with paragraph 9.4(b) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>) and certified by the Franchisee's auditors as true and fair;
"Annual Benchmark"	means any of the Annual Cancellations Benchmark, the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark and the Annual Short Formation Benchmark;
"Annual Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 6.3 (<i>Contractual Incentive Mitigations</i>);
"Annual Business Plan"	means the plan to be provided by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 10.2 of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Annual Cancellations Benchmark"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Cancellations Benchmark Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Cancellations Payment Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Cap"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of

Performance Level"	Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Floor Performance Level"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Franchise Payment" or "AFP"	means, in relation to any Franchisee Year, the amount determined in accordance with Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
"Annual Franchise Payment Components"	means the values of FXD, VCRPI, VCAWE, PRPI, ORRPI and PRRPI specified for each Franchisee Year in the table set out in Appendix 2 (<i>Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
"Annual Management Accounts"	means the management accounts of the Franchisee which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) comply with paragraph 9.5(a) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>); and (b) are delivered to the Secretary of State by the Franchisee in accordance with paragraph 9.4(a) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Annual Season Ticket"	means a Season Ticket Fare which is valid in Standard Class Accommodation from (and including) the day on which it first comes into effect until (but excluding) the day which falls twelve (12) months after such day;
"Annual Short Formation Benchmark"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Short Formation Benchmark Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Short Formation Payment Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual T-3 Measure"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual T-3 Payment Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual T-3 Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual T-15 Measure"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual T-15 Payment"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of

"Table"	Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual T-15 Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Target Performance Level"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual TOC Minute Delay Payment Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Annual Uplift Factor: Data"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7.3 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Annual Uplift Factor: Speed"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Applicable Portion"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.4 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Apprenticeship"	<p>means (as the context requires) an individual apprenticeship pursuant to:</p> <p>(a) an apprenticeship programme operated by the Franchisee:</p> <p>(i) in connection with an apprenticeships framework listed on the Federation for Industry Sector Skills & Standards' "Frameworks Library" (as located at the date of this Agreement at: http://www.afo.sscalliance.org/frameworkslibrary/); and</p> <p>(ii) in compliance with the "Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for England" pursuant to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009; and/or</p> <p>(b) an apprenticeship programme operated by the Franchisee pursuant to (and in accordance with applicable requirements of) such statutory apprenticeships system as may be introduced in replacement of, or in variation or addition to, the apprenticeships frameworks system described in paragraphs (a)(i) and (ii) above,</p> <p>and references to "Apprenticeships" shall be construed accordingly;</p>
"Apprenticeships Data"	means the excel table provided by the Secretary of

Collection Form"

State and populated by the Franchisee and included within the Skills and Leadership Strategy specifying in relation to each Franchisee Year the number of Apprenticeships to be commenced in such Franchisee Year, the number of such Apprenticeships at each of level 1 – 8, the role and skills category within which each such Apprenticeship falls and other information as the table may be amended or replaced with the prior written consent of the Secretary of State following a review of the Skills and Leadership Strategy pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*);

"Apprenticeships Requirement"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 9.4 of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*);

"Approved CCI Scheme"

means a CCI Scheme approved by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 11.4 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"Average Passenger Volume"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"Average Weekly Earnings"

means the United Kingdom average weekly earnings measure excluding bonuses as published from time to time by the Office for National Statistics or, if such measure shall cease to be published or if, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, there is a material change in the basis of such measure, such other alternative index as the Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Franchisee, determine to be appropriate in the circumstances;

"AWE"

has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

"BAME"

means Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic;

"Bank"

means a person which has a permission under Part 4A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to carry on the regulated activity of accepting deposits thereunder and which is reasonably acceptable to the Secretary of State;

"Bank Holiday"

means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which banks in the City of London are not open for business;

"Baseline TSR2"

means TSR2 as set out in Attachment A to the ITT;

"Benchmark"

means any of the Cancellations Benchmark, the TOC Minute Delay Benchmark or the Short Formation Benchmark (as the context may require);

"Bespoke Trackside"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of

Provision"	Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Bespoke Trackside Provision Adjustment" or "BTPA"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 19.4 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Bid Fares Strategy"	means the document in the agreed terms marked BFS as updated pursuant to paragraphs 9, 10 and 13 of Schedule 6.3 (<i>Contractual Incentive Mitigations</i>);
"Bid Profit Stream"	means the estimated total operating profit of the Franchisee from the date that the Change of Control (pursuant to clause 8 (<i>Change of Control and Facilitation Fee</i>)) is to occur until the Expiry Date as shown in the profit and loss forecast in the Initial Business Plan (without taking into account any Annual Business Plan) calculated in real terms as at the date of the Change of Control and applying the prevailing discount rate per annum (in real terms) stated in HM Treasury's " Green Book Appraisal Guidelines " (such rate being [three point five per cent] ([3.5%]) per annum (in real terms) ²⁵ as at the date of the Franchise Agreement);
"Bond Provider"	means any person or persons who may provide or be an obligor under a Performance Bond or Season Ticket Bond from time to time and who shall, unless the Secretary of State otherwise agrees, be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a Bank; or (b) an insurance company, in each case with the Relevant Credit Rating;
"Bond Year"	means the period beginning on the Start Date and ending on 31 March 2020 and any subsequent period of thirteen (13) Reporting Periods beginning on the day after the end of the preceding Bond Year provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Franchisee and the Secretary of State may agree to vary the Reporting Period in which a Bond Year ends from time to time; and (b) the last Bond Year shall expire on the expiry of the Franchise Period and may be a period of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods;
"Boxing Day Services"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 10.1(a) of Schedule 6.1 (<i>Franchise Specific Obligations</i>);

²⁵ **Note to Bidders:** To be confirmed at the signature date of the Franchise Agreement by the DfT.

"Brand Licence"	means any licence between the Secretary of State (or any company wholly owned by the Secretary of State) and the Franchisee in respect of any registered or unregistered trademarks which are listed in Appendix 1 of Schedule 14.2 (<i>Maintenance of Operating Assets</i>);
"Breach Performance Level"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Breach Reporting Stage"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"British Transport Police"	means the British Transport Police Authority and the British Transport Police Force created pursuant to section 18 and section 20 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 (or any successor or successors to its statutory policing functions);
"Buildings Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method" or "BREEAM"	means the internationally recognised environmental assessment method and rating system for buildings developed by Building Research Establishment Limited or any other standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it;
"Business Action Plan"	means an action plan produced by the Franchisee in relation to the delivery of any aspect of the Franchise Services (including in respect of any outcome anticipated by its Business Plan, in accordance with paragraph 10.2(c) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>));
"Business Continuity Plan" or "BCP"	means a business continuity and disaster recovery plan (including a Force Majeure Events recovery plan) required to be produced, maintained and implemented by the Franchisee in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4 of Schedule 10.3 (<i>Force Majeure and Business Continuity</i>);
"Business Plan"	means the Initial Business Plan or any Annual Business Plan, as the context requires, to be delivered in accordance with paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2 of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Cancellation"	means a Passenger Service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which is cancelled for reasons attributed to the Franchisee pursuant to its Track Access Agreement; or (b) which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which operates less than fifty per cent (50%) of its scheduled mileage (as prescribed in the Enforcement Plan of the Day) for reasons attributed to the Franchisee pursuant to its Track Access Agreement;
"Cancellations"	means any of the performance levels in respect of

"Benchmark"	Cancellations and Partial Cancellations set out in the Cancellations Benchmark Table;
"Cancellations Benchmark Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Cancellations Figures"	means the number of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cancellations and Partial Cancellations; and (b) Infrastructure Manager Cancellations and Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellations, in each case, relating to the Passenger Services operated in each Reporting Period;
"Cancellations Performance Sum"	means an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 22.3 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or to be incurred (other than in respect of the Final Franchisee Year where the provisions of paragraph 29 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) shall apply) by the Franchisee (as the case may be);
"Capacity Mitigation Proposal"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.1 of Part 2 (Service Development) of Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>);
"Capital Expenditure"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.4 of Schedule 9.3 (<i>Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes</i>);
"Cascaded Rolling Stock"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 2.2 (<i>Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases</i>);
"CCI"	means Customer and Communities Investment;
"CCI Amount"	means the sum of two million three hundred and fifty nine thousand pounds sterling (£2,359,000) (indexed by the Retail Prices Index in the same way as variable costs are indexed in Schedule 8.2 (Profit Share Mechanism)) per Franchisee Year within a CCI Period (reduced pro-rata in respect of any Franchisee Year within a CCI Period of less than three hundred and sixty five (365) days) as adjusted in accordance with paragraph 11.8(a) of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"CCI Period"	means each of the following periods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022; (b) 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023; (c) 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024;

	(d) 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025; and
	(e) 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026;
"CCI Scheme"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 11.1 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"CCI Scheme Cost"	means in respect of any CCI Scheme, the total cost to the Franchisee of developing and implementing that CCI Scheme;
"CCI Scheme Margin"	means five per cent (5%) of the applicable CCI Scheme Costs;
"CCI Scheme Revenue"	means in respect of any CCI Scheme, the revenue earned by the Franchisee from that CCI Scheme;
"CCI Scheme Shortfall"	means, in relation to a CCI Scheme, the amount (if any) by which the CCI Scheme Revenue is less than the aggregate of the CCI Scheme Costs and the CCI Scheme Margin;
"CCI Scheme Underspend"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 11.6 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"C-DAS"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 6.1 (<i>Franchise Specific Obligations</i>);
"Central Government Body"	means a body listed in one of the following sub-categories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Government Department; (b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal); (c) Non-Ministerial Department; or (d) Executive Agency;
"Certificate of Commencement"	means the certificate to be issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Conditions Precedent Agreement;
"Certificate of Completion"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.3(b) of Schedule 14.6 (<i>Residual Value Mechanism</i>);
"Change"	means if and whenever any of the following occurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an event set out in any Secretary of State Risk Assumptions specified in Schedule 9.4 (<i>Secretary of State Risk Assumptions</i>);

- (b) a Charge Variation;
- (c) a Change of Law (excluding any Change of Law to the extent that it results in an adjustment to the Franchise Payments pursuant to Schedule 8.3 (*Track Access Adjustments and Station Charge Adjustments*));
- (d) a change to the Train Service Requirement previously in force pursuant to the issue of an amended or new Train Service Requirement in accordance with paragraph 16.6 of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*);
- (e) the Franchisee is required to take any action pursuant to paragraph 19.1(a) and/or paragraph 19.1(b) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*);
- (f) the Secretary of State effects an amendment to a Discount Fare Scheme, introduces a new Discount Fare Scheme or ceases to approve a Discount Fare Scheme for the purposes of section 28 of the Act;
- (g) the Secretary of State approves an amendment or proposed amendment to an Inter-Operator Scheme, as referred to in paragraph 4.5 of Schedule 2.5 (*Transport, Travel and Other Schemes*) to the extent and only to the extent that the Franchisee makes a saving as a consequence of such amendment or proposed amendment;
- (h) the imposition, subject to the provisions of paragraph 2.6 of Schedule 4 (*Accessibility and Inclusivity*), of any increased access charges in respect of EA Requirements at Franchisee Access Stations;
- (i) the Secretary of State exercises his power pursuant to paragraph 5 of Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*) to alter the obligations of and restrictions on the Franchisee under Schedule 5 (*Fares and Smart Ticketing*);
- (j) the Franchisee is obliged to charge Value Added Tax on a Fare or there is an increase or decrease in the rate of Value Added Tax which it must charge on such Fare, in either case due to a change in the Value Added Tax treatment of the provision of Passenger Services;
- (k) the exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights pursuant to paragraph 1.11 (*Charging*

Review) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

(l) the exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights pursuant to paragraph 15.1(c) (*Environmental Information Data Collection Plan*) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*);

(m) **NOT USED**;

(n) **NOT USED**;

(o) a Variation to the terms of the Franchise Agreement pursuant to paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*);

(p) the Start Date is a date that is later than 02:00 on 1 April 2019 for reasons solely attributable to any act or omission by the Secretary of State including the exercise of his right to amend the Start Date pursuant to clause 5.3 (*Amendment of Start Date/Expiry Date*) except where:

(i) the Secretary of State exercises his rights pursuant to Clause 4.2 or 4.3 of the Conditions Precedent Agreement to alter such Start Date; or

(ii) the relevant acts or omissions of the Secretary of State arise as a result of or in connection with any failure by the Franchisee to satisfy any of the conditions precedent set out in the Conditions Precedent Agreement;

(q) the Expiry Date is a date that is later than 01:59 on 1 April 2027 in consequence of the Secretary of State exercising his right to amend the Start Date pursuant to clause 5.3 (*Amendment of Start Date/Expiry Date*);

(r) the circumstances set out in paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 2.2 (*Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases*) occur;

(s) **NOT USED**;

(t) **NOT USED**;

(u) the exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights in connection with a new station at Thanet Parkway as described in paragraph 2 of Part 2 of Schedule 6.1 (*Franchise Specific*

Obligations);

(v)

(i) the Secretary of State issues a TDR Amendment pursuant to paragraph 12.8 (*TDR Amendments*) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*) in the circumstances described in paragraph 12.10(b) (there only being a Change if the Franchisee makes a saving as a consequence of a relevant TDR Amendment); or

(ii) the circumstances contemplated in paragraph 12.11(b) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*) occur;

(w) **NOT USED;**

(x) **NOT USED;**

(y) the Thameslink Operator assumes operation of the Maidstone East Services other than from the Passenger Change Date in December 2019, to the extent and only to the extent that there is a change in costs and/or revenue for the Franchisee in operating the Maidstone East Services for a longer or shorter period, taking into account the revenue that the Franchisee will continue to receive or no longer receive in relation to their operation of the Maidstone East Services as a result;

(z) the Thameslink Operator assumes operation of the Rainham Services after the Start Date, to the extent and only to the extent of the change in costs and/or revenue incurred by the Franchisee in operating the Rainham Services, taking into account the revenue that the Franchisee will receive in relation to their operation of the Rainham Services as a result;

(aa) the exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights pursuant to paragraph 11.1 of Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*);

(bb) the exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights pursuant to paragraph 21.2 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

(cc) the circumstances set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 8.3 (*Track Access Adjustments and Station Charge Adjustments*) occur; or

(dd) any two or more of the foregoing that the Secretary of State groups together in

accordance with any procedures issued by him pursuant to paragraph 1.4 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*) occur;

“Change of Control” has the meaning given to it in clause 8.1 (*Change of Control and Facilitation Fee*);

“Change of Law” means the coming into effect after the date of the Franchise Agreement of:

- (a) Legislation; or
- (b) any applicable judgment of a court of Law which changes a binding precedent,

the terms of which apply only to the railway industry, a particular section of the railway industry or the provision of services to the railway industry and not to other transport modes or to industries other than the railway industry, and without limitation:

- (i) excluding any changes in Taxation;
- (ii) excluding any changes which were foreseeable at the date of the Franchise Agreement, and for this purpose, but without limitation, there shall be regarded as foreseeable any Legislation which on the date of the Franchise Agreement has been published:
 - (A) in a draft parliamentary bill as part of a government departmental consultation paper;
 - (B) in a parliamentary bill;
 - (C) in a draft statutory instrument; or
 - (D) as a proposal in the Official Journal of the European Union except to the extent that such proposal is intended to apply solely within member states other than the United Kingdom,

to the extent that the same is subsequently enacted in substantially the same form as the form in which it was previously so published. In relation to the application of this sub paragraph (ii), each TSI shall be considered separately.

Change of Law (1) includes any Legislation, which only applies to the railway industry, which is made

under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and which is not excluded under (i) and (ii) (a **"Specifically Included Change of Law"**), but (2) excludes any Legislation (other than a Specifically Included Change of Law) which is made with the intention or effect of specifically applying to (or disapplying in relation to) the railway industry any other Legislation which does not apply only to the railway industry;

"Charge Variation"

means a variation:

- (a) to a Relevant Agreement; and
- (b) which is effected as a result of a Charging Review (including any variation in connection with an Incremental Output Statement Charge);

"Charging Review"

means:

- (a) the exercise by the ORR of its powers under:
 - (i) Part 7 of Schedule 7 of the Track Access Agreement to which the Franchisee is a Party on the Start Date or any Replacement Agreement which is or is deemed to be a Relevant Agreement in accordance with the definition of that term;
 - (ii) Part 3 of Section 7 of the High Speed 1 Passenger Access Terms which form part of a Track Access Agreement to which the Franchisee is a Party on the Start Date or any Replacement Agreement which is or is deemed to be a Relevant Agreement in accordance with the definition of that term; or
 - (iii) Condition F11.4 (*Review of Long Term Charge*) of the Station Access Conditions in relation to any station which is not an Independent Station; or
 - (iv) Condition F12.4 (*Review of Access Generally*) of the Station Access Conditions in relation to any station which is not an Independent Station; or
 - (v) Condition 42.4 (*Review of the Long Term Charge*) of the Independent Station Access Conditions in relation to any station which is an Independent Station or a Station;

- (b) the following by the ORR of the procedure in Schedule 4A of the Act;
- (c) the exercise by the ORR of any of its powers or the following of any other procedure, which, in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion:
 - (i) has an equivalent effect to; or
 - (ii) is intended to fulfil the same function as,

any of the powers referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b) in relation to any Relevant Agreement provided that, without limitation, the exercise by ORR of any of its approval rights under Condition F12 of the Station Access Conditions shall not be considered to have an equivalent effect to or fulfil the same function as any of the powers referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b). For this purpose, Relevant Agreement includes any Relevant Agreement which is not the subject of any previous Charging Review;
- (d) any amendment to a Relevant Agreement, or entry into a new Relevant Agreement which is approved by the ORR to the extent that it relates to an Incremental Output Statement Charge or a scheme to which that charge relates; or
- (e) the exercise by the Secretary of State or the Government's Representative (as defined in the HS1 Station Access Conditions) of any of its powers pursuant to Condition 105.2 (*Modification of Long Term Charge*) of the HS1 Station Access Conditions, provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, and without limitation, the exercise by the Secretary of State or the Government's Representative of any of its approval rights under Condition 105.3 (*Review of the Long Term Charge*) or Condition 105.4 (*Interim Review*) shall not be considered a Charging Review;

“Charter Service”

means a railway passenger service, whether operated on the same routes as the Passenger Services or not:

- (a) which is not reflected in the Timetable;
- (b) which does not conform to the pattern of railway passenger services normally provided by the Franchisee;
- (c) for which the advance booking or booking arrangements for seats on the relevant service are, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary

of State, materially different from those generally applicable to the Passenger Services;

(d) for which tickets are available on a restricted basis or on terms and conditions which, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, are materially different from those generally applicable to the Passenger Services; and/or

(e) for which the departure time, journey time and calling pattern are, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, materially different from those of the Passenger Services,

and which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is not a railway passenger service provided by the Franchisee as part of the Passenger Services;

"Child Price" means, in relation to any Fare, the amount charged or chargeable to a person under the age of 16 in respect of such Fare;

"Closed Scheme Employees" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 16 (*Pensions*);

"Closure" means a discontinuance or closure under Part 4 of the Railways Act 2005 of any of the Passenger Services or of any network on which the Passenger Services may be operated or of any of the Stations or of any part of such network or Station;

"CMA" has the meaning given to it in clause 15.1(a) (*Competition*);

"Code of Practice" means the code of practice for protecting the interests of users of railway passenger services or station services who have disabilities, as prepared, revised from time to time (with the approval of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee) and published by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 71B of the Act and which is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/accessible-railway-stations-design-standards> (or such other applicable web address that is adopted by the Secretary of State from time to time);

"Collateral Agreement" means an agreement which is required to be entered into by the Franchisee with Network Rail, HS1 Limited or any other franchisee as a condition to any Access Agreement of which the Franchisee is the beneficiary;

"Commercial Return" means where the CCI Scheme Revenue equals or exceeds the aggregate of the CCI Scheme Costs and the CCI Scheme Margin;

"Commitment" has the meaning given to it in clause 15.1(b)

(Competition);

"Committed Obligations" or "COs"

means any of the Franchisee's obligations listed in Part 1 (Committed Obligations) of Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) or any other obligation of the Franchisee expressed as a Committed Obligation under the Franchise Agreement;

"Community Rail Partnership"

means any not for profit organisation of the same name that has an interest in the development of responsive and good quality railway passenger services;

"Community Rail Report"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.6 of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*);

"Community Rail Route"

means any Route in respect of which the Secretary of State determines that any relevant Community Rail Partnership has an interest;

"Community Rail Strategy"

means the Community Rail Development Strategy (as may be updated from time to time) published in November 2004 and which provides a broad framework within which rural community routes can be put on an improved financial footing;

"Commuter Fare"

means any:

- (a) Weekly Season Ticket, Monthly Season Ticket, Quarterly Season Ticket and Annual Season Ticket (and their equivalent ITSO products) between each London Station and any other such station or other Suburban Station; and
- (b) unrestricted Single Fare and unrestricted Return Fare (and their equivalent ITSO products) between each London Station; and
- (c) unrestricted Single Fare and unrestricted Return Fare (and their equivalent ITSO products) from each Suburban Station to each London Station (but not in the other direction); and
- (d) PAYG Peak Fare or PAYG Off-Peak Fare (and their equivalent ITSO products) between each London Station and any other such station (and the CPAY equivalent fares); and
- (e) any HS1 Fare which falls within limbs (a) to (d) above,

for which the Franchisee is entitled to be allocated all or part of the revenue therefrom pursuant to the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

"Commuter Fares"

means the grouping of Commuter Fares:

Basket"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) determined by the Secretary of State pursuant to Schedule 5.3 (<i>Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets</i>); (b) for the purposes of regulating aggregate Prices, as the case may be, in accordance with Schedule 5.4 (<i>Regulation of Fares Basket Values</i>); (c) amended by the Secretary of State from time to time in accordance with Schedule 5.7 (<i>Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation</i>); and (d) set out in the Commuter Fares Document;
"Commuter Fares Document" or "CFD"	means the document in the agreed terms marked CFD as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with Schedule 5.7 (<i>Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation</i>);
"COMPASS"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 6.1 (<i>Franchise Specific Obligations</i>);
"Competition Authority"	has the meaning given to it in clause 15(c) (<i>Competition</i>);
"Competition Event"	has the meaning given to it in clause 15.1(d) (<i>Competition</i>);
"Competition Event Notice"	has the meaning given to it in clause 15.5 (<i>Competition</i>);
"Compulsory Inter-available Flow"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
"Computer System"	means computer hardware and computer software, including licensed third party software and data protocols;
"Conditions Precedent Agreement"	means the agreement between the Secretary of State and the Franchisee of even date herewith specifying certain conditions to be satisfied or waived by the Secretary of State prior to the issue of a Certificate of Commencement;
"Confidential Information"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 17 (<i>Confidentiality and Freedom of Information</i>);
"Connection"	means a connection (however described) between any of the Passenger Services provided by the Franchisee and any other railway passenger service provided by the Franchisee or any other Train Operator or any bus, ferry or shipping service and cognate phrases shall be construed accordingly;
"Connection Agreement"	means any agreement entered into by the Franchisee and Network Rail or HS1 Limited on or before the Start Date relating to the connection of a Depot to

the relevant part of the network;

"Connectivity Routes" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"Contingency Plan" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1(a)(iv) of Schedule 10.3 (*Force Majeure and Business Continuity*);

"Continuation Document" means any franchise agreement, direct award, interim franchise agreement or other arrangement pursuant to which the Franchisee is required to provide services for the carriage of passengers by railway which is entered into by the Franchisee in respect of some or all of the same Passenger Services by way of direct or indirect continuation of the arrangement currently in place under the Franchise Agreement;

"Contract Manager" means a person appointed from time to time by the Franchisee to fulfil certain duties including to manage the Franchise Agreement on behalf of the Franchisee and to facilitate the performance by the Franchisee of its obligations under the Franchise Agreement;

"Contractual Incentive Mitigations" means the additional and amended obligations imposed upon the Franchisee pursuant to the operation of Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*) of the Franchise Agreement;

"Control" means, in respect of a person ("A"), that another person (whether alone or with others and whether directly or indirectly and whether by the ownership of share capital, the possession of voting power, contract or otherwise):

(a) has the power to appoint and/or remove all or the majority of the members of the board of directors or other governing body of:

- (i) A;
- (ii) any person who has equivalent rights over A; or
- (iii) any person who A has equivalent rights over;

(b) has the power to direct the affairs and policies of:

- (i) A;
- (ii) any person who has equivalent rights over A; or
- (iii) any person who A has equivalent rights over;

(c) is the parent undertaking of A or of any other person which is the parent undertaking of such person by virtue of section 1162(5) of

the Companies Act 2006; or

(d) possesses or is, or will be at a future date, entitled to acquire:

(i) twenty-five per cent (25%) or more of the share capital or issued share capital of, or of the voting power in;

(A) A;

(B) any person who has equivalent rights over A; or

(C) any person who A has equivalent rights over;

(ii) such part of the issued share capital of:

(A) A;

(B) any person who has equivalent rights over A; or

(C) any person who A has equivalent rights over,

as a result of which he would, if the whole of the income of such persons were distributed, be entitled to receive twenty-five per cent (25%) or more of the amount so distributed; or

(iii) such rights as would, in the event of the winding-up or other analogous event in respect of:

(A) A;

(B) any person who has equivalent rights over A; or

(C) any person who A has equivalent rights over,

entitle him to receive twenty-five per cent (25%) or more of the assets of such person which would then be available for distribution,

and "**Controlled**" shall be construed accordingly;

"Controlled Emission Toilet" or "CET"

means a toilet fitted on a Rolling Stock Unit and which retains effluent in retention tanks such that effluent is not discharged on the rail tracks;

"Core Amount"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"Count Equipment"

means any load-weigh, infrared, CCTV or other type of equipment as may from time to time be installed on any train in the Train Fleet for the purposes of (amongst other things) passenger counting, including that specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 1.5

(Information about Passengers);

"CPAY"	means an arrangement operated by TfL under which contactless payment cards can be used by passengers to obtain access to the public transport services in London without the requirement for purchase of a separate ticket or permission to travel;
"CPAY Agreement"	means an agreement dated 30 July 2014 between Transport Trading Limited and train operators operating in London relating to the acceptance of certain contactless payment cards for "pay as you go" journeys in London;
"Creating"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;
"CRM Data"	means Personal Data (including any or all of name, address, e-mail address and ticket purchasing history, credit and debit card details) collected by or on behalf of the Franchisee relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) persons travelling on or purchasing tickets for travel on the Passenger Services or other services for the carriage of passengers by railway; or(b) use of the Mobile Communications Service by the persons referred to in limb (a) above;
"CRM Data Processor"	means any Data Processor who, from time to time, is processing or has processed CRM Data on behalf of the Franchisee;
"CRM Obligations"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4.4 of Schedule 1.5 (<i>Information about Passengers</i>);
"CRM System"	means any system (whether a Computer System or otherwise) for the collection of CRM Data and/or onto which CRM Data is input, processed and/or held as such system may be amended or altered from time to time;
"CRP Amount"	means the sum of £100,000 (indexed by the Retail Prices Index in the same way as variable costs are indexed in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>)) per Franchisee Year (reduced pro-rata in respect of any Franchisee Year of less than three hundred and sixty five (365) days);
"Current Franchisee Year"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 8.2 (<i>Profit Share Mechanism</i>);
"Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy"	means the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy in the agreed terms marked CS and any replacement Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy revised in accordance with paragraph 9.3 of

or "CSES"	Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"Customer Report"	means a report in the format and providing the information specified in the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy published in accordance with paragraph 10.1 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"Customer Service Quality Inspection"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Dataset"	means the data specified in Appendix 1 (<i>Environmental Information</i>) to Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>) as the same may be amended from time to time by the Secretary of State (acting reasonably);
"Data Controller"	has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act;
"Data Processor"	has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act;
"Data Protection Act"	means the Data Protection Act 1998 and any guidance issued from time to time by the Information Commissioner's Office or a relevant Central Government Body in relation to the Data Protection Act 1998;
"Data Site Information"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 15.1 (<i>Reletting Provisions</i>);
"Data Site Monitor and Index" or "DSMI"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 15.1 (<i>Reletting Provisions</i>);
"Data Subject"	has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act;
"Default Performance Level"	means, in relation to a Benchmark for any Reporting Period, the number set out in the relevant Column of the Cancellation Benchmark Table, TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table and Short Formation Benchmark Table to Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) and in the row of that table for that Reporting Period;
"Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.9 of Schedule 2.2 (<i>Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases</i>);
"Delivery Timescales"	has the meaning given in paragraph 9.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Departure Station"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.2 of Appendix 2 (<i>Accessible Transport Arrangements</i>) to Schedule 4 (<i>Accessibility and Inclusivity</i>);
"Depot"	means a depot in respect of which the Franchisee has entered into a Depot Lease;
"Depot Access"	has the meaning given to it in the relevant Access

Conditions"	Agreement to which it relates;
"Depot Lease" or "DL"	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any lease of a depot to which the Franchisee is a party as at the Start Date; or (b) any other lease of a depot in relation to which the Franchisee becomes the Facility Owner at any time during the Franchise Period;
"Derivative Output"	means Intellectual Property Rights that are derived from or generated by the RPC Database or the Preliminary Database when querying such database (which includes, but is not limited to, the format of all reports and analysis);
"Designated CO Primary Franchise Assets"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 9.1 of Part 2 (Special Terms) to Schedule 6.2 (<i>Committed Obligations</i>);
"Designated Employer"	has the meaning given to it in the Pension Trust;
"Destination Station"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.2 of Appendix 2 (<i>Accessible Transport Arrangements</i>) to Schedule 4 (<i>Accessibility and Inclusivity</i>);
"Digital Rail Proposal"	means [Note to Bidders: this will reflect the Committed Obligation which contractualises your Digital Rail Proposal made in response to Sub- Plan 1.2] ;
"Direct Agreement"	means any agreement made, or to be made, from time to time between the Secretary of State and the counterparty of a Key Contract in relation to such Key Contract, including any agreement entered into by the Secretary of State under Schedule 14.3 (<i>Key Contracts</i>);
"Disabled People's Protection Policy"	means the Franchisee's policy for the protection of persons with disabilities which the Franchisee is required to establish and review from time to time in accordance with the conditions of its Licences in respect of the operation of railway passenger services and/or stations;
"Disabled Person"	is a reference to a person who has a disability as defined in the EA;
"Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee" or "DPTAC"	means the committee with that name established under section 125 of the Transport Act 1985 and its statutory successors;
"Discount Card"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and

Settlement Agreement;

"Discount Fare Scheme"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3 of Appendix 1 (List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes) to Schedule 2.5 (*Transport, Travel and Other Schemes*);

"Dispute Resolution Rules"

means the procedures for the resolution of disputes known as **"The Railway Industry Dispute Resolution Rules"**, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof. The rules are available at <http://accessdisputesrail.org/RIDR/RIDR Rules.pdf> <http://accessdisputesrail.org/RIDR/RIDR%20Rules.pdf> (or such other applicable web address that is adopted from time to time);

"Disputed Cancellation"

means a Passenger Service:

- (a) which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which is cancelled; or
- (b) which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which operates less than fifty per cent (50%) of its scheduled mileage (as prescribed in the Enforcement Plan of the Day),

in either case, in circumstances where attribution of responsibility for the same is, at the relevant time, in dispute between the relevant Infrastructure Manager and the Franchisee pursuant to the Track Access Agreement;

"Disputed Partial Cancellation"

means a Passenger Service which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which:

- (a) misses a stop; or
- (b) completes fifty per cent (50%) or more, but less than one hundred per cent (100%) of its scheduled mileage as prescribed in the Enforcement Plan of the Day,

in either case, in circumstances where attribution of responsibility for the same is, at the relevant time, in dispute between the relevant Infrastructure Manager and the Franchisee pursuant to the Track Access Agreement;

"DOTAS"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.3 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

"EA"

means the Equality Act 2010;

"EA Claim"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 4 (*Accessibility and Inclusivity*);

"EA Requirements"	means the duties of a provider of services under sections 20(3), 20(5) and sections 20(9)(a) and 20(9)(b) in relation to section 20(4), of the EA;
"EEA state"	has the meaning given to it in clause 14.9 (<i>Non-Discrimination</i>);
"Emergency Events"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1(e) of Schedule 10.3 (<i>Force Majeure and Business Continuity</i>);
"EMV"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.9 (<i>Smart Ticketing</i>);
"Enforcement Plan of the Day"	<p>means the Plan of the Day except for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) additions to such Plan of the Day of any railway passenger services which are not included in the Timetable; (b) omissions from such Plan of the Day of any Passenger Services included in the Timetable; and/or (c) rescheduling in such Plan of the Day of any Passenger Services from their scheduling in the Timetable, <p>in each case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) as proposed by the Franchisee in breach of its obligations in paragraph 4 of Schedule 1.2 (<i>Operating Obligations</i>); or (ii) as agreed by the Franchisee in breach of its obligations in paragraph 3 of Schedule 1.2 (<i>Operating Obligations</i>);
"Enhancement Works"	shall have the meaning given to such term in the Enhancement Works Side Letter;
"Enhancement Works Side Letter"	means the side letter between the Previous Franchisee and the Thameslink Operator dated 8 September 2017;
"Environmental Data Collection Plan"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.1(a)(iii) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.2(b) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Environmental Impact Monitoring Report"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.2(a) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Environmental	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 16.1 of

Impact Targets"	Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Environmental Impact Targets Plan"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 16.2(c) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Environmental Information Regulations"	means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or any relevant Central Government Body in relation to such Regulations;
"Equivalent Fare"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1 of Schedule 5.7 (<i>Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation</i>);
"Equivalent Flow"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1(b) of Schedule 5.7 (<i>Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation</i>);
"ERTMS"	means the European Rail Traffic Management System;
"Escrow Documents"	means those documents and other items referred to in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 9.2 (<i>Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)</i>);
"Estimated Profit Stream"	<p>means estimated total operating profit of the Franchisee from the date that the Change of Control (pursuant to clause 8 (<i>Change of Control and Facilitation Fee</i>)) is to occur until the Expiry Date as reasonably determined by the Secretary of State. In reasonably determining the Estimated Profit Stream the Secretary of State shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) take into account all relevant circumstances and have due regard to the Financial Model, the profit and loss forecast in the Initial Business Plan and the most recent Annual Business Plan and the assumptions in the Record of Assumptions; (b) use the accounting policies and standards set out in the Record of Assumptions and applied through the Financial Model; (c) estimate profit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) before taking into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) interest, finance income and finance charges (other than finance items recognised in respect of retirement benefits) and dividends and other distributions of profit; (B) any taxation on profits including corporation tax;

- (C) shares of the profit of any Affiliate of the Franchisee, except dividends received in cash;
- (D) non cash entries in respect of the Franchise Section and any other pension schemes to the extent connected with the Franchise, excluding accruals or prepayments of any normal pension contributions due; and
- (ii) after taking into account:
- (A) Franchise Payments;
- (B) all extraordinary and exceptional items, as defined under GAAP;
- (C) the Franchisee's normal pension contributions in relation to the Franchise Section and any other pension schemes to the extent connected with the Franchise;
- (D) any payments to Affiliates of the Franchisee (including management fees and royalty fees) except to the extent that such payments exceed the amount determined in accordance with paragraph 1.2(a)(v) of Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*); and
- (E) any sums capitalised in relation to maintenance expenditure on rolling stock or other capital equipment; and
- (d) calculate amounts in real terms as at the date of the Change of Control and apply the prevailing discount rate per annum (in real terms) stated in HM Treasury's "**Green Book Appraisal Guidelines**" (such rate being as at the date of the Franchise Agreement [three point five per cent] ([3.5%]) per annum (in real terms))²⁶;

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Note to Bidders: To be confirmed at the signature date of the Franchise Agreement by the DfT.

"Estimated Revisions"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 10.3 of Schedule 9.1 (<i>Financial and Other Consequences of Change</i>);
"ETCS"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 6.1 (<i>Franchise Specific Obligations</i>);
"Ethernet"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Ethernet Backbone"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"EU Merger Regulation"	has the meaning given to it in clause 15.2(a) (<i>Competition</i>);
"Evening Peak"	means, in relation to any Passenger Service, the period between 1600 and 1959 (inclusive) during a Weekday or such other continuous four hour period between 1200 and 2359 (inclusive) as the Secretary of State may specify from time to time;
"Evening Peak Service"	means a Passenger Service which departs from London Bridge, London Victoria, London St Pancras International and London Blackfriars in the Evening Peak;
"Event of Default"	means any of the events set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 10.2 (<i>Events of Default and Termination Events</i>);
"Excluded Data"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.1(a)(i) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Existing Expenditure"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.2(a) of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"Expiry Date"	means the later of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 01:59 on 1 April 2027; or (b) any such later date that is specified by the Secretary of State pursuant to clause 5.3 (<i>Duration of the Franchise Agreement</i>); or (c) any such later date to which the Franchise Agreement is continued in accordance with clause 5.2 (<i>Duration of the Franchise Agreement</i>);
"Facilitation Fee"	has the meaning given to it in clause 8.4 (<i>Change of Control and Facilitation Fee</i>);
"Facility Owner"	has the meaning given to the term facility owner in section 17(6) of the Act;
"Fare"	means:

- (a) the right, exercisable against one or more Train Operators, subject to any applicable rights or restrictions and the payment of the relevant price, to make one or more journeys on the network or to carry on such a journey an item of luggage or an animal (where this right does not arise under the relevant conditions of carriage except on the payment of a fee) and, where applicable, to obtain goods or services from a person; and
- (b) for the purposes only of Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*) to Schedule 5.8 (*Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring*) (inclusive) and the definitions of Commuter Fare, Protected Fare, Return Fare, Single Fare, Protected Weekly Season Ticket, Protected Return Fare and paragraph (b) of the definition of Season Ticket Fare, a Fare as defined under paragraph (a) that is:
- (i) valid for a journey or journeys on the Passenger Services included in the Timetable or other railway passenger services which are required to be included in another relevant Train Operator's passenger timetable by the Secretary of State;
 - (ii) sold under the Travelcard Agreement;
 - (iii) a Cross London Ticket (as defined in the Through Ticketing (Non Travelcard) Agreement); or
 - (iv) sold under the Pay As You Go Agreement utilising TTL smart media as defined in such agreement;

"Fare Year"	means the period from 1 January in any year to 31 December in the same year;
"Fares Basket"	means either the Commuter Fares Basket or the Protected Fares Basket;
"Fares Document"	means any of the Commuter Fares Document or the Protected Fares Document;
"Fares Setting Round"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
"Final Franchisee Year"	means the Franchisee Year ending on the last day of the Franchise Period;
"Financial Action Plan"	means any action plan produced by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 9.2(b)(vi) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>), where the level of its financial performance specified in the Management

Accounts is materially worse than forecast by the Franchisee in its current Business Plan;

"Financial Conduct Authority"

means the UK Financial Conduct Authority of 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS and with company registered number 01920623 or such other regulatory body which may succeed or replace it from time to time;

"Financial Formats" or "FF"

means the Franchisee's financial formats in the agreed terms marked **FF**;

"Financial Model" or "FM"

means the Franchisee's financial model in the agreed terms marked **FM** deposited with the Secretary of State on the date of the Franchise Agreement in accordance with Schedule 9.2 (*Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)*), as may be subsequently revised in accordance with Schedule 9.2 (*Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)*);

"Financial Ratios"

means the financial ratios specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

"First Additional Expenditure Year"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.2(a) of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"First Profit Share Threshold" or "FPST"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*);

"Flow"

has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

"Force Majeure Event"

means any of the events described as such in paragraph 1 of Schedule 10.3 (*Force Majeure and Business Continuity*) where the conditions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 10.3 (*Force Majeure and Business Continuity*) are satisfied;

"Forecast Modified Revenue"

means, in relation to any Reporting Period, the items specified in the definition of Modified Revenue, as most recently forecast for that Reporting Period pursuant to paragraphs 9.2(b) and 9.3(a) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*);

"Forecast Operating Costs"

means, in relation to any Reporting Period, the items specified in the definition of Actual Operating Costs, as most recently forecast for that Reporting Period pursuant to paragraphs 9.2(b) and 9.3(a) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) adjusted for any movement in creditors arising from deemed PCS Facility borrowing pursuant to Clause 18 of the Funding Deed;

"Forecast Passenger Demand"

means the forecast prepared by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 12.2 of Part 2 (Service Development) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services*);

and Service Development) in respect of:

- (a) the number of passengers travelling in each class of accommodation:
 - (i) on each Passenger Service;
 - (ii) on each Route; and/or
 - (iii) at any station or between any stations; and
- (b) the times of day, week or year at which passengers travel,

for the period in respect of which the next Timetable is to apply;

"Franchise" means the rights tendered by the Secretary of State on 29 November 2017 to operate railway passenger services over the Routes prescribed in paragraph 2.1 of Part 1 (Franchise Services) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*);

"Franchise Agreement" means this Agreement and the Conditions Precedent Agreement which together constitute a single agreement and which is a **"franchise agreement"** for the purposes of the Act;

"Franchise Assets" means the property, rights and liabilities designated as such pursuant to paragraph 1 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) but excluding such property, rights or liabilities as shall, in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement, cease to be so designated;

"Franchise Documents" means:

- (a) this Agreement;
- (b) the Conditions Precedent Agreement;
- (c) the Funding Deed;
- (d) the Train Service Requirement; and
- (e) any other agreement signed by the Franchisee at the time of the award of the Franchise which is in the possession of the Secretary of State and which is notified by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee as being required for publication;

"Franchise Employee" means:

- (a) any employee of the Franchisee from time to time; and

- (b) any other person who is an employee of any of its Affiliates or is an employee of any party to whom the Franchise Services or services which are in support of or ancillary to the Franchise Services have been subcontracted (at any tier) or delegated by the Franchisee; and
- (c) in the case of (a) or (b) whose contract of employment would (subject to the exercise of such person's right to object to the transfer) be transferred to a Successor Operator following the expiry of the Franchise Period by virtue of the operation of Law (including the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006) or in respect of whom liabilities arising from a contract of employment or employment relationship may be so transferred;

"Franchise Manager"	means a person appointed from time to time by the Secretary of State to fulfil certain duties including to manage the Franchise Agreement on behalf of the Secretary of State and to monitor the Franchisee's performance of its obligations under the Franchise Agreement;
"Franchise Payment"	means, in relation to any Reporting Period, the amount determined in accordance with paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
"Franchise Performance Meeting"	means a meeting between the Secretary of State and the Franchisee to be held in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 11.1 (<i>Franchise Performance Meetings</i>);
"Franchise Period"	means the period commencing on the Start Date and ending on the Expiry Date or, if earlier, the date of termination of the Franchise Agreement pursuant to Clauses 4.2(b) or 4.3(b) of the Conditions Precedent Agreement or Schedule 10 (<i>Remedies, Events of Default and Termination Events</i>);
"Franchise Sections"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 16 (<i>Pensions</i>);
"Franchise Section Rules"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4.2(a) of Schedule 16 (<i>Pensions</i>);
"Franchise Services"	means such of the Passenger Services, the Light Maintenance Services, the Station Services and the Ancillary Services as the Franchisee may provide or operate from time to time, including any of such services as the Franchisee may delegate or subcontract or otherwise secure through any other person from time to time in accordance with the Franchise Agreement;

"Franchise Term"	means the period commencing on the Start Date and expiring on the Expiry Date;
"Franchisee Access Station"	means any station at which the Passenger Services call (other than any Station);
"Franchisee Owned RV Asset"	means each of the assets listed in Column 1 of the table set out in Appendix 1 (List of the RV Assets) to Schedule 14.6 (<i>Residual Value Mechanism</i>) which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) are not annotated in Column 4 of such table as Network Rail Fixture Assets or in Column 5 of such table as HS1 Fixture Assets; and (b) are designated as Primary Franchise Assets in accordance with paragraph 2.1(h) of Schedule 14.4 (<i>Designation of Franchise Assets</i>) such that they can be transferred to a Successor Operator at the applicable value specified in Column 2 of the table in Appendix 1 (List of the RV Assets) to Schedule 14.6 (<i>Residual Value Mechanism</i>) (as such value may be amended during the Franchise Term in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1.4 or 1.6 of Schedule 14.6 (<i>Residual Value Mechanism</i>));
"Franchisee Year"	means any period of twelve (12) months during the Franchise Period, beginning on 1 April and ending on 31 March, except that the last Franchisee Year may be for a period of less than twelve (12) months and shall end on the last day of the Franchise Period;
"Free of Charge"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Freedom of Information Act"	means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or any relevant Central Government Body in relation to the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
"First FRM Franchisee Year"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"FRM Revenue"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"FRM Revenue Report"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"FRM Review Procedures"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"Funding Deed"	means the deed made between the Secretary of State, the Franchisee and the Guarantor dated on or about the date of the Franchise Agreement specifying arrangements relating to the funding for the Franchisee by the Guarantor and giving rights to the

Secretary of State in relation to such funding;

"FXD"

has the meaning given to such term in Appendix 1 (Annual Franchise Payments) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

"GAAP"

means generally accepted accounting principles in the United Kingdom, as derived from and including the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, 'Financial Reporting Standards 100, 101 and 102', abstracts issued by the Urgent Issues Task Force of the Accounting Standards Board and, where appropriate, International Financial Reporting Standards and the listing rules of the Financial Conduct Authority, in each case, as amended from time to time;

"General Anti-Abuse Rule"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.3 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

"Geographical Area"

means that area of Great Britain bounded by a reasonably drawn line running through the railway stations at the following places:

- (a) London St Pancras International;
- (b) London Blackfriars;
- (c) London Victoria;
- (d) London Charing Cross;
- (e) London Cannon Street;
- (f) Sydenham Hill;
- (g) Hayes;
- (h) Sevenoaks;
- (i) Tonbridge;
- (j) Stonegate;
- (k) West St Leonard's;
- (l) Folkestone Central;
- (m) Dover Priory;
- (n) Margate;
- (o) Sheerness-on-Sea;
- (p) Abbey Wood;
- (q) Deptford;
- (r) Ebbsfleet International;
- (s) Stratford International;
- (t) London St Pancras International; or

as redefined from time to time by agreement with the Secretary of State, or in the absence of such an agreement, as determined by the Secretary of State;

"Grey Assets"

means any asset or structure on, within or close to the boundary of any Station in relation to which either the Franchisee or the relevant Infrastructure Manager considers that clarification is needed as to whether or not such asset or structure should properly form part of a relevant Station Lease;

"Gross Revenue"

means, in relation to any period and any Fare, the gross revenue to the Franchisee (or any relevant

predecessor of the Franchisee) attributable to such Fare over the relevant period, excluding any applicable Value Added Tax, costs, commissions or other expenses which may be paid or incurred in connection with such Fare;

"GTR Modifications" shall have the meaning given to the term Agreed Sub-Lessor Modifications in the sub-lease for the GTR Units entered into between the Previous Franchisee and the Thameslink Operator dated 8 September 2017;

"GTR Units" means the 25 Class 377 units sub-leased from the Thameslink Operator;

"Guarantor" has the meaning given to such term under the Funding Deed;

"Halifax Abuse Principle" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.3 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

"Handover Package" has the meaning giving to it in paragraph 1.1(a)(i) of Schedule 15.3 (*Handover Package*);

"High Speed One" or "HS1" means the High Speed One network;

"High Speed Domestic Services" means Passenger Services which use the HS1 for some part of their route;

"Hot Standby" means any rolling stock vehicle specified in the Train Plan which:

(a) is operationally ready to provide the Passenger Services in the Timetable;

(b) is not already assigned to the delivery of any Passenger Service in the Timetable; and

(c) will only be used to deliver such Passenger Services if:

(i) a rolling stock vehicle scheduled to deliver such Passenger Services is unable to so deliver; and

(ii) Actual Passenger Demand could only be met by the deployment in service of such rolling stock vehicle;

"HS1 Fare" means a Fare for a journey where all or part of the journey is undertaken between London St Pancras International and Stratford International, Ashford International or Ebbsfleet International;

"HS1 Fixture Asset" means a tangible asset annotated as such in Column 5 of the table in Appendix 1 (List of the RV Assets) to Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*) which is:

- (a) funded by the Franchisee and affixed to a Station such that it is regarded as a fixture to and part of such Station; and
- (b) designated as a Primary Franchise Assets in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) such that it can be transferred as the unencumbered property of the Franchisee to a Successor Operator at the applicable value specified in Column 2 of the table in Appendix 1 (List of the RV Assets) to Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*) (as such value may be amended during the Franchise Term in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1.4 or 2.2 of Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*));

"HS1 Limited"	means High Speed One (HS1) Limited, a company registered in England with registered number 06045862 whose registered office is at 12th Floor, One Euston Square, 40 Melton Street, London NW1 2FD;
"HS1 Routes"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"HS2 Project"	means the project for the construction and development of a high speed railway from London to Birmingham and the North known as "HS2" or "High Speed Two" and all related infrastructure works, including but not limited to enabling works at London Euston Station;
"Identified Station"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1(a) of Schedule 6.1 (<i>Franchise Specific Obligations</i>);
"Incremental Output Statement Charge"	means the charge to which that description is commonly given, first introduced into Relevant Agreements in April 2001;
"Independent Service Quality Audits"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Independent Station"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.7 of Schedule 8.3 (<i>Track Access Adjustments and Station Charge Adjustments</i>);
"Independent Station Access Conditions"	has the meaning given to it in the Access Agreement to which it relates;
"Individual Station Charge Adjustment"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.2 of Schedule 8.3 (<i>Track Access Adjustments and Station Charge Adjustments</i>);
"Industrial Action"	means any concerted action taken in connection with the employment of any employees of the Franchisee or of any of the employees of persons listed in

paragraphs 1(f)(i) to 1(f)(iii) of Schedule 10.3 (Force Majeure and Business Continuity) (whether or not that action involves any breach of such employees' conditions of employment, and including any action taken in furtherance of a dispute, or with a view to improving the terms of employment of the relevant employees or by way of support for any other person) subject always, in the case of any unofficial industrial action, to the Franchisee being able to demonstrate the occurrence of such unofficial industrial action to the reasonable satisfaction of the Secretary of State;

"Industry Schemes"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4 of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*);

"Information Commissioner"

has the meaning given to it in section 6 of the Data Protection Act;

"Infrastructure Manager"

means Network Rail in relation to the National Rail Network and, in relation to HS1, HS1 Limited;

"Infrastructure Manager Cancellation"

means a Passenger Service:

- (a) which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which is cancelled; or
- (b) which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which operates less than fifty per cent (50%) of its scheduled mileage (as prescribed in the Enforcement Plan of the Day),

in either case in circumstances where responsibility for the same is attributed to the relevant Infrastructure Manager pursuant to the Track Access Agreement;

"Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellation"

means a Passenger Service which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which:

- (a) misses a stop;
- (b) completes fifty per cent (50%) or more, but less than one hundred per cent (100%) of its scheduled mileage as prescribed in the Enforcement Plan of the Day,

in circumstances where responsibility for the same is attributed to the relevant Infrastructure Manager pursuant to the Track Access Agreement;

"Initial Business Plan"

means the business plan to be provided by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State as described in paragraph 10.1 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*);

"Initial Dataset"	has the meaning given in paragraph 15.1(b) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Initial Performance Bond"	means the performance bond issued or to be issued on or prior to the date of this Agreement by a Bond Provider to the Secretary of State which complies with the requirements of paragraph 4.2 of Schedule 12 (<i>Financial Covenants and Bonds</i>);
"Initial Period"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7.5 of Schedule 9.1 (<i>Financial and Other Consequences of Change</i>);
"Initial Permanent Fare"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
"Initial Reporting Stage"	means the Reporting Periods falling within the period from the first Reporting Period to the seventh Reporting Period of the first Franchisee Year;
"Inspections"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 15.1 (<i>Reletting Provisions</i>);
"Institute of Asset Management"	means The Institute of Asset Management, a company limited by guarantee, registered with company number 05056259 with registered office Woodlands Grange, Woodlands Lane, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 4JY or its successors;
"Intellectual Property Rights"	means all intellectual and industrial property rights of any kind including (without limitation) patents, supplementary protection certificates, rights in Know-How, registered trade marks, registered designs, unregistered design rights, unregistered trade marks, rights to prevent passing off or unfair competition and copyright (whether in drawings, plans, specifications, designs and computer software or otherwise), database rights, topography rights, any rights in any invention, discovery or process, and applications for and rights to apply for any of the foregoing, in each case in the United Kingdom and all other countries in the world and together with all renewals, extensions, continuations, divisions, reissues, re-examinations and substitutions;
"Interest Rate"	means a rate equivalent to two per cent (2%) per annum above the base lending rate published by Royal Bank of Scotland plc (or such other bank as the Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Franchisee, determine from time to time) during any period in which an amount payable under the Franchise Agreement remains unpaid;
"Inter-Operator Schemes"	means the list of schemes in paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 (<i>List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes</i>) to Schedule 2.5 (<i>Transport, Travel and Other Schemes</i>);
"International"	means the international standard setting body known

“Organisation for Standardisation”	as “ISO” or any such successor body;
“Intervention”	has the meaning given to it in clause 15.1(e) (<i>Competition</i>);
“Invitation to Tender” or “ITT”	means the Invitation to Tender issued by the Secretary of State on 29 November 2017 as part of the procurement process pursuant to which the Franchise Agreement was entered into;
“ISO14001:2015”	means the standard that is set by the International Organisation for Standardisation which specifies requirements for an environmental management system to enable an organization to develop and implement a policy and objectives which takes into account legal requirements and other requirements to which the organization subscribes, and information about significant environmental aspects or any equivalent standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it;
“ISO50001:2011”	means the standard that is set by the International Organisation for Standardisation which specifies requirements for establishing, implementing, maintaining and improving an energy management system, whose purpose is to enable an organization to follow a systematic approach in achieving continual improvement of energy performance, including energy efficiency, energy use and consumption or any equivalent standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it;
“ISO50001 Energy Review”	means the Energy Review as defined in paragraph 4.4.3 of ISO50001:2011, or any same or similar review from an equivalent standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it;
“ISO55001:2014”	means the standard that is produced by the International Organisation for Standardisation which specifies requirements for an asset management system within the context of the organisation or any equivalent Standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it;
“ISO 22301”	means the standard that is set by the International Organisation for Standardisation which specifies requirements for the development, implementation, operation, monitoring, review and maintenance of a business continuity planning process, or any equivalent standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it;
“ITSO”	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.9 (<i>Smart Ticketing</i>);
“ITSO Certified Smartmedia”	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.9 (<i>Smart Ticketing</i>);

"ITSO Operating Licence"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.9 (<i>Smart Ticketing</i>);
"ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.9 (<i>Smart Ticketing</i>);
"Javelin Trade Mark"	means the UK registered trade mark with registration number UK00002397248 filed on 19 July 2005;
"Joint Task"	shall have the meaning given to such term in the Alliance Agreement;
"Joint Task Agreement"	shall have the meaning given to such term in the Alliance Agreement;
"Key Contacts List"	<p>means the list which contains the name, address, home, office and mobile telephone numbers, and a brief description of the person's role and responsibilities in the business in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) all directors (statutory or otherwise); (b) all managers with responsibility for a department/function within the Franchisee's business; (c) all managers in the operations, commercial, personnel and public affairs departments or in each case their nearest equivalents;
"Key Contract"	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) each agreement and contract listed in Appendix 1 (<i>List of Key Contracts</i>) to Schedule 14.3 (<i>Key Contracts</i>) as at the date of the Franchise Agreement; and (b) any other agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement to which the Franchisee is a party or under which the Franchisee is the beneficiary from time to time which is designated as such pursuant to Schedule 14.3 (<i>Key Contracts</i>), <p>but excluding any such agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement which ceases, in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement, to be designated as a Key Contract;</p>
"Key Personnel"	means those persons identified by the Franchisee in accordance with paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>);
"Know-How"	means formulae, methods, plans, inventions, discoveries, improvements, processes, performance methodologies, techniques, specifications, technical information, tests, results, reports, component lists, manuals and instructions;

"Law"	includes any enactment, subordinate legislation, rule, regulation, order, directive or other provision, including those of the European Community, and any judicial or administrative interpretation or application thereof, which has, in each case, the force of law in the United Kingdom or any part of it (including the Act, the Transport Act, the Transport Safety Act 2003 and the Railways Act 2005);
"Lead Operator"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
"Legislation"	means any enactment or subordinate legislation, rule, regulation, order, directive or other provision including those of the European Community, which has, in each case, the force of Law in the United Kingdom or any part of it, but excluding any order under section 1 of the Transport and Works Act 1992;
"Licences"	means such licences and/or statements of national regulatory provisions granted or to be granted under applicable law as the Franchisee may be required from time to time to hold under the Act or under the Railway (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005 in order to provide or operate the Franchise Services;
"Light Maintenance Service"	means any service specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 (Franchise Services) of Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>) which may be provided by the Franchisee at the Depots and Stations;
"Local Authority"	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in England, a county council, a district council, a unitary authority, a passenger transport executive, a London borough council, the common council of the City of London, or a council which is established under the Local Government Act 1992 and which is either an authority responsible for expenditure on public passenger transport services within the meaning of section 88 of the Transport Act 1985 or a local authority for the purposes of section 93 of the Transport Act 1985; (b) in Wales, a county council, a district council or a council which is established under the Local Government Act 1972 or the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994; (c) in Scotland, the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive, or a district council or a unitary authority which is established under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 or the Local Government, etc. (Scotland) Act

1994;

- (d) in London, the Mayor of London and Transport for London established under the Greater London Authority Act 1999;
- (e) a combined authority created pursuant to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;
- (f) any local enterprise partnership;
- (g) any other body or council replacing any of the above from time to time; and
- (h) any other body or instrument of local or regional government specified by the Secretary of State from time to time;

"Lock-up Period" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

"London Station" means any station served by the Railway Passenger Services in the Zones and any Zone to or from which a passenger may travel from or to such station;

"Long Term Charge" shall have the meaning given to it in the Station Access Conditions;

"Maidstone East Services" means the peak only passenger service from Blackfriars to Maidstone East via Elephant & Castle operated by the Franchisee that is to be replaced by the two trains per hour service between Cambridge and Maidstone East via London Bridge provided by the Thameslink Operator throughout the day;

"Maintenance Contract" means any contract or arrangement to which the Franchisee is a party, which includes the carrying out for the Franchisee of any maintenance work (including light maintenance services) or service provision in respect of rolling stock vehicles used by the Franchisee in the provision of the Passenger Services or for the enforcement of warranties or other rights against a manufacturer in respect of any such rolling stock vehicles;

"Major Flow Operator" has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

"Managed Station" means any station used in connection with the provision of the Franchise Services where the Infrastructure Manager is the Facility Owner or becomes the Facility Owner during the Franchise Period;

"Managed Station Area" means the premises comprising part or parts of a Managed Station to be occupied by the Franchisee on or after the Start Date and to be used for or in connection with the provision of the Franchise

Services;

"Management Accounts"

means, in relation to any Reporting Period, the Franchisee's management accounts which:

- (a) comply with paragraph 9.5(a) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*); and
- (b) are required to be delivered to the Secretary of State by the Franchisee in accordance with paragraphs 9.2(a) and 9.2(b) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*);

"Mandatory Modification"

means a modification or addition to any rolling stock vehicle which is required to be made under any applicable Law or any directive of the Rail Safety and Standards Board or any government authority;

"Material Discrepancies"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"Mbps"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MByte"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Backstop Date"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Chargeable Services"

has the meaning given in paragraph 11.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Connected Passenger"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Connected Passenger Threshold"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Connectivity Service Contract"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Emergency Protocol"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 17.1(a) of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Equipment"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Evening Peak Hour"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS External Connectivity"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"MCS Minimum Service"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of

"Level"	Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"MCS Morning Peak Hour"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"MCS Relevant Route"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"MCS Report"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 12.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"MCS Route Availability"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.5 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"MCS Route Signal and Capacity Survey"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 13.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Minimum Data Allowance"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Minimum Data Speed"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>);
"Minimum TSR2 Requirements"	means that the power supply could achieve N-1 Security of Supply on the Affected Routes were the Original Rolling Stock used to provide the Passenger Services required on such Affected Routes by Baseline TSR2;
"Minister of the Crown"	has the meaning given to it in section 8(1) of the Minister of the Crown Act 1975;
"Minor Works"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.7(a) of Schedule 4 (<i>Accessibility and Inclusivity</i>);
"Minor Works' Budget"	means ²⁷ for each Franchisee Year allocated by the Franchisee for the purpose of facilitating Minor Works at Stations to improve accessibility of the Stations to persons with disabilities, save that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for any Franchisee Year which is shorter than twelve (12) months, the amount shall be reduced pro rata; and (b) for each Franchisee Year after the first Franchisee Year, the amount shall be subject to adjustment as follows:

Minor Works' Budget x RPI

where:

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Where text has been omitted from the document, this is because the Director General Rail or Secretary of State has decided to exclude the text in accordance with the provisions within the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

RPI has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

“Minor Works’ Programme”

means the Franchisee's programme of Minor Works at Stations to improve accessibility of the Stations to persons with disabilities, developed prior to the start of each Franchisee Year pursuant to paragraph 2.7(b) of Schedule 4 (*Accessibility and Inclusivity*);

“Minutes Delay”

means the minutes of delay to the Passenger Services that are attributed to the Franchisee or the Infrastructure Manager (and in the case of HS1, any other train operator) (as the case may be) pursuant to the Track Access Agreement and disregarding any minutes of delay that are imputed to Passenger Services that were cancelled;

“Model Changes”

has the meaning given in paragraph 4.3 of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*);

“Modified Revenue”

means:

- (a) the sum of:
 - (i) the Franchisee's total revenue for the period being reviewed as stated in its profit and loss account:
 - (A) including any amounts receivable from the Secretary of State, the Infrastructure Manager and any interest; but
 - (B) excluding the proportion of income recognised in the profit and loss account in relation to grants received in respect of capital expenditure; and
 - (ii) the opening cash balance for the period being reviewed excluding:
 - (A) any cash held for the exclusive purpose of the provision of the Performance Bond; and
 - (B) the amount equivalent to:
 - (1) any cash that is held pursuant to any restrictive terms under any agreement and that, consequently, cannot be used for general operating purposes;

(2) any cash capable of being drawn down but not actually received,

including, in both cases, under any loan or funding agreement or arrangements (including the Funding Deed) entered into with an Affiliate of the Franchisee; and

(C) the amount of the opening season ticket liabilities which relate to Passenger Services yet to be delivered; and

(b) either:

(i) plus any reduction in total debtors over that period; or

(ii) less any increase in total debtors over that period,

where total debtors exclude any bad debts provision or write off and any capital-related debtors;

"Monthly Season Ticket"

means a Season Ticket Fare which is valid in Standard Class Accommodation from (and including) the day it first comes into effect until (but excluding) the day which falls one (1) month after such day;

"Morning Peak"

means, in relation to any Passenger Service, the period between 0700 and 0959 (inclusive) during a Weekday or such other continuous three hour period between 0600 and 1159 (inclusive) as the Secretary of State may specify from time to time;

"Morning Peak Service"

means a Passenger Service which arrives at London Bridge, London Victoria, London St Pancras International and London Blackfriars in the Morning Peak;

"MSL Secondary Connectivity Routes"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"N-1 Security of Supply"

means that the power supply is capable of operation with any one key piece of electrification infrastructure out of service, in accordance with the requirements of Appendix 2A of Network Rail's Electrical Power Asset Policy, dated December 2012;

"National Community Rail Steering Group"

means the National Community Rail Steering Group administered by the Department of Transport, or such successor organisation;

"National Joint ROSCO Project"

means the joint project between Angel Trains Limited, Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited and Porterbrook Leasing Company Limited funded by Network Rail, for

implementing ERTMS first in class designs to existing rolling stock which will operate over the routes where ERTMS will be rolled out;

“National Rail Enquiry Scheme”

means the telephone information scheme run by RDG, providing information to customers regarding rail journeys throughout the country;

“National Rail Passenger Survey”

means a passenger satisfaction survey in respect of the Franchise Services to be carried out by the Passengers' Council as described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*) and shall include any Alternative NRPS as referred to in paragraph 2.6 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

“National Rail Timetable”

means the passenger timetable published by Network Rail (currently twice per annum) specifying the timings and stopping patterns of all passenger railway services in Great Britain, including the High Speed Domestic Services;

“Network Change”

has the meaning given to it in the Network Code;

“Network Code”

means:

- (a) in the case of Network Rail, the document known as the Network Code and formerly known as the Railtrack Track Access Conditions 1995 (as subsequently replaced or amended from time to time) or any equivalent code or agreement applying to Network Rail; and
- (b) in the case of HS1 Limited, the document known as the High Speed 1 HS1 Network Code 2012 incorporating the Performance Data Accuracy Code (as defined therein) and any HS1 Operational Arrangements (as defined therein) or any equivalent code or agreement applying to HS1 Limited;

“Network Rail”

means in respect of:

- (a) the network or any relevant facility (other than HS1):
 - (i) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, a company registered in England with registered number 02904587 whose registered office is 1 Eversholt Street, London NW1 2DN; and
 - (ii) any successor in title to the network or any relevant railway facility; or
- (b) any new or other sections of network or any relevant new or other railway facilities, the

owner (if different);

"Network Rail's Traction Electricity Rules"

means the document entitled "*Traction Electricity Rules*" as published by the ORR;

"Network Rail Asset Management Policy"

means the policy set by Network Rail for a holistic asset management approach that includes asset capability, asset performance and reporting, sustainability, asset whole-life cost modelling, forecasting and reporting, cost efficient asset management, and asset management to meet customer service requirements;

"Network Rail Data"

means any information, data and materials that may be provided to the Secretary of State by NR that relates to the Franchisee and which the Secretary of State decides (in his absolute discretion) to add to the RPC Database;

"Network Rail Fixture Asset"

means a tangible asset annotated as such in Column 4 of the table in Appendix 1 (List of the RV Assets) to Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*) which is:

- (a) funded by the Franchisee and affixed to a Station or Depot (as the case may be) such that it is regarded as a fixture to and part of such Station or Depot (as the case may be); and
- (b) designated as a Primary Franchise Assets in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) such that it can be transferred as the unencumbered property of the Franchisee to a Successor Operator at the applicable value specified in Column 2 of the table in Appendix 1 (List of the RV Assets) to Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*) (as such value may be amended during the Franchise Term in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1.4 or 2.2 of Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*));

"Net Revenue Share"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*);

"Net Revenue Support"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*);

"Neutral Branding"

means branding which shall not:

- (a) bear any brand image or symbol;
- (b) display any distinctive trademarks;
- (c) make any reference to the name of the company or entity which owns the branding,

the Franchisee or an Affiliate; or

- (d) use any colour combinations, livery or other elements,

that are specific to the Franchisee, an Affiliate or any other company and shall incorporate no other visual link to the Franchisee, an Affiliate or any other company;

"New Insurance Arrangements"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.4(b) of Schedule 2.2 (*Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases*);

"New Facilities"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"New Results"

means, in relation to any Change, the following as restated in accordance with Schedule 9.1 (Financial and Other Consequences of Change) following a Run of the Financial Model in relation to that Change:

- (a) the restated values of **FXD, VCRPI, VCAWE, PRPI, ORRPI** and **PRRPI** to be specified for each Franchisee Year in Appendix 2 (*Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*); and
- (b) the restated values of **FPST, SPST** and **TPST** to be specified for each Franchisee Year in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 (respectively) of Appendix 1 (*Profit Share Thresholds*) to Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*); and
- (c) the restated amounts of Target Revenue to be specified for each Franchisee Year in the Appendix 1 (*Target Revenue*) to Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*);

"New Services"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"New Station"

means:

- (a) a station not served by railway passenger services as at February 2003, but which has since that time been, or is subsequently, served by railway passenger services which have been, or are subsequently to be, included in the Timetable or in another relevant Train Operator's timetable; and/or
- (b) if the Secretary of State requires, a station, other than a Station, at which, with the consent of the Secretary of State (whether by amendment to the Franchise Agreement or otherwise) railway passenger services operated by the Franchisee call;

"NJRP ROSCOs"	means the rolling stock leasing companies, participating in the National Joint ROSCO Project, being Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited, Porterbrook Leasing Company Limited and Angel Trains Limited;
"Nominee"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 15.1 (<i>Reletting Provisions</i>);
"Non Fares Basket Fare"	means a Fare that is designated as such by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 5.3 (<i>Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets</i>) and which has not been de-designated as such pursuant to paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 5.7 (<i>Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation</i>);
"Notified Fault"	shall have the meaning given to such term in paragraph 9.1 of Schedule 1.4 (<i>Passenger Facing Obligations</i>);
"NR"	means Network Rail Limited (company number 04402220), Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (company number 2904587) whose registered offices are both at 1, Eversholt Street, London NW1 2DN or any Affiliate thereof from time to time;
"NRPS Action Plan"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"NRPS Benchmark"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"NRPS Benchmark Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"NRPS Measure"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"NRPS Service Group"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.3 of Schedule 12 (<i>Financial Covenants and Bonds</i>);
"Off-Peak Passenger Service"	means a Passenger Service that is not a Morning Peak Service or an Evening Peak Service;
"Old Results"	means in relation to any Change, the following as produced in accordance with Schedule 9.1 (<i>Financial and Other Consequences of Change</i>) by or following the Run of the Financial Model in respect of the immediately preceding Change or, in relation to the first Change only, the following as at the date hereof:

- (a) the values of **FXD, VCRPI, VCAWE, PRPI, ORRPI** and **PRRPI** specified for each Franchisee Year in Appendix 2 (*Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*); and
- (b) the values of **FPST, SPST** and **TPST** specified for each Franchisee Year in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 (Profit Share Threshold) to Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*); and
- (c) the amounts of Target Revenue to be specified for each Franchisee Year in Appendix 1 (Target Revenue) to Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*);

"On Time" means the percentage of recorded station stops called at within 59 seconds of the planned time relating to the Franchise as produced and/or published by Network Rail;

"On Time Figures" means the moving annual average percentage published by Network Rail in respect of On Time, rounded to one (1) decimal place;

"Operating Assets" means all assets (including any Intellectual Property Rights or intangible assets) employed by the Franchisee in the performance of the Franchisee's obligations under the Franchise Agreement;

"Operational Model" or "OM" means the following models in the agreed terms marked **OM**:

- (a) revenue model;
- (b) the performance model;
- (c) all cost models; and
- (d) any other relevant models that have generated input to the Financial Model;

"Original Rolling Stock" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1(a) of Schedule 1.6 (*The Rolling Stock*);

"ORR" means the Office of Rail and Road established by section 15 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 and having duties and obligations as set out in the Act;

"ORRPI" has the meaning given to such term in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

"Other Passenger Route Within the Geographical Area" means any route which is not a Route but is a route in the Geographical Area over which a passenger train operator other than the Franchisee operates passenger services included in the National Rail

Timetable;

"Other Secondary Connectivity Routes" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"Parent"²⁸ means:

(a) [INSERT DETAILS OF FRANCHISEE'S IMMEDIATE PARENT(S)];

(b) [INSERT DETAILS OF ANY FURTHER ENTITY WHO IS ABLE TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE ENTITY IN SUB-PARAGRAPH (A) INCLUDING ANY INTERMEDIATE PARENTS UP TO THE ULTIMATE PARENT BUT EXCLUDING ANY SOVEREIGN STATE;]

"Partial Cancellation" means a Passenger Service which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which:

(a) misses a stop; or

(b) completes fifty per cent (50%) or more, but less than one hundred per cent (100%) of its scheduled mileage as prescribed in the Enforcement Plan of the Day,

in each case, for reasons which are attributed to the Franchisee pursuant to its Track Access Agreement;

"Participating Employer" has the meaning given to it in the Pension Trust;

"Pass Rate" shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"Passenger Assistance" means the passenger assistance service provided by train operating companies and referred to by the ORR as **"Passenger Assist"**, as such service may be further described by the ORR from time to time at:<http://orr.gov.uk/info-for-passengers/passengers-with-disabilities> (or such other applicable web address that is adopted by the ORR for these purposes from time to time);

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Note to Bidders: Bidders to populate. This should be the ultimate parent of the Franchisee and if the parent of the Franchisee is a joint venture company the Bidders should populate by specifying the names of the ultimate parent of each of shareholders in the joint venture company and not the name of the joint venture company.

"Passenger Carrying Capacity"	means, in relation to a Passenger Service, the capacity of the vehicles (as stated in Schedule 1.6 (<i>The Rolling Stock</i>) or determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 3.4 of Schedule 1.6 (<i>The Rolling Stock</i>)) from which the Passenger Service is formed;
"Passenger Change Date"	means a date upon which significant changes may be made to the Timetable in accordance with or by virtue of the Network Code;
"Passenger Services"	means the Franchisee's railway passenger services as specified in any Timetable and/or Plan of the Day including those railway passenger services which the Franchisee may delegate or subcontract or otherwise secure through any other person from time to time in accordance with the Franchise Agreement;
"Passenger Survey Methodology"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.4 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"Passenger's Charter" or "PC"	means the Franchisee's service commitments to its passengers in the agreed terms marked PC , as amended or replaced from time to time with the prior written consent of the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 1.4 (<i>Passenger Facing Obligations</i>);
"Passengers' Council"	means the passengers' council established under section 19 of the Railways Act 2005 (as amended by The Passengers' Council (Non-Railway Functions) Order 2010). The Passengers' Council shall be generally known as "Transport Focus" from 30 March 2015;
"Passport"	means the confirmation awarded by the Secretary of State to a successful applicant that their application meets the requirements set out in the documentation relating to the OJEU Notice (reference no: 2015/S 189-34364);
"Passport Holder"	means, during the validity period of the relevant Passport, a successful applicant to whom a Passport has been awarded;
"Pay As You Go Agreement"	means an agreement dated 16 October 2009 between Transport Trading Limited and train operators operating in London enabling joint ticketing and the acceptance of each other's tickets using smartmedia technology under the name "Pay as You Go" ;
"PAYG Peak Fare"	means a Fare which is a Permanent Fare and which entitles the purchaser to make a single journey under the Pay As You Go Agreement in Standard Class Accommodation between and within the PAYG Zones for which the fare is valid, at any time;

"PAYG Off-Peak Fare"	means a Fare which is a Permanent Fare and which entitles the purchaser to make a single journey under the Pay As You Go Agreement in Standard Class Accommodation between and within the PAYG Zones for which the fare is valid, at any time on Saturdays and Sundays and at such times as the Franchisee may designate on Mondays to Fridays (where such Fare need not be valid between 6:30am and 9:30am or between 4.00pm and 7.00pm but must be valid at all other times) and which may take into account the different directions of travel;
"PAYG Zone"	means the Stations within the "PAYG Area" (as such is defined in the PAYG Agreement) or otherwise included in part 1 (PAYG Acceptance) of schedule 3 (Operation of PAYG) of the Pay As You Go Agreement (as such is amended from time to time);
"Payment Date"	means the date for the payment of Franchise Payments in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
"Peak"	means the Morning Peak and the Evening Peak;
"Peak Passenger Service"	means, as the case may be, a Morning Peak Service or an Evening Peak Service;
"Pension Trust"	means the pension trust governing the Railways Pension Scheme;
"Pensions Committee"	has the meaning given to it in the Railways Pension Scheme;
"Percentage Allocation"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
"Performance Bond"	means the Initial Performance Bond and any Replacement Performance Bond, which in each case, shall comply with the requirements of paragraph 4.2 of Schedule 12 (<i>Financial Covenants and Bonds</i>);
"Performance Strategy Plan"	means any joint plan, which the Franchisee and Network Rail or the Franchisee and HS1 Limited are party to, which has been designed to achieve the performance objectives set out in Part L of the relevant Network Code (and/or other objectives related to train service reliability and punctuality as agreed by the parties);
"Performance Sum"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Performance Sum Adjustment Date"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Permanent Fare"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
"Permitted Aggregate"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4.2 of

Increase” or “PAI”	Schedule 5.4 (<i>Regulation of Fares Basket Values</i>);
“Permitted Individual Increase” or “PII”	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.2 of Schedule 5.5 (<i>Regulation of Individual Fares</i>);
“Personal Data”	has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act and includes Sensitive Personal Data as defined therein;
“Personal Data Legislation”	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1 of Schedule 1.5 (<i>Information about Passengers</i>);
“Placed in Escrow”	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in respect of the Financial Model, delivery of the Financial Model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) dated the date of the Franchise Agreement; and (ii) adjusted to the extent necessary to reflect any time elapsed between the actual Start Date and the date assumed to be the Start Date in the Initial Business Plan; and (iii) where Schedule 9.1 (<i>Financial and Other Consequences of Change</i>) and Schedule 9.2 (<i>Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)</i>) apply, the inputs to the Financial Model derived therefrom following an audit of a Run of the Financial Model; and; (b) in respect of the Operational Model, delivery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Operational Model dated the date of the Franchise Agreement; (ii) the Operational Model adjusted to the extent necessary to reflect any time elapsed between the actual Start Date and the date assumed to be the Start Date in the Initial Business Plan; and (iii) where Schedule 9.1 (<i>Financial and Other Consequences of Change</i>) and Schedule 9.2 (<i>Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)</i>) apply, audited following a Run of the Financial Model and updated with any Revised Inputs; and (c) NOT USED; (d) in respect of the Record of Assumptions, delivery thereof,

each in accordance with Schedule 9.2(*Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)*);

"Plan" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 14.1(c) of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*);

"Plan of the Day" means, in relation to each day during the Franchise Term, the Passenger Services scheduled to be operated on that day through specification in the Timetable or as notified to the Franchisee by the Infrastructure Manager from time to time prior to 2200 on the previous day;

"Planned Delivery Date" shall have the meaning given to such term in paragraph 1.4 of Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*);

"Planned Train Mileage" means the aggregate train mileage planned during each Reporting Period by each train used in the provision of the Passenger Services (excluding, any train mileage planned as a result of positioning or other movements of rolling stock vehicles outside the Timetable);

"Power of Attorney" or "POA" means the power of attorney granted by the Franchisee in favour of the Secretary of State in the agreed terms marked **POA**;

"PPM" or "Public Performance Measure" means the public performance measure relating to the Franchise as produced and/or published by Network Rail;

"Preceding thirteen (13) Reporting Periods" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

"Preceding Year Ticket Price" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*);

"Pre-condition" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 8.1 of Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*);

"Preliminary Database" means such database as may reasonably be put in place by the Secretary of State prior to making any RPC Database available to the Franchisee, as part of the development of the RPC Database;

"Previous Franchise Agreement" means any franchise agreement under which services equivalent to the Franchise Services (or a material proportion thereof) were provided by a Train Operator on or about the day prior to the Start Date;

"Previous Franchisee" means London & South Eastern Railway Limited with company number: 04860660 of 3rd Floor, 41-51 Grey Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 6EE, trading as South Eastern;

"Previous Franchisee" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of

**ITSO Smartmedia
Ticketing Scheme"**

Schedule 5.9 (*Smart Ticketing*);

"Price"

means, in respect of any Fare, the price of such Fare before the deduction of any applicable discount to which a purchaser may be entitled, as notified to RSP in accordance with Schedule 5 (*Fares and Smart Ticketing*) to the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

**"Primary Franchise
Assets"**

means:

- (a) the property, rights and liabilities of the Franchisee listed in Appendix 1 (List of Primary Franchise Assets) to Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*); and
- (b) any other property, rights and liabilities of the Franchisee which is or are designated as such pursuant to Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*),

but excluding such property, rights or liabilities as may, in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement, cease to be so designated;

**"Principles of
Inclusive Design"**

means planning, designing, building and managing places, while having due regard and a proportionate response to stakeholder views obtained through consultation or otherwise, so that they work better for everybody and reflect the diversity of the people who use them as embodied in the document published by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment in 2006 with the title "**The Principles of Inclusive Design**" (as revised from time to time");

"Prior Train Operator"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 2.2 (*Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases*);

"Priority Station"

has the meaning given to it paragraph 6.3 of Schedule 1.7 (*Stations*);

"PRM TSI"

means the EU's Regulation (EU) No 1300/2014 of 18 November 2014 (as amended from time to time) on the technical specifications for interoperability relating to accessibility of the European Union's rail system for persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility;

**"Profit Share
Components"**

has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 1.1(a) of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*);

"Projected Revenue"

means the revenue in any Fare Year which is projected to be attributable to any Fare, determined in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 5.4

(Regulation of Fares Basket Values);

“Property Lease”

means any Depot Lease, any lease in respect of a Managed Station Area, any lease in respect of Shared Facilities or any Station Lease and any agreement or lease of a similar or equivalent nature (whether in respect of any such facility or otherwise) which the Franchisee may enter into with a person who has an interest in a network or a railway facility which is to be used for or in connection with the provision or operation of the Franchise Services;

“Protected Fare”

means a Protected Return Fare or a Protected Weekly Season Ticket including any HS1 Fare which is a Protected Return Fare or a Protected Weekly Season Ticket;

“Protected Fares Basket”

means the grouping of Protected Fares:

- (a) determined by the Secretary of State pursuant to Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*);
- (b) for the purposes of regulating their aggregate Prices in accordance with Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*);
- (c) amended by the Secretary of State from time to time in accordance with Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*); and
- (d) set out in the Protected Fares Document;

“Protected Fares Document” or “PFD”

means the document in the agreed terms marked **PFD**, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*);

“Protected Proposal”

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*);

“Protected Return Fare”

means in respect of a Fare for a Flow:

- (a) for which there was a Saver Return Fare in February 2003, a Return Fare for each such Flow in respect of which the Franchisee is entitled or obliged from time to time to set the Price under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement, subject to the following additional rights and restrictions:
 - (i) it shall be valid for no less than one (1) month;
 - (ii) it shall be valid all day on a Saturday or Sunday and from no later than 1030 on any other day;

- (iii) it need not be valid for any journey:
 - (A) beginning between 1500 and 1900 on any day other than a Saturday or Sunday;
 - (B) where such journey begins from a London Station or any station between any London Station and Reading station, Watford station, Luton station, or Stevenage station (inclusively); and
 - (C) which is in a direction away from London; or
- (b) for which there was no Saver Return Fare in February 2003, a Return Fare for each such Flow in respect of which the Franchisee is entitled or obliged from time to time to set the Price under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement,

except in each case to the extent that a Return Fare for any such Flow is a Commuter Fare;

"Protected Weekly Season Ticket"

means a Weekly Season Ticket for any Flow for which there was a weekly season ticket in the fares manuals and systems of the RSP in February 2003, and in respect of which the Franchisee is entitled or obliged, from time to time, to set the Price of under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement except to the extent that a Weekly Season Ticket for any such Flow is a Commuter Fare;

"PRPI"

shall have the meaning given to such term in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

"PRRPI"

shall have the meaning given to such term in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

"Public Communication Service Provider"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 13.3 (*Mobile Communications Service*);

"Public Sector Operator"

means any person (other than a franchisee or franchise operator in relation to the services provided or operated under its franchise agreement) who provides railway passenger services or operates any station or light maintenance depot pursuant to or under section 30 of the Act or section 6 of the Railways Act 2005;

"Qualifying Change"

means a Change which:

- (a) following a Run of the Financial Model (where

Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*) applies) in accordance with Schedule 9 (*Changes and Variations*) results in adjustments in Franchise Payments over the remaining life of the Franchise Agreement that have a net present value as at the date of the Change in excess of the Threshold Amount for the Franchisee Year during which the relevant Change arises. For the purposes of ascertaining a net present value of the amount of any adjustment in any Franchise Payment, the amount of the adjustment shall be discounted at the prevailing discount rate per annum (in real terms) stated in HM Treasury's "**Green Book Appraisal Guidelines**", counting back from the date of receipt of that adjusted Franchise Payment to the date of the Change. As at the date of the Franchise Agreement that rate is [three point five per cent] ([3.5%])²⁹; or

- (b) the Franchise Agreement expressly provides shall be a Qualifying Change;

"Quarterly Season Ticket"

means a Season Ticket Fare which is valid in Standard Class Accommodation from (and including) the day it first comes into effect until (but excluding) the day which falls three (3) months after such day;

"Rail Delivery Group" or "RDG"

means the Rail Delivery Group Limited (company number 08176197) (including any of its successors and assigns) whose principal place of business is at 2nd Floor, 200-202 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4HD, which is responsible for preserving and enhancing the benefits for passengers of Britain's national rail network policy formulation and communications on behalf of the whole rail industry;

"Rail Franchise"

has the meaning given to it in clause 15.1 (*Competition*);

"Rail Industry Sustainable Development Principles"

means the principles which were published by the Rail Safety and Standards Board in February 2009 as amended from time to time;

"Rail Safety and Standards Board" or "RSSB"

means Rail Safety and Standards Board Limited, a company registered in England with registered number 04655675 whose registered office is at The Helicon, 4th Floor, One South Place, London, EC2M 2RB;

"Rail Safety and Standards Board"

means the online self-assessment framework against the Rail Industry Sustainable Development Principles

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Note to Bidders: To be confirmed at the signature date of the Franchise Agreement.

Sustainable Development Self-Assessment Framework

published by the Rail Safety and Standards Board;

"Railway Group"

means the committee responsible for cross industry co-ordination in respect of rail safety legislation and industry safety standards chaired by the Rail Safety and Standards Board;

"Railway Operational Code"

has the meaning given to it in Condition H of the Network Rail Network Code;

"Railway Passenger Services"

means, for the purposes of Schedule 5 (*Fares and Smart Ticketing*) only, services for the carriage of passengers by railway which are provided by a person who is bound by the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement, or any part of it, and including the Franchisee and any other Train Operator from time to time;

"Railways Pension Scheme"

means the pension scheme established by the Railways Pension Scheme Order 1994 (No. 1433);

"Rainham Services"

means the two trains per hour passenger service from Gillingham to London Charing Cross/Cannon Street;

"Re-inspection Failure"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"Reconciliation Amount"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 10.9 Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*);

"Record of Assumptions" or "ROA"

means a document in the agreed terms marked **ROA** prepared by the Franchisee (and/or, where Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*) applies) as may be revised in accordance with Schedule 9 (*Changes and Variations*) and Placed in Escrow providing:

- (a) detailed assumptions, explanations of assumptions and parameters underlying the Financial Model;
- (b) details of how Franchise Payments have been calculated (including by reference to a defined annual profit margin);
- (c) a description of the functionality, operation and structure of the Financial Model; and
- (d) a description of each input cell, its requirements and its inter-relationship with the Financial Model;

"Redactions"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 10.1 of Schedule 17 (*Confidentiality and Freedom of*

Information);

- "Reference Fare"** has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1(a) of Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*);
- "Reference Flow"** has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1(a) of Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*);
- "Reference Revenue"** means the aggregate Gross Revenue recorded by RSP as attributable to sales of all Commuter Fares or Protected Fares for the period of twelve (12) months which ended 31 March 2015 or such other reference period as the Secretary of State may require pursuant to paragraph 3.1(a) of Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*);
- "Regulated Child Price"** means the Child Price that is permitted to be charged by the Franchisee in respect of any Fare in any Fare Year as specified in paragraph 1.3 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*);
- "Regulated Price"** means the Price that is permitted to be charged by the Franchisee in respect of any Fare in any Fare Year, determined in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*);
- "Regulated Qualifications Framework"** means the Regulated Qualifications Framework introduced by Ofqual on 1 October 2015 as located at the date of this agreement at <https://www.gov.uk/find-a-regulated-qualification>;
- "Regulated Value"** means the Value of any Fares Basket that is permitted in any Fare Year, determined in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*);
- "Regulations"** has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.2 of Schedule 2.5 (*Transport, Travel and Other Schemes*);
- "Relevant Agreement"** means any Property Lease or Access Agreement in relation to any stations or network which may be used from time to time by the Franchisee in connection with the Franchise Services, as replaced or amended from time to time. If and to the extent that:
- (a) following the effective date of any Charge Variation, the Franchisee enters into any Replacement Agreement;
 - (b) the effect of that Charge Variation is reflected in the terms of the Replacement Agreement; and

- (c) the Secretary of State has consented to such Replacement Agreement being entered into and constituting a Replacement Agreement for the purposes of this definition,

then the Replacement Agreement shall be deemed to be a Relevant Agreement;

"Relevant Credit Rating"

means a credit rating of:

- (a) **A- (or better) (A minus or better)** by Standard and Poor's Corporation or Fitch Ratings Limited in respect of long term senior debt; or
- (b) **A3 (or better)** by Moody's Investors Service Inc. in respect of long term senior debt; or
- (c) if any credit rating specified in paragraph (a) or (b) ceases to be published or made available or there is a material change in the basis of any such credit rating, such other rating or standard as the Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Franchisee, determine to be appropriate in the circumstances;

"Relevant Delay"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 2.2 (*Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases*);

"Relevant Profit"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.2 of Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*);

"Relevant Profit Report"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*);

"Relevant Reporting Period"

has, for the purposes of paragraph 5.3 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) only, the meaning given to it in that paragraph;

"Relevant Rolling Stock"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 2.2 (*Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases*);

"Relevant Successor Operator"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.2 of Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*);

"Relevant Tax Authority"

means HM Revenue & Customs, or, if applicable, a tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Affected Party is established;

"Relevant Term"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1(a) of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*);

"Remedial Agreement"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a*

Contravention of the Franchise Agreement);

"Remedial Plan" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.1(b) of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*);

"Remedial Plan Notice" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*);

"Replacement Agreement" means an agreement entered into as a replacement for any Relevant Agreement;

"Replacement Copy" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.2(b) of Schedule 9.2 (*Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)*);

"Replacement Performance Bond" means any performance bond issued or to be issued following the issue of the Initial Performance Bond by a Bond Provider to the Secretary of State which complies with the requirements of paragraph 4.2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

"Replacement Sub-Lease" means the document in the agreed terms marked **RSL**;

"Reporting Period" means:

(a) for the purposes of the Season Ticket Bond, any consecutive seven (7) day period or any other period, each within a Reporting Period (as defined in paragraph (b)) agreed in accordance with paragraph 5.10 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*); or

(b) for all other purposes, a period of twenty eight (28) days, provided that:

(i) the first such period during the Franchise Period shall exclude any days up to but not including the Start Date;

(ii) the first and last such period in any Reporting Year may be varied by up to seven (7) days by notice from the Secretary of State to the Franchisee;

(iii) each such period shall start on the day following the last day of the preceding such period; and

(iv) the last such period during the Franchise Period shall end at the end of the Franchise Period;

"Reporting Year" means a period normally commencing on 1 April in each calendar year, comprising thirteen (13)

	consecutive Reporting Periods;
"Request for Information"	means a request for information or an apparent request under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations;
"Required Improvement"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>);
"Required Performance Improvement"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 26.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"RPI"	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
"Retail Prices Index"	means the retail prices index for the whole economy of the United Kingdom and for all items as published from time to time by the Office for National Statistics as "RPI" or, if such index shall cease to be published or there is, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, a material change in the basis of the index or if, at any relevant time, there is a delay in the publication of the index, such other retail prices index as the Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Franchisee, determine to be appropriate in the circumstances;
"Revenue Share Adjustment"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"Revenue Share Reconciliation Date"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"Revenue Support Adjustment"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"Revenue Support Reconciliation Date"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>);
"Revised Proposal"	shall have the meaning given to it it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Return Fare"	means a Fare which entitles the purchaser to make, without further restrictions as to the time of day for which the Fare is valid, a journey in each direction in Standard Class Accommodation between the stations and/or the zones for which such Fare is valid and which expires no earlier than 0200 hours on the day

after the day of the outward journey or, if later, the time the relevant return journey may be completed if commenced before 0200 hours;

“Review Date”

means:

- (a) [INSERT DATE]; or
- (b) such later date as may be notified to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State pursuant to clause 4.2 or clause 4.3 of the Conditions Precedent Agreement;

“Review Procedures”

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.5 of Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*);

“Revised Inputs”

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4.2 of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*);

“Revised RV Asset Transfer Values”

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.4(c) of Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*);

“Right Time Figures”

means the moving annual average percentage published by Network Rail in respect of the Right Time Measure, rounded to one (1) decimal place;

“Right Time Measure”

means the Right Time Measure as produced and/or published by Network Rail and/or the ORR showing the number of Passenger Services (expressed as a percentage of the number of Passenger Services which are scheduled to be provided under the Plan of the Day) which arrive at their final scheduled destination in the Plan of the Day either early or no more than 59 seconds late;

“Rolling Stock Lease”

means any agreement for the leasing of rolling stock vehicles to which the Franchisee is a party as at the Start Date and any agreement of a similar or equivalent nature (including, any agreement or arrangement for the subleasing, hiring, licensing or other use of rolling stock vehicles) to which the Franchisee is a party from time to time during the Franchise Term whether in addition to, or replacement or substitution for, in whole or in part, any such agreement;

“Rolling Stock Related Contract”

means any Rolling Stock Lease, Maintenance Contract or Technical Support Contract;

“Rolling Stock Units”

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1(c) of Schedule 10.3 (*Force Majeure and Business Continuity*);

“ROSCO”

means any company leasing rolling stock vehicles to the Franchisee under a Rolling Stock Lease;

“Route”

means any route specified in the Timetable over which the Franchisee has permission to operate the

Passenger Services pursuant to any Track Access Agreement;

"Route Efficiency Benefit Share (REBS) Mechanism" or "REBS Mechanism"

means the route level efficiency benefit sharing mechanism introduced by the ORR in its determination for the control period commencing on 1 April 2014 or any similar arrangement under which the benefits of any outperformance (or downsides of failure to achieve efficiency targets) are to be shared between Network Rail and Train Operators at route level;

"Route Map"

means a map (which may be a topological map) showing each of the Routes and each Other Passenger Route Within the Geographical Area meeting the requirements set out in paragraph 10 of Schedule 1.4 (*Passenger Facing Obligations*);

"RPC Database"

means a database to be provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to and on the terms of paragraph 7.1 of Schedule 1.5 (*Information about Passengers*) containing rail passenger counts information and providing analytical reporting tools or such other functionality as the Secretary of State may decide from time to time;

"RPIX"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.2(a) of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"RSP"

means Rail Settlement Plan Limited;

"RSPS3002"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.9 (*Smart Ticketing*);

"Run of the Financial Model"

means a run of the Financial Model with the Revised Inputs which complies with the requirements of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*);

"RV Asset Transfer Values"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.4(c) of Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*);

"Safeguarding Strategy"

means a safeguarding strategy to promote and enforce the principles and measures set out in the Safeguarding on Rail Audit and approved by the British Transport Police;

"Safeguarding on Rail Audit"

means the principles and measures to protect vulnerable children and adults at risk on rail transport, published by the British Transport Police (as amended or replaced from time to time);

"Safety Authorisation"

means the authorisation issued by the ORR under the Safety Regulations authorising the Franchisee's safety management system (as defined in those regulations) and the provisions adopted by the Franchisee to meet the requirements that are necessary to ensure safe design, maintenance and

operation of the relevant infrastructure on the Routes (including HS1);

"Safety Certificate" means the certificate issued by the ORR under the Safety Regulations, certifying its acceptance of the Franchisee's safety management system (as defined in those regulations) and the provisions adopted by the Franchisee to meet the requirements that are necessary to ensure safe operation on the Routes;

"Safety Regulations" means the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (as amended pursuant to the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2006);

"Saver Return Fare" means a Return Fare which is shown as a saver fare in the fares manuals and systems of the RSP as at the date of such manuals;

"Scheduled Consist Data" means information as to the type of individual vehicles of rolling stock that have been scheduled by the Franchisee to form a train in the Train Fleet for any particular Passenger Service and the manner in which they are scheduled to be configured;

"Season Ticket Bond" means the season ticket bond to be provided to the Secretary of State in respect of the Franchisee's liabilities under certain Fares and Season Ticket Fares in the form set out in Appendix 2 (Form of Season Ticket Bond) to Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) and such other bond as may replace it from time to time under Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);

"Season Ticket Fare" means:

- (a) for the purposes of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) and the definition of Season Ticket Bond only, a Fare which entitles the purchaser to make an unlimited number of journeys in any direction during the period for which, and between the stations and/or the zones for which, such Fare is valid; and
- (b) for all other purposes, a Fare which entitles the purchaser to make, without further restriction except as to class of accommodation, an unlimited number of journeys in any direction during the period for which, and between the stations and/or the zones for which, such Fare is valid;

"Second Profit Share Threshold" or "SPST" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1(b) of Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*);

"Secretary of State Risk Assumptions" means those assumptions set out in Schedule 9.4 (*Secretary of State Risk Assumptions*);

"Secretary of the" means the person appointed as the secretary of the

Access Disputes Committee	Access Disputes Committee from time to time;
"Secure Car Parks Accreditation"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.4 of Schedule 1.7 (<i>Stations</i>);
"Secure Car Parks Scheme"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.4 of Schedule 1.7 (<i>Stations</i>);
"Secure Stations Accreditation"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.4 of Schedule 1.7 (<i>Stations</i>);
"Secure Stations Scheme"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.4 of Schedule 1.7 (<i>Stations</i>);
"Security Breach"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.3(c)(i) of Schedule 1.5 (<i>Information about Passengers</i>);
"Security Interest"	means any mortgage, pledge, lien, hypothecation, security interest or other charge or encumbrance or any other agreement or arrangement having substantially the same economic effect;
"Service Group"	has the meaning given to it in the Track Access Agreement or as specified by the Secretary of State from time to time;
"Service Quality Area"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Service Quality Failure"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Service Quality Indicator"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Service Quality Inspection"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Service Quality Payment"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Service Quality Regime" or "SQR"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Service Quality Re-inspection"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Service Quality Schedules"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Service Recovery Plan"	means, in the event of a prevention or restriction of access to the track or a section of the track (howsoever caused) which results in any Cancellation, Partial Cancellation, and/or any Passenger Service being operated with less Passenger Carrying Capacity than the Passenger Carrying Capacity specified for such Passenger Service in the Train Plan, a plan implemented by the

Franchisee:

- (a) to minimise the disruption arising from such prevention or restriction of access by operating, during such period of disruption, the best possible level of service given such disruption, including by:
- (i) keeping service intervals to reasonable durations;
 - (ii) keeping extended journey times to reasonable durations; and
 - (iii) managing any resulting overcrowding;
- (b) to:
- (i) return the level of service to that level specified in the Timetable as soon as reasonably practicable; and
 - (ii) prior to the attainment of the level of service specified in paragraph (b)(i) operate any reduced level of service agreed with the relevant Infrastructure Manager for the purpose of minimising such disruption pursuant to paragraph (a);
- (c) in accordance with the principles of service recovery set out in the **"Approved Code of Practice: Contingency Planning for Train Service Recovery - Service Recovery 2013"** or any document of a similar or equivalent nature; and
- (d) where the particulars of such plan in relation to the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) have been:
- (i) agreed at an initial and, where required, subsequent telephone conference between the Franchisee, the relevant Infrastructure Manager and any other affected Train Operator; and
 - (ii) on each occasion, recorded in an official control log by the relevant Region Control Manager (or equivalent) of the relevant Infrastructure Manager,

and prevention or restriction of access to the track or a section of the track shall have the meaning given to that term in paragraph 1(a)(i) of Schedule 10.3 (*Force Majeure and Business Continuity*);

"Settlement Proposal"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 4 (<i>Accessibility and Inclusivity</i>);
"Shared Facilities"	means those facilities in respect of which the Franchisee and an Infrastructure Manager carry out their respective activities concurrently;
"Short Formation Benchmark"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Short Formation Benchmark Table"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Short Formation Peak Passenger Service"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
"Short Formation Performance Sum"	means an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 22.5 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) which is payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State;
"Short Formation Figures"	means the number of Passenger Services in any Reporting Period formed with less than the required Passenger Carrying Capacity specified in the Train Plan;
"Significant Alterations"	shall, in relation to any proposed new or amended Timetable, include alterations from the then current Timetable which result in, or are likely to result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the addition or removal of railway passenger services; (b) changes to stopping patterns or destinations or origin; (c) changes of timings for first/last trains by more than 10 minutes; (d) changes to clockface (or near clockface) service patterns (meaning the provision of railway passenger services at a specified time or times relative to the hour); and/or (e) significant changes to journey times and/or key connections at the Stations or at other stations at which relevant railway passenger services call by more than 10 minutes;
"Single Fare"	means a Fare which entitles the purchaser to make, without further restrictions as to the time of day for which the Fare is valid, on any one (1) day, one (1) journey in Standard Class Accommodation between the stations and/or the zones for which the Fare is valid;
"SKA Rating Standard"	means the recognised environmental assessment tool known as "SKA Rating" for sustainable fit outs published by the Royal Institute of Chartered

Surveyors;

"Skills and Leadership Strategy"

means the skills and leadership strategy of the Franchisee required to be implemented pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*) as it may be revised pursuant to such paragraph;

"Small and Medium-sized Enterprises" or "SMEs"

means any individual micro, small or medium sized enterprise meeting the requirements set out in EU Recommendation 2003/36 and broadly falling into one of three categories, based on a combination of:

- (a) the number of employees; and
- (b) either its turnover or its balance sheet total;

The three categories are:

Company category	Employees	Turnover or	Balance sheet total
Medium	<250	≤ €50m	≤ €43m
Small	<50	≤ €10m	≤ €10m
Micro	<10	≤ €2m	≤ €2m

"Smart Ticketing Scheme"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.9 (*Smart Ticketing*);

"SoS Audits"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"SoS Nominee"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"SoS Service Quality Inspection"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"SoS Service Quality Inspection Period"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"South East Digital Steering Board"

means Network Rail's steering board in relation to the development and implementation of digital rail technology on the railway;

"South Eastern Railway Brand"

means a brand (which may include sub-brands for specific Routes or types of Passenger Services) which is either:

- (a) created by the Franchisee; or
- (b) acquired by the Franchisee from the Previous Franchisee or otherwise,

provided always that such brand constitutes Neutral

	Branding;
"Spares"	means parts and components of rolling stock vehicles which are available for the purpose of carrying out maintenance services on rolling stock vehicles;
"Specifically Included Change of Law"	has the meaning given to it in the definition of Change of Law;
"Specified Additional Rolling Stock"	has the meaning given in paragraph 2.1(b) of Schedule 1.6 (<i>The Rolling Stock</i>);
"Specimen Scheme"	means the Committed Obligations set out in paragraphs [INSERT LIST ³⁰] of Part 1 (Committed Obligations) of Schedule 6.2 (<i>Committed Obligations</i>);
"Specimen Scheme Output"	means, for each Specimen Scheme, the output intended to be achieved by that Specimen Scheme, as set out in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 (Committed Obligations) of Schedule 6.2 (<i>Committed Obligations</i>);
"Sponsor"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 13.1 of Schedule 6.1 (<i>Franchise Specific Obligations</i>);
"SQR Benchmark"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"SQR Customer Service"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"SQR Customer Service Benchmark"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"SQR Management System"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"SQR Register"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"SQR Station"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"SQR Station Benchmark"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"SQR Train"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"SQR Train"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of

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Note to Bidders: To be populated by the DfT taking into account the schemes proposed by Bidders in their Schedule of Initiatives.

"Benchmark"	Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
"Stakeholder"	means the Passengers' Council and any relevant Local Authority and organisations who can reasonably be considered to have a legitimate and proper interest in the Passenger Services including Community Rail Partnerships representing Community Rail Routes designated as such by the Secretary of State;
"Standard Class Accommodation"	means, in respect of any train or service, accommodation which is available to the purchaser of any Fare which, taking into account any rights or restrictions relating to that Fare (other than restrictions relating to accommodation on that train or service), entitles such purchaser to make a journey on that train or service (provided that any accommodation on such train which may have been reserved by such purchaser shall be deemed to have been made so available if, had it not been so reserved, it would have been available for use by such purchaser);
"Standard Occupational Classification Codes"	means the codes published in the Standard Occupational Classification 2010 as provided by the Office for National Statistics which can be found at https://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/classifications/standards/standardoccupationalclassificationsoc/soc2010/soc2010volume2thestructureandcodingindex ;
"Start Date"	means the time and date stated in the Certificate of Commencement as being the time at and date on which the Franchisee is to commence operating the Franchise Services, which shall be the later of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 02:00 on 1 April 2019; or (b) such time and date as may be notified to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State pursuant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Clause 4.2 of the Conditions Precedent Agreement; or (ii) Clause 4.3 of the Conditions Precedent Agreement; or (c) such time and date as may be notified to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State pursuant to clause 5.3(a) of this Agreement;
"Start Date Transfer Scheme"	has the meaning given to it in Clause 6.1 of the Conditions Precedent Agreement;
"Station"	means:

- (a) any station in respect of which the Franchisee has entered into a Station Lease; or
- (b) any New Station at which the Franchisee becomes the Facility Owner;

"Station Access Conditions"

has the meaning given to it in the relevant Access Agreement to which it relates;

"Station Asset Management Plan"

means the plan created by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 1 of Schedule 1.7 (*Stations*) and as amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1.7 (*Stations*);

"Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation"

means the certification of the Franchisee's station asset management organisation and systems for Stations as complying with the requirements of ISO55001:2014 (or such other reasonably equivalent standard as may be approved in writing by the Secretary of State from time to time in place of ISO55001:2014);

"Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation Certificate"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.11(b) of Schedule 1.7 (*Stations*);

"Station Change"

has the meaning given to the term "Proposal for Change" under the HS1 Station Access Conditions or "Change" under the Station Access Conditions, as applicable;

"Station Charge Adjustment"

means any adjustment to payments under an Access Agreement determined in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.3 (*Track Access Adjustments and Station Charge Adjustments*);

"Station Lease" or "SL"

means:

- (a) any lease of a station that the Franchisee is a party to as at the Start Date; or
- (b) a lease of any other station to which the Franchisee becomes the Facility Owner at any time during the Franchise Period;

"Station Service"

means any service specified in paragraph 2 of Part 1 (Franchise Services) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*) which may be provided by the Franchisee at the Stations;

"Station Service Quality Inspection"

shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (*Service Quality Regime*);

"Station Social and Commercial Development Plan" or "SCDP"

means the Franchisee's station social and commercial development plan in the agreed terms marked **SCDP**, as such plan may be updated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Schedule 1.7 (*Stations*);

"Station Sublease"

means a lease or sub lease of premises comprising part or parts of a Station exclusively occupied by another Train Operator;

"Stored Credit Balance"

means any monetary amount held by the Franchisee which a passenger can apply at a future date to the purchase of a Fare (and stored in any medium);

"Subcontractor"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7.3 (b) of Schedule 1.5 (*Information about Passengers*);

"Subsequent Reporting Stage"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Suburban Station"

means any station which is not a London Station and which is listed below or is closer to London than (and on the same line as) the following stations:

- (a) Shoeburyness;
- (b) Southend Victoria;
- (c) Southminster;
- (d) Marks Tey (excluding Sudbury branch);
- (e) Audley End (but not including Stansted Airport);
- (f) Ashwell & Morden;
- (g) Arlesey, Harlington;
- (h) Bletchley (excluding Bedford branch);
- (i) Aylesbury;
- (j) Haddenham & Thame Parkway;
- (k) Twyford (including Henley branch);
- (l) Windsor & Eton Riverside;
- (m) Earley;
- (n) Fleet;
- (o) Alton;
- (p) Whitley;
- (q) Christ's Hospital, Brighton (excluding Coastway);
- (r) East Grinstead;
- (s) Crowborough;
- (t) Wadhurst;
- (u) Paddock Wood (including the line between Strood and Paddock Wood);
- (v) Maidstone East;
- (w) Canterbury East; and
- (x) Margate;

"Successor Operator"

means a Train Operator succeeding or intended by the Secretary of State to succeed (and whose identity is notified to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State) the Franchisee in the provision or operation of all or any of the Franchise Services including, where the context so admits, the Franchisee where it is to continue to provide or operate the Franchise Services

following termination of the Franchise Agreement;

"Successor Operator Timetable"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.2(a) of Schedule 14.1 (*Maintenance of Franchise*);

"Suicide Prevention Strategy"

means the 'From Crisis to Care' strategy document for the period 2016-2019 (as amended or replaced from time to time) published by the British Transport Police;

"Suicide Prevention Duty Holders' Group's 9 Point Plan"

means the best practice plan established and published by the "cross-industry suicide prevention group", setting out nine deliverables aimed at suicide reduction (as amended or replaced from time to time);

"Supplemental Agreement"

means a supplemental agreement between the Franchisee and a Successor Operator to be entered into pursuant to a Transfer Scheme, being substantially in the form of Appendix 2 (Template Form of Supplemental Agreement) to Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*), but subject to such amendments as the Secretary of State may reasonably make thereto as a result of any change of circumstances (including any Change of Law) affecting such supplemental agreement between the date of the Franchise Agreement and the date on which the relevant Transfer Scheme is made and subject further to paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*);

"Sustainable Development Strategy"

means the Franchisee's strategy for sustainable development for the Franchise as agreed or determined pursuant to paragraph 10.1(b) of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*) including as a minimum: the matters listed in paragraph 10.1(a) of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*), key aims, resources, risks and details of how sustainable development will be embedded in the governance of the Franchise and investment decisions (as revised from time to time);

"Target Passenger Demand"

means the higher of Actual Passenger Demand and Forecast Passenger Demand or any other level of passenger demand specified by the Secretary of State not being greater than the higher of Actual Passenger Demand or Forecast Passenger Demand;

"Target Performance Level"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Target Revenue"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8.6 (Forecast Revenue Mechanism);

"Target Revenue Amounts"

means the amounts of Target Revenue for each Franchisee Year specified in the table set out in Appendix 1 (*Target Revenue*) to Schedule 8.6

(Forecast Revenue Mechanism);

"Taxation"	means any kind of tax, duty, levy or other charge whether or not similar to any in force at the date of the Franchise Agreement and whether imposed by a local, governmental or other competent authority in the United Kingdom or elsewhere;
"TDR Amendment"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 12.8 of Part 2 (Service Development) of Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>);
"Technical Support Contract"	means a contract for technical support to which the Franchisee is a party, relating to the rolling stock vehicles used in the provision of the Passenger Services;
"Tendering/Reletting Process"	means either of the processes described in paragraph 1.1 and 1.2 of Schedule 15.1 (<i>Reletting Provisions</i>);
"Termination Event"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Schedule 10.2 (<i>Events of Default and Termination Events</i>);
"Termination Notice"	means a notice from the Secretary of State to the Franchisee terminating the Franchise Agreement following an Event of Default or a Termination Event in accordance with Schedule 10.2 (<i>Events of Default and Termination Events</i>);
"Thameslink Operator"	means Govia Thameslink Railway Limited (company number 07934306) whose registered office is at 3rd Floor, 41-51 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6EE or any successor operator to such franchisee;
"Third Party Data"	means any information, data and materials that may be provided to the Secretary of State by any third party that relates to the Franchisee and which the Secretary of State decides (in his absolute discretion) to add to the RPC Database;
"Third Profit Share Threshold" or "TPST"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1(c) of Schedule 8.2 (<i>Profit Share Mechanism</i>);
"Threshold Amount"	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (Definition of Threshold Amount) to Schedule 9.1 (<i>Financial and Other Consequences of Change</i>);
"Through Ticketing (Non-Travelcard) Agreement"	means the agreement of that name referred to in paragraph 4.1(e) of Appendix 1 (List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes) to Schedule 2.5 (<i>Transport, Travel and Other Schemes</i>);
"Ticketing and Settlement Agreement"	means the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement dated 23 July 1995 between RSP, the Franchisee and the other Train Operators named therein, as amended from time to time with the approval of the

Secretary of State;

"Ticketless Travel Survey"

means the survey carried out by or on behalf of the Secretary of State in each Ticketless Travel Survey Period to determine the Ticketless Travel Rate for such period;

"Ticketless Travel Survey Methodology" or "TTSM"

means the document in the agreed terms marked **TTSM**;

"Ticketless Travel Survey Period"

means such day or days as are determined by the Secretary of State falling within each of the following periods:

- (a) the first to the sixth Reporting Period (inclusive) to fall in any Performance Calculation Year (for the purposes of Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*)) or in any Franchisee Year (for the purposes of Schedule 6.1 (*Franchise Specific Obligations*));
- (b) the seventh to the thirteenth Reporting Period (Inclusive) to fall in any Performance Calculation Year (for the purposes of Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*)) or in any Franchisee Year (for the purposes of Schedule 6.1 (*Franchise Specific Obligations*));

"T-3 Performance Sum"

means an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 22.7A of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or to be incurred (other than in respect of the Final Franchisee Year where the provisions of paragraph 29 shall apply) by the Franchisee (as the case may be);

"T-15 Performance Sum"

means an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 22.7B of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or to be incurred (other than in respect of the Final Franchisee Year where the provisions of paragraph 29 shall apply) by the Franchisee (as the case may be);

"Timetable"

means the timetable which reflects the working timetables issued by the Infrastructure Managers at the conclusion of their timetable development processes, containing the departure and arrival times of:

- (a) all Passenger Services which call at Stations and/or Franchisee Access Stations; and
- (b) principal Connections at those stations and other stations;

“Timetable Development Rights”

means all or any of the rights of the Franchisee under any Track Access Agreement to:

- (a) operate Passenger Services and ancillary movements by virtue of that Track Access Agreement;
- (b) deliver any required notification and/or declaration to the relevant Infrastructure Manager in respect of its intention to exercise any rights;
- (c) make or refrain from making any bids for Train Slots, in each case before any relevant priority dates provided for in, and in accordance with, the relevant Network Code;
- (d) surrender any Train Slots allocated to the Franchisee by the relevant Infrastructure Manager in accordance with the relevant Network Code;
- (e) object to, make representations, appeal or withhold consent in respect of any actual or proposed act or omission by the relevant Infrastructure Manager; and
- (f) seek from the Infrastructure Manager additional benefits as a condition to granting any consent to any actual or proposed act or omission by such Infrastructure Manager;

“Timetable Planning Rules”

has the meaning given to it in the relevant Network Code;

“Timetabled Services”

means any particular Passenger Service characterised by the day of the week (including Saturday and Sunday), time of day, origin station and destination and calling pattern which is scheduled to operate (for example, the 11:00 service departing Sheerness to London Victoria on a Sunday etc.);

“Timetabling and Train Planning Compliance Investigation”

has the meaning set out in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 1.2 (*Operating Obligations*);

“Time to 3 Minutes” or “T-3” or “Time to 3”

means the percentage of recorded station stops called at within three (3) minutes of the planned time relating to the Franchise as produced and/or published by Network Rail;

“Time to 15 Minutes” or “T-15” or “Time to 15”

means the percentage of recorded station stops called at within fifteen (15) minutes of the planned time relating to the Franchise as produced and/or published by Network Rail;

“Time to 15 Minutes Figures”

means the moving annual average percentage published by Network Rail in respect of Time to 15 Minutes, rounded to one (1) decimal

place;

"Time to 3 Minutes Figures"

means the moving annual average percentage published by Network Rail in respect of Time to 3 Minutes, rounded to one (1) decimal place;

"TOC Minute Delay Benchmark"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum"

means an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 22.4 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or to be incurred (other than in respect of the Final Franchisee Year, where the provisions of paragraph 29 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) shall apply) by the Franchisee (as the case may be);

"Total Actual Operating Costs"

means the sum of the Actual Operating Costs for the relevant Reporting Period and each of the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods during the Franchise Term (or the sum of the Actual Operating Costs for the relevant Reporting Period and all of the Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the Start Date where insufficient Reporting Periods have elapsed to enable the former calculation to be made);

"Total Forecast Modified Revenue"

means the sum of the Forecast Modified Revenue for each of the thirteen (13) Reporting Periods following the relevant Reporting Period (or, where there are less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods remaining in the Franchise Term, the remaining Reporting Periods);

"Total Forecast Operating Cost"

means the sum of the Forecast Operating Cost for each of the thirteen (13) Reporting Periods following the relevant Reporting Period (or, where there are less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods remaining in the Franchise Term, the remaining Reporting Periods);

"Total Modified Revenue"

means the sum of the Modified Revenue for the relevant Reporting Period and each of the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods during the Franchise Term (or the sum of the Modified Revenue for the relevant Reporting Period and all of the Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the Start Date where insufficient Reporting Periods have elapsed to enable the former calculation to be made);

"Track Access Adjustment"

means any adjustment to payments under a Track Access Agreement determined in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 8.3 (*Track Access Adjustments and Station Charge Adjustments*);

"Track Access"

means each Access Agreement between either

“Agreement”	Network Rail or HS1 Limited and the Franchisee which permits the Franchisee to provide the Passenger Services on track operated by Network Rail or by or on behalf of HS1 Limited;
“Train Fleet”	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the rolling stock vehicles described in or required by Schedule 1.6 (<i>The Rolling Stock</i>); and (b) any other rolling stock vehicles the Secretary of State consents to in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 1.6 (<i>The Rolling Stock</i>);
“Train Operator”	means a franchisee or franchise operator, either of which operate railway passenger services pursuant to a franchise agreement or a Public Sector Operator;
“Train Plan” or “TP”	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 10 of Part 2 (Service Development) of Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>);
“Train Service Quality Inspection”	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>);
“Train Service Requirement” or “TSR”	means the train service requirement more particularly described in paragraph 9 of Part 2 (Service Development) of Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>) as such train service requirement may subsequently be amended or replaced in accordance with Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>);
“Train Slots”	shall have the meaning given to it in the relevant Network Code;
“Transaction”	has the meaning given to it in clause 15.1 (<i>Competition</i>);
“Transfer Scheme”	means a transfer scheme made by the Secretary of State under section 12 and Schedule 2 of the Railways Act 2005 (or equivalent statutory provision) pursuant to paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 15.4 (<i>Provisions applying on and after Termination</i>), being substantially in the form of Appendix 1 (Form of Transfer Scheme) to Schedule 15.4 (<i>Provisions applying on and after Termination</i>), but subject to such amendments as the Secretary of State may make thereto as a result of any change of Law affecting such transfer scheme or other change of circumstances between the date of the Franchise Agreement and the date on which such scheme is made;
“Transport Act”	means the Transport Act 2000;
“Transport for	means Transport for London as established under the

London” or “TfL”	Greater London Authority Act 1999;
“Transport Infrastructure Skills Strategy”	means the document of that name launched by the Department for Transport on 28 January 2016 (as located at the date of this Agreement at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-infrastructure-skills-strategy-building-sustainable-skills);
“Travelcard Agreement”	means the agreement of that name referred to in paragraph 4.1(d) of Appendix 1 (List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes) to Schedule 2.5 (<i>Transport, Travel and Other Schemes</i>);
“Traveline”	means the website available at: http://www.traveline.info (or such other applicable address that is adopted from time to time) which is provided by the partnership of transport companies, local authorities and passenger groups which have come together to bring the information on routes and timers for door to door travel by bus, rail, tube, tram, coach and ferry around Great Britain;
“Trustee”	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4.1 of Schedule 16 (<i>Pensions</i>);
“TSI”	means any Technical Standard for Interoperability with which the Franchisee is required to comply pursuant to Directives EU 96/48 and EU 2001/16 and related legislation;
“Turnaround Time”	means the time specified in the Train Plan between the completion of a Passenger Service in accordance with the Timetable and the commencement of the next Passenger Service in accordance with the Timetable on the same day using some or all of the same rolling stock vehicles;
“Turnover”	means, in relation to any period, the aggregate revenue (excluding any applicable Value Added Tax) accruing to the Franchisee from the sale of Fares, other revenue and the receipt of Franchise Payments during such period;
“Underspend”	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3(a) of Part 2 (Special Terms related to Committed Obligations) of Schedule 6.2 (<i>Committed Obligations</i>);
“Undisputed Cancellation”	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
“Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Cancellation”	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
“Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Partial	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);

Cancellation”

“Undisputed Partial Cancellation”

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock”³¹

has the meaning given in paragraph 2.3 of Schedule 1.6 (*The Rolling Stock*);

“User”

shall have the meaning given to it in the Station Access Conditions;

“Value”

means at any time the aggregate of the Projected Revenue of each Fare in a Fares Basket at that time;

“Value Added Tax”

means value added tax as provided for in the Value Added Tax Act 1994;

“Variation”

means a variation to the terms of the Franchise Agreement pursuant to paragraph 1 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*);

“VCAWE”

has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

“VCRPI”

has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

“Weekday”

means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a Bank Holiday;

“Weekly Season Ticket”

means a Season Ticket Fare which is valid in Standard Class Accommodation from (and including) the day it first comes into effect until (but excluding) the day which falls seven (7) days after such day;

“Yield Management Data”

means data collected by or on behalf of the Franchisee for the purpose of or in connection with managing or setting the prices at which any tickets for travel on the Passenger Services are sold and/or any quotas and/or restrictions applying to such tickets including:

- (a) the number of passengers travelling upon any particular Passenger Service;
- (b) the ticket types held by such passengers;

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Note to Bidders: Drafting to be adopted if the Bidders propose Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock as part of its rolling stock solution.

- (c) the prices paid by such passengers for such tickets; and
- (d) the dates and/or times between which such tickets were made available to purchase at such prices;

“Yield Management System”

means any system (whether a Computer System or otherwise) for the collection of Yield Management Data and/or onto which Yield Management Data is input, processed and/or held as such system may be amended or altered from time to time; and

“Zone”

means a zone set out in the map in Schedule 2 of the Travelcard Agreement on the date such agreement came into effect or as amended by agreement with the Secretary of State.

4. COMMENCEMENT

4.1 ³²All the clauses of this Agreement (save for clause 15 (*Competition*)) and the following Schedules of this Agreement shall take effect and be binding upon each of the Secretary of State and the Franchisee immediately upon signature of this Agreement:

- (a) paragraph 8 (Subcontracting any Passenger Services) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*);
- (b) paragraph 9 (Train Service Requirement – Purpose and Responsibility) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*);
- (c) paragraph 10 (Train Plan) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*);
- (d) paragraph 14.4 (Finalising the Train Plan) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*);
- (e) paragraph 4.3 (Publishing the Passenger’s Charter) of Schedule 1.4 (*Passenger Facing Obligations*);
- (f) Schedule 2.1 (*Asset Vesting and Transfer*);
- (g) paragraph 2 (Rolling Stock Related Contracts and Insurance Arrangements) and paragraph 3 (Cascaded Rolling Stock and Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan) of Schedule 2.2 (*Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases*);
- (h) paragraph 1 (Other Franchisees) of Schedule 2.3 (*Other Franchisees*);
- (i) paragraph 4.3 (Specific additional obligations relating to people with disabilities) of Schedule 4 (*Accessibility and Inclusivity*);

³² **Note to Bidders:** DfT to confirm. Provisions are subject to review and amendment to take account of bidder proposals and will be finalised at the signature date of the Franchise Agreement.

- (j) Schedule 5.1 (*Purpose, Structure and Construction*);
 - (k) Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*);
 - (l) Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*);
 - (m) Schedule 5.9 (*Smart Ticketing*);
 - (n) Schedule 6.4 (*Alliances*);
 - (o) paragraph 10 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);
 - (p) Schedule 9 (*Changes and Variations*);
 - (q) Schedule 10 (*Remedies, Events of Default and Termination Events*);
 - (r) paragraphs 1 (Corporate Information), 3 (Identification of Key Personnel and Provision of Organisation Chart), 5 (Maintenance of Records), 6 (Right to inspect) and 8 (Periodic Update Reports) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*);
 - (s) paragraph 4 (Performance Bond) of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*);
 - (t) paragraph 2.8 (Community Rail Partnerships) of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*);
 - (u) Schedule 14.3 (*Key Contracts*);
 - (v) Schedule 15.1 (*Reletting Provisions*);
 - (w) paragraph 1.1 (Handover Package Status) of Schedule 15.3 (*Handover Package*); and
 - (x) Schedule 17 (*Confidentiality and Freedom of Information*).
- 4.2 The other provisions of this Agreement (including clause 15 (*Competition*)) shall take effect and become binding upon the Parties on the Start Date, as stated in the Certificate of Commencement issued pursuant to the Conditions Precedent Agreement.

5. DURATION OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

5.1 This Agreement shall expire on the Expiry Date or on the date of any earlier termination pursuant to Clauses 4.2(b) or 4.3(b) of the Conditions Precedent Agreement or pursuant to Schedule 10 (Remedies, Events of Default and Termination Events).

5.2 Additional Reporting Periods

- (a) If the Secretary of State gives notice to the Franchisee by no later than 23:59 on 10 January 2027, the Franchise Agreement shall continue after such notice on the terms set out in the Franchise Agreement for not less than one and (subject to sub-clause 5.2(b) below) not more than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods following the date set out in limb (a) of the definition of Expiry Date, as the Secretary of State may stipulate.
- (b) Where the Secretary of State exercises his rights in accordance with clause 5.3 to amend the Expiry Date by a specified number of Reporting Periods then the maximum number of Reporting Periods by which the Franchise Term can be amended pursuant to clause 5.2(a) shall be reduced by the same number of Reporting Periods.

5.3 Amendment of Start Date/Expiry Date

- (a) The Secretary of State shall have the right on or before 1 March 2019 to serve notice on the Franchisee that the Start Date shall be a date later than 0200 on 1 April 2019. Such amended Start Date shall be 0200 on the first day of a Reporting Period and the latest such date that the Start Date can be amended to is 0200 on 13 October 2019. The Secretary of State may in such notice also require that the Expiry Date is amended to a later date. Such amended Expiry Date shall be 0200 on the first day of a Reporting Period and the same number of Reporting Periods after the unamended Expiry Date as the number of Reporting Periods that the amended Start Date is after the unamended Start Date.
- (b) Where the Secretary of State exercises his rights pursuant to clause 5.3(a) to amend the Start Date and/or the Expiry Date, he shall be entitled to make such other amendments to the terms of the Franchise Agreement as are reasonably consequential upon such amendments.

6. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

- 6.1 The Franchisee shall perform its obligations under the Franchise Agreement in accordance with its terms and with that degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would be exercised by a skilled and experienced Train Operator of the Franchise.
- 6.2 Any obligation on the part of the Franchisee to use "**all reasonable endeavours**" shall extend to consequent obligations adequately to plan and resource its activities, and to implement those plans and resources, with all due efficiency and economy.
- 6.3 The Franchisee shall co-operate with the Secretary of State and act reasonably and in good faith in and about the performance of its obligations and the exercise of its rights pursuant to the Franchise Agreement.
- 6.4 The Secretary of State shall act reasonably and in good faith in and about the performance of his obligations and the exercise of his rights pursuant to the Franchise Agreement.

7. ASSIGNMENT

- 7.1 The Franchisee shall not without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State assign, hold in trust for any other person, or grant a Security Interest in or over, the Franchise Agreement or any part hereof or any benefit or interest or right herein or hereunder (other than any right of the Franchisee to receive monies under a Supplemental Agreement).

8. CHANGE OF CONTROL AND FACILITATION FEE

- 8.1 A "**Change of Control**" is a change occurring in the identity of any one person, or two (2) or more persons acting by agreement, who may Control the Franchisee on and from the date of the Franchise Agreement and during the Franchise Term, which shall include a person, or two (2) or more persons acting by agreement, ceasing to Control the Franchisee at any time during the Franchise Term, whether or not any other person Controls the Franchisee at the same time and for the purposes of this clause 8, two (2) or more persons shall be deemed to be acting by agreement in relation to the Franchisee if, assuming the Franchisee was a target company as defined in the Companies Act 2006, such persons would be under an obligation to disclose an interest in shares in such company by virtue of an agreement between such persons.
- 8.2 Otherwise than in accordance with the prior consent of the Secretary of State given pursuant to clause 8.3, a Change of Control shall constitute an Event of Default pursuant to paragraph 1.3 of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*).
- 8.3 The Franchisee may, at any time, apply in writing to the Secretary of State for his consent to a Change of Control (as such term is defined pursuant to clause 8.1).

- 8.4 The Secretary of State may require the Franchisee to pay a fee in consideration of the grant of such consent (the "**Facilitation Fee**").
- 8.5 The Secretary of State may require the Franchisee to pay an additional fee in respect of the staff, professional and other costs incurred by the Secretary of State in connection with the Franchisee's application (the "**Administration Fee**"). The Administration Fee shall be payable whether or not the Secretary of State consents to the proposed Change of Control.
- 8.6 On or after submitting such application to the Secretary of State, the Franchisee will provide, and will procure that the seller and the buyer provide, the Secretary of State with such documentation and information as the Secretary of State may require to assess such application and the amount of the Facilitation Fee. Without limiting clauses 8.11 or 8.12, it shall be deemed to be reasonable for the Secretary of State to delay or withhold consent to the Change of Control where any such documentation is not provided.
- 8.7 The Facilitation Fee shall be a sum equal to the greater of:
- (a) one million pounds (£1,000,000); or
 - (b) where the Estimated Profit Stream is greater than the Bid Profit Stream five per cent (5%) of the difference between the Bid Profit Stream and the Estimated Profit Stream.
- 8.8 The Administration Fee shall be determined by the Secretary of State on the basis of:
- (a) the aggregate time spent by officials within the Secretary of State's Department on matters relating to such application;
 - (b) the Secretary of State's hourly scale rates for such officials, as varied from time to time; and
 - (c) the aggregate costs and disbursements, including where applicable VAT and professional costs, incurred by the Secretary of State in connection with such application.
- 8.9 Any determination by the Secretary of State for the purposes of clauses 8.7 or 8.8 shall in the absence of manifest error be final and binding as between the Secretary of State and the Franchisee (but without prejudice to the requirement of the Secretary of State to reasonably determine the Estimated Profit Stream).
- 8.10 Any consent by the Secretary of State to a Change of Control may be given subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State sees fit and the Franchisee shall, as applicable, comply with, and/or procure that the seller and/or the buyer comply with, any such conditions.
- 8.11 The Secretary of State shall have absolute discretion as to the grant of consent to any Change of Control and may accordingly refuse such consent for any reason he sees fit.
- 8.12 The Secretary of State shall have no liability whatever to the Franchisee in respect of any refusal of consent to a Change of Control, any delay in providing such consent, or any condition of such consent.

9. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- 9.1 The Franchisee shall at all times perform the Franchise Services and all its other obligations under the Franchise Agreement in accordance with all applicable Laws.

10. CUMULATIVE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

- 10.1 The rights and remedies of the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement are cumulative, may be exercised as often as he considers appropriate and are in addition to his rights and remedies under the general Law. The exercise of such rights and remedies shall not

limit the Secretary of State's right to make payment adjustments, claim damages in respect of contraventions of the Franchise Agreement or pursue any available remedies under general Law.

11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

11.1 Disputes under the Franchise Agreement

- (a) Wherever the Franchise Agreement provides that the Secretary of State may reasonably determine any matter, the Franchisee may, unless the Franchise Agreement expressly provides otherwise, dispute whether a determination made by the Secretary of State is reasonable, but the Secretary of State's determination shall prevail unless and until it is agreed or found to have been unreasonable.
- (b) Where either Party is entitled, pursuant to the terms of the Franchise Agreement, to refer a dispute arising out of or in connection with the Franchise Agreement for resolution or determination in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules, then such dispute shall, unless the Parties otherwise agree and subject to any duty of the Secretary of State under section 55 of the Act, be resolved or determined by arbitration pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Rules.
- (c) Where, in the absence of an express provision in the Franchise Agreement entitling it to do so, either Party wishes to refer a dispute arising out of or in connection with the Franchise Agreement to arbitration pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Rules, the following process shall apply:
 - (i) the Party seeking to refer to arbitration shall serve a written notice upon the other Party stating (i) the nature and circumstances of the dispute, (ii) the relief sought including, to the extent possible, an indication of any amount(s) claimed, and (iii) why it is considered that the dispute should be resolved by way of arbitration rather than litigation;
 - (ii) the other Party shall respond within twenty (20) Weekdays of service of the notice confirming whether or not referral of the dispute to arbitration is agreed. In the absence of any response, the referral to arbitration shall be deemed not to have been agreed;
 - (iii) in the event that the Parties agree to refer the dispute to arbitration then it shall be resolved or determined in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules;
 - (iv) in the event that the Parties do not agree to refer the dispute to arbitration then it shall be resolved or determined in accordance with clause 17 (*Governing Law and Jurisdiction*); and
 - (v) nothing in this clause 11.1 shall preclude either Party from commencing, continuing or otherwise taking any step by way of litigation in pursuit of the resolution or determination of the dispute unless an agreement is reached to refer the dispute to arbitration.
- (d) The arbitrator in any dispute referred for resolution or determination under the Dispute Resolution Rules shall be a suitably qualified person chosen by agreement between the Parties or, in default of agreement, chosen by the Secretary of the Access Disputes Committee from a panel of persons agreed from time to time for such purposes between the Secretary of State and the Franchisee or, in default of agreement as to the arbitrator or as to such panel, selected on the application of any Party by the President of the Law Society or the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales from time to time (or such other person to whom they may delegate such selection).

11.2 Disputes under other agreements

- (a) The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State of any disputes to which it is a party under any Inter-Operator Scheme, Access Agreement, Property Lease or Rolling Stock Related Contract, or under any other agreement in circumstances where the relevant dispute could have an adverse effect on the Franchisee's ability to comply with its obligations under the Franchise Agreement or on the provision of the Franchise Services and which have been submitted for resolution either to the courts or to any other procedure for dispute resolution provided for under such agreements.
- (b) Such notification shall be made both:
 - (i) at the time of such submission (and such notification shall include reasonable details of the nature of the dispute); and
 - (ii) at the time of the resolution of the dispute (whether or not subject to appeal) (and such notification shall include reasonable details of the result of the dispute, any associated award and whether it is subject to appeal).
- (c) The Franchisee shall provide such further details of any dispute referred to in clause 11.1(d) (*Dispute Resolution Procedure*) as the Secretary of State may reasonably request from time to time.

11.3 Disputes under Schedule 8 (Payments) of this Agreement

The Parties shall comply with the terms of paragraph 4 of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*) of this Agreement.

12. NOTICES

12.1 Notices

- (a) Any notice, notification or other communication under or in connection with the matters specified in Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) or any dispute under or in connection with the Franchise Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or recorded delivery or sent by pre-paid first class post to the relevant Party at the address for service set out below, or to such other address in the United Kingdom as each Party may specify by notice in writing to the other Party:

Name: The Department for Transport

Address: 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR

Email: franchise.notices@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Attention:³³ The Manager – South Eastern

Name:³⁴ [INSERT COMPANY NAME OF FRANCHISEE]

Address:³⁵ [INSERT BUSINESS ADDRESS OF FRANCHISEE]

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Email:³⁶ [INSERT FRANCHISEE CONTACT'S EMAIL ADDRESS]

Attention:³⁷ [INSERT NAME OF CONTACT AT FRANCHISEE].

- (b) Any other notice, notification or other communication under or in connection with the Franchise Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered:
- (i) in accordance with clause 12.1(a); or
 - (ii) by electronic data transfer,
- except that it shall be marked for the attention of the Contract Manager or the Franchise Manager.

12.2 Deemed Receipt

Any such notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been received by the Party to whom it is addressed as follows:

- (a) if sent by hand or recorded delivery, when delivered;
- (b) if sent by pre-paid first class post, from and to any place within the United Kingdom, three (3) Weekdays after posting unless otherwise proven; and
- (c) if sent by electronic data transfer, upon sending, subject to receipt by the sender of a **"delivered"** confirmation (provided that the sender shall not be required to produce a **"read"** confirmation).

13. SET-OFF

13.1 Save as otherwise expressly provided under the Franchise Agreement or required by law, all sums payable under the Franchise Agreement shall be paid in full and without any set-off or any deduction or withholding including on account of any counter-claim.

13.2 Notwithstanding clause 13.1 the Secretary of State shall be entitled to set-off against any amounts payable by him under the Franchise Agreement:

- (a) any amount or liability payable or due to him under or in relation to the Franchise Agreement (whether such amount or liability is present, contingent and/or future, liquidated or unliquidated); and
- (b) any monetary penalty payable under the Act.

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13.3 Notwithstanding clause 13.1, the Secretary of State shall be entitled to set off any liability for payment under Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) against any sum owed to him by the Franchisee under Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*).

14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

14.1 Waivers

- (a) Any Party may at any time waive any obligation of any other Party owed to it under the Franchise Agreement and the obligations of the Parties hereunder shall be construed accordingly.
- (b) No waiver by any Party of any default by any other Party in the performance of such Party's obligations under the Franchise Agreement shall operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or further such default, whether of a like or different character. A failure to exercise or delay in exercising a right or remedy under the Franchise Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any right or remedy or a waiver of any other rights or remedies and no single or partial exercise of any right or remedy under the Franchise Agreement shall prevent any further exercise of such right or remedy or the exercise of any other right or remedy.
- (c) A waiver of any right or remedy under the Franchise Agreement or by law is only effective if given in writing by the Secretary of State.

14.2 Time Limits

Where in the Franchise Agreement any obligation of a Party is required to be performed within a specified time limit (including an obligation to use all reasonable endeavours or reasonable endeavours to secure a particular result within such time limit): (i) that obligation shall be deemed to continue after the expiry of such time limit if such Party fails to comply with that obligation (or secure such result, as appropriate) within such time limit; (ii) the Parties shall consult on the relevant Party's failure to perform the obligation within the specified time limit; and (iii) the relevant Party shall, as applicable, continue to use all reasonable endeavours or reasonable endeavours to do or procure that the relevant thing is done as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

14.3 Partial Invalidity

If any provision in the Franchise Agreement is held to be void, illegal, invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, under any enactment or rule of Law, such provision or part shall to that extent be deemed not to form part of the Franchise Agreement but the legality, validity and enforceability of the remainder of the Franchise Agreement shall not be affected.

14.4 Further Assurance

Each Party agrees to execute and deliver all such further instruments and do and perform all such further acts and things as shall be necessary or expedient for the carrying out of the provisions of the Franchise Agreement.

14.5 Rights of Third Parties

- (a) A person who is not a Party to the Franchise Agreement shall have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of the Franchise Agreement except to the extent set out in this clause 14.5.
- (b) Any Successor Operator or potential Successor Operator nominated by the Secretary of State and notified to the Franchisee and the Franchisee for the purposes of this clause 14.5 may enforce and rely on the provisions of Schedule 15 (*Obligations*

Associated with Termination) to the same extent as if it were a Party but subject to clauses 14.5(c) and 14.5(d).

- (c) The Franchise Agreement may be terminated, and any term may be amended or waived, in each case in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement, without the consent of any person nominated under clause 14.5(b).
- (d) The person nominated under clause 14.5(b) shall only be entitled to enforce and rely on Schedule 15 (*Obligations Associated with Termination*) to the extent determined by the Secretary of State (whether at the time of nomination or at any other time) and, to the extent that any such person is entitled to enforce and rely on Schedule 15 (*Obligations Associated with Termination*), any legal proceedings in relation thereto must be commenced within one (1) year of the expiry of the Franchise Period and any such person shall not be entitled to enforce or rely on Schedule 15 (*Obligations Associated with Termination*) to the extent that it has consented to any particular act or omission of the Franchisee which may constitute a contravention of Schedule 15 (*Obligations Associated with Termination*) or has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to indicate to the Franchisee that it is not so consenting and has not so indicated (the extent of such reasonable opportunity to be determined by the Secretary of State unless otherwise agreed).

14.6 **Secretary of State's Consent or Approval**

Where any provision of the Franchise Agreement provides for any matter to be subject to the consent or approval of the Secretary of State, then (subject only to the express terms of that provision as to the basis on which that consent or approval may be given or withheld) the Secretary of State shall be entitled to give that consent or approval subject to any condition or conditions as he considers appropriate, which may include the adjustment of any of the terms of the Franchise Agreement.

14.7 **Enforcement Costs**

The Franchisee shall compensate the Secretary of State for all reasonable costs incurred by the Secretary of State as a result of the Franchisee failing to perform its obligations under the Franchise Agreement in accordance with their terms in the exercise of the Secretary of State's rights under Schedule 10 (Remedies, Events of Default and Termination Events).

14.8 **Arm's Length Dealings**

The Franchisee shall ensure that every contract or other arrangement or transaction to which it may become a party in connection with the Franchise Agreement with any person is on bona fide arm's length terms.

14.9 **Non-Discrimination**

- (a) The Franchisee will not discriminate in seeking offers in relation to, or in awarding, a contract for the purchase or hire of goods on the grounds:
 - (i) of nationality, against a person who is a national of and established in an EEA state; or
 - (ii) that the goods to be supplied under the contract originate in another EEA state.

For the purpose of this clause, "**EEA state**" means any state which is a party to the EEA agreement entered into on 2 May 1992 (as updated from time to time).

15. COMPETITION

15.1 For the purposes of this clause 15:

- (a) **"CMA"** means the Competition and Markets Authority;
- (b) **"Commitment"** means:
 - (i) where the Transaction is within the jurisdiction of the CMA undertakings in lieu of reference for a second phase investigation offered by any Parent, the Franchisee or any Affiliate that the CMA is able to accept pursuant to section 73(2) of the Enterprise Act 2002 in relation to the Transaction; or
 - (ii) where the Transaction is notified to the European Commission under Council Regulation (EC) 139/2004 concerning the control of concentrations between undertakings as amended from time to time the giving by any Parent, the Franchisee or any Affiliate to the European Commission of commitments to enable the European Commission to conclude that the concentration arising out of the Transaction would not impede effective competition in the common market or a substantial part of it and declare it compatible with the common market pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of the EU Merger Regulation;
- (c) **"Competition Authority"** means the European Commission or the CMA;
- (d) **"Competition Event"** means an Intervention by a Competition Authority or any Commitment which could prejudice the ability of:
 - (i) the Franchisee to operate the Franchise in accordance with the Franchise Agreement; or
 - (ii) any Affiliate of the Franchisee to continue to operate any other Rail Franchise of which it is the franchisee;
- (e) **"Intervention"** means a determination following the completion of a second phase investigation that the merger resulting from the award of the Franchise to the Franchisee (i) in the case of the CMA has resulted or may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition in the UK market or (ii) in the case of the European Commission would significantly impede effective competition in the internal market and that in either case specified actions are required to be taken for the purposes of remedying those anticipated competition issues;
- (f) **"Rail Franchise"** means any passenger rail franchise awarded pursuant to the Act in respect of which a franchisee or its wholly owned subsidiary provides franchised services; and
- (g) **"Transaction"** means the entry into the Franchise Agreement by the Secretary of State and the Franchisee.

15.2 Without prejudice to the Secretary of State's rights under Clause 5.4 of the Conditions Precedent Agreement, in so far as the Transaction is:

- (a) notified to the European Commission under Council Regulation (EC) 139/2004 concerning the control of concentrations between undertakings as amended from time to time (the **"EU Merger Regulation"**); or
- (b) within the jurisdiction of the CMA in the United Kingdom (including as a result of a referral under Article 4(4) or Article 9 of the EU Merger Regulation),

and the Transaction remains under consideration by a Competition Authority at the Start Date the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours expeditiously to progress the consideration of the Transaction by the relevant Competition Authority.

- 15.3 Without prejudice to the generality of clause 15.2, the Franchisee shall respond in a timely manner to all requests for information and/or documents made by the Competition Authority, respond to any issues letter, issues statement or statement of objections, provide comments on any working papers on which the Competition Authority invites comments, attend any meeting (including issues meetings, state of play meetings or hearings), respond to any provisional findings and notice of possible remedies, respond to any provisional decision on remedies and attend any remedies hearing.
- 15.4 The Franchisee shall report to the Secretary of State on at least a weekly basis or as frequently as the Secretary of State shall require on the progress of the consideration of the Transaction by the Competition Authority and immediately concerning any material developments in the case. The Franchisee shall promptly provide to the Secretary of State copies of all material communications with the Competition Authority, including but not limited to requests for information and/or documents made by the Competition Authority, submissions and responses with supporting evidence, as well as hearing transcripts (provided always that the Franchisee may redact from such copies information which is confidential to the Franchisee and which may if disclosed to the Secretary of State prejudicially affect the Franchisee's legitimate business interests).
- 15.5 If at any time the Secretary of State (acting reasonably) determines that a Competition Event has arisen, the Secretary of State shall have the right to give written notice to the Franchisee informing it that such Competition Event has arisen ("**Competition Event Notice**") and the provisions of paragraph 2.5 of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) shall apply.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 16.1 This Agreement and the Conditions Precedent Agreement contain the entire agreement between the Parties in relation to the subject matter of the Franchise Agreement and supersede all prior agreements and arrangements between the Parties other than any confidentiality agreements or undertakings which the Franchisee may have entered into with the Secretary of State in connection with his proposal to secure the provision of the Passenger Services under the Franchise Agreement.
- 16.2 The Franchisee hereby acknowledges that it is not entering into the Franchise Agreement in reliance on any warranties, representations or undertakings howsoever or to whomsoever made except in so far as such warranties, representations or undertakings are contained in the Franchise Agreement.
- 16.3 The Franchisee hereby acknowledges and agrees with the Secretary of State (for himself and as trustee for each of the other persons referred to therein) to the disclaimers of liability which are contained in section 3.2 of the Invitation to Tender and the section entitled "**Important Notice**" contained in any document supplied by or on behalf of the Secretary of State in connection with the Franchise Agreement, the process leading to the entering into of the Franchise Agreement, or the Franchise Services (including any Invitation to Tender issued in connection therewith).
- 16.4 The Franchisee irrevocably and unconditionally waives any right which it may otherwise have to claim damages in respect of and/or to rescind this Agreement and/or the Conditions Precedent Agreement on the basis of any warranty, representation (whether negligent or otherwise, and whether made prior to and/or in this Agreement or the Conditions Precedent Agreement) or undertaking howsoever or to whomsoever made unless and to the extent that such warranty, representation or undertaking was made fraudulently.

17. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

The Franchise Agreement (and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Franchise Agreement, except as expressly set out in the Franchise Agreement.

WITHDRAWN JANUARY 2026

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first before written:

SEAL REF No.

THE CORPORATE SEAL OF
**THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
TRANSPORT**

is hereunto affixed:

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Authenticated by authority of the
Secretary of State for Transport

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
[INSERT NAME OF FRANCHISEE³⁸]

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Director:

Director/Secretary:

³⁸ **Note to Bidders:** To be populated by the Bidders.

SCHEDULE 1

PASSENGER SERVICE OBLIGATIONS

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Franchise Services and Service Development

Part 1 - Franchise Services

1. Franchise Services

- 1.1 The Franchisee may at all times during the Franchise Term provide and operate the Franchise Services specified in this Schedule 1.1. The Franchisee is required to provide the Passenger Services that comply with the Train Service Requirement and (without prejudice to the other provisions of the Franchise Agreement) is permitted to provide other Franchise Services subject to the provisions of Part 1 of this Schedule 1.1.
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall not directly or indirectly, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State, carry on any business or activity other than the provision and operation of the Franchise Services.
- 1.3 Nothing in this Schedule 1.1 shall restrict any Affiliate of the Franchisee from having an interest in or participating in any business or activity.
- 1.4 The Franchisee shall not engage any Franchise Employee in any activity or business which it may not conduct or engage in under this Schedule 1.1.

2. Station Services

2.1 The Station Services shall comprise:

- (a) the provision of any services to persons at Stations or to Train Operators whose trains call at such Stations, provided that such services:
- (i) are made available only or principally to passengers alighting from or joining trains calling at such Stations and to such Train Operators;
 - (ii) are provided in connection with the calling of trains at such Stations and are not designed to encourage passengers or other persons to use such Station Services other than in connection with a journey on a train calling at such Stations;
 - (iii) exclude the sale or issue (for a charge) of any goods other than passenger timetables and any items included in the price of a Fare; and
 - (iv) may include the provision of car parking spaces; and
- (b) the provision of access to any person under an Access Agreement at any Station.

2.2 The Station Services shall include the provision of any service which the Franchisee may provide, or may be required to provide, under any Access Agreement in effect on the Start Date or as lawfully directed by the ORR from time to time.

3. Light Maintenance Services

3.1 Light Maintenance Services shall comprise:

- (a) the provision of access to any other person under an Access Agreement;
- (b) the carrying out of inspections of rolling stock vehicles;
- (c) the carrying out of maintenance work on rolling stock vehicles of a kind which is normally carried out at regular intervals of twelve (12) months or less;

- (d) the replacement of failed components and consumables on rolling stock vehicles;
 - (e) the preparation of rolling stock vehicles for service;
 - (f) the stabling or other temporary holding of rolling stock vehicles;
 - (g) NOT USED;
 - (h) the emptying of retention tanks fitted to rolling stock vehicles equipped with Controlled Emission Toilets;
 - (i) the replenishment of water tanks; and
 - (j) the cleaning of the exterior or the interior of rolling stock vehicles,
- in each case for itself and/or other Train Operators, at any Station or Depot.

3.2 Light Maintenance Services shall include the provision of any service which the Franchisee may provide, or may be required to provide, under any Access Agreement in effect on the Start Date or as lawfully directed by the ORR from time to time.

4. **Ancillary Services**

The Franchisee may carry out the following Ancillary Services:

- (a) the selling, lending or hiring of any goods or rights and the provision of any services (whether for a charge or not) on any train used in the provision of the Passenger Services where such goods or services are sold or provided principally for consumption or use on the relevant train, including the sale of any Fares, meals, light refreshments, newspapers, magazines, books, entertainment materials information or materials targeted at tourists and other leisure passengers (such as maps) or phone cards;
- (b) the provision of any service at any station which, if provided on a train used in the provision of the Passenger Services, would fall within paragraph 4(a) or which, if provided at a Station, would fall within paragraph 2 and which, in each case, is made available only or principally to persons at such stations who either are about to travel or have recently travelled on a train used in the provision of the Passenger Services;
- (c) in any Reporting Period, the subleasing, hiring or licensing of up to ten per cent (10%) of the rolling stock vehicles used in the provision of the Passenger Services (such percentage to be determined by reference to the aggregate period of time for which such rolling stock vehicles are sub-let, hired or licensed and the aggregate period of time for which they are used in the provision of the Passenger Services);
- (d) the lending, seconding, hiring or contracting out during any Reporting Period to another person or persons (whether for a charge or not) of:
 - (i) up to one per cent (1%) of the number of Franchise Employees as at the Start Date, for over ninety per cent (90%) of their normal working hours during such Reporting Period (including on a full-time basis); and
 - (ii) one per cent (1%) of any other Franchise Employees as at the Start Date,

provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any employee lent, seconded, hired or contracted out under any of paragraphs 4(a) to 4(c) inclusive and paragraphs 4(e) to 4(p) inclusive, or engaged in any other activity which is permitted under this Schedule 1.1;

- (e) any heavy maintenance of rolling stock vehicles which does not fall within the Light Maintenance Services, carried out on behalf of any other person at the following Depot(s), subject to the number of persons engaged or employed in such activity not exceeding by more than ten per cent (10%) the number so engaged or employed on the Start Date:

[Note to Bidders: INSERT DETAILS IF APPLICABLE];³⁹

- (f) the selling at any location of any Fare which is valid, in whole or in part, on the Passenger Services and the selling of any other Fare at any location where such Fares may be purchased from the Franchisee on or before the date of the Franchise Agreement or at any other location, provided that the majority of Fares sold at any such other location shall be Fares which are valid, in whole or in part, on the Passenger Services;
- (g) the selling, in conjunction with any Fare, of any other rights which entitle the purchaser thereof to:
- (i) travel on any other train or light rail service;
 - (ii) travel on any aircraft;
 - (iii) travel on any shipping or ferry service;
 - (iv) travel on any bus; or
 - (v) attend any event or attraction or enter any location;
- (h) the lending, seconding, hiring or contracting out of Franchise Employees to other Train Operators in order to enable such Train Operators to provide services at the Stations to passengers travelling on any such operator's trains;
- (i) the provision of information relating to railway passenger services within Great Britain to passengers through telephone, internet, mobile data services or other appropriate means;
- (j) the supervision, management and training of train crew of other Train Operators provided such activity is necessarily incidental to the provision of the Passenger Services and could not reasonably be carried out by or through an Affiliate of the Franchisee;
- (k) the subleasing, hiring, licensing, lending, selling of any rolling stock vehicles or other assets of the Franchisee or the lending, hiring or contracting out of any employees of the Franchisee or the provision of any other services to any Infrastructure Manager or any other Train Operator on an emergency basis;
- (l) the licensing or permitting of any other person (including an Affiliate of the Franchisee) to carry out any activity or business, in connection with the provision of the Franchise Services, or otherwise, on any rolling stock vehicle operated by the Franchisee, at any station served by the Passenger Services, at any Depot, or otherwise (including the letting, leasing or licensing (on an exclusive basis or otherwise) of any part or all of a Station or Depot to such other person);
- (m) such other activity or business as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of providing any other Franchise Services or complying with the Franchise Agreement,

provided that it could not reasonably be carried out by or through an Affiliate of the Franchisee;

- (n) the subleasing to any other person of the following property which is not comprised in a Station or Depot:

[Note to Bidders: INSERT DETAILS IF APPLICABLE];⁴⁰

- (o) the provision or operation of Charter Services, subject to the Planned Train Mileage of such Charter Services not exceeding in any Reporting Period two per cent (2%) of the Planned Train Mileage of Passenger Services provided by the Franchisee in such Reporting Period;
- (p) the provision of consultancy services reasonably ancillary to the provision of the other Franchise Services; and
- (q) any services or activity not falling within paragraphs 2, 3, 4(a) to 4(p) above, subject to the gross value of any such services or activity (excluding any attribution of costs) not exceeding twenty five thousand pounds (£25,000) per annum in each Franchisee Year, per item and in aggregate, two hundred and fifty thousand pounds (£250,000) per annum in each Franchisee Year provided that in the second and each subsequent Franchisee Year, these amounts will be increased by RPI.

5. Royal Train

- 5.1 The Franchisee shall, if and to the extent requested by any person (including DB Cargo UK Limited its successor and assigns) and subject to the payment by such person of any reasonable costs of the Franchisee, co-operate in the provision by such person of railway passenger services for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II or any successor head of state or members of the family or representatives of either of them.
- 5.2 The provision of railway services for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II or any successor head of state or members of the family or representatives of either of them may include:
 - (a) running a "sweeper" train in front of the royal train;
 - (b) having spare locomotives or other rolling stock on standby as rescue traction; and/or
 - (c) carrying out security requirements or co-operating with other persons in ensuring that security requirements are carried out prior to calling at any station on the Routes.

6. Restrictions relating to Franchise Services

- 6.1 The Franchisee shall not without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State operate Passenger Services other than on the following routes (and, in the event of disruption, any reasonable diversionary routes):
 - (a) London to Dartford via Greenwich;
 - (b) London to Dartford via New Cross and Woolwich Arsenal;
 - (c) London to Dartford via Bexleyheath;

⁴⁰ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate.

- (d) London to Dartford via Sidcup;
- (e) Slade Green to Barnehurst;
- (f) Barnehurst to Crayford;
- (g) London to Dartford via Nunhead and Lewisham;
- (h) London to Hayes (Kent);
- (i) Catford Loop – London to Bromley South via Denmark Hill and Catford;
- (j) Dartford to Strood and Chatham;
- (k) London to Ramsgate via Sydenham Hill, Bromley South and Chatham;
- (l) London to Sydenham Hill via Loughborough Junction;
- (m) Chatham to Sheerness-on-Sea;
- (n) Sheerness-on-Sea to Sittingbourne;
- (o) Faversham to Dover Priory via Canterbury East;
- (p) Strood to Paddock Wood via Maidstone West;
- (q) London to Paddock Wood via Grove Park;
- (r) Grove Park to Bromley North;
- (s) Grove Park to Swanley;
- (t) Swanley to Sevenoaks via Bat & Ball;
- (u) Paddock Wood to Ashford International;
- (v) Bromley South to Orpington;
- (w) Tonbridge to Hastings and Ore;
- (x) Swanley to Ashford International via Maidstone East;
- (y) Ashford International to Ramsgate via Canterbury West;
- (z) Canterbury West to Deal;
- (aa) Ashford International to Ramsgate via Dover Priory;
- (bb) London St.Pancras International to Ashford International via CTRL;
- (cc) Ebbsfleet International to Strood;
- (dd) Hastings to Ashford International;
- (ee) **[Note to Bidders: Any other additional route geography proposed by Bidders and agreed by the Secretary of State that may be added to the franchise geography during the Bid Phase.]**

References to "London" is to any of Blackfriars, Cannon Street, Charing Cross or Victoria and references to a Route include in relation to that Route any part of the track at or adjoining a station on the Route, all running lines on the Route, and loops and connecting lines associated with the Route.

- 6.2 It is acknowledged that a Passenger Service to be operated by the Franchisee on the routes specified above in paragraph 6.1 may be operated throughout the route, on part of the route or any combination of the whole or part of any two or more of the routes specified above.
- 6.3 The Secretary of State may impose such conditions to his consent as he considers appropriate for the purpose of securing the continuity of the provision of the Franchise Services at the end of the Franchise Term.
- 6.4 The Franchisee shall not during the Franchise Term, without the consent of the Secretary of State:
- (a) provide or operate any railway passenger services other than the Passenger Services or Charter Services;
 - (b) operate any stations or light maintenance depots other than the Stations and Depots; or
 - (c) hold shares, participations or any other interest in any other company or body corporate unless such company or body corporate is:
 - (i) Network Rail; or
 - (ii) owned directly or indirectly by another participant in the railway industry and the holding is incidental to the Franchisee's participation in an Inter-Operator Scheme or any other arrangement designed to ensure or facilitate co-operation between such participants or between any such participants and any other person.

7. **Restrictions on Closures of Railway Passenger Services or Railway Facilities**

- 7.1 Except to the extent that the Secretary of State agrees otherwise, the Franchisee shall not:
- (a) cease to operate;
 - (b) cease to secure the operation of; or
 - (c) propose to terminate the use of,
- any Station (or part of a Station) or any railway passenger service over a Route where such cessation or proposal might result in a Closure.
- 7.2 If any procedures are commenced under Part 4 of the Railways Act 2005 in relation to a Closure, the Franchisee shall, at its own cost and to the extent so requested by the Secretary of State, take such action as the Secretary of State may require in order to enable the Secretary of State to comply with any duty imposed on him under Part 4 of the Railways Act 2005 in relation to such Closure.

8. Subcontracting any Passenger Services

- 8.1 Subject to paragraph 8.2, the Franchisee may not subcontract or delegate the provision of the Passenger Services without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State.
- 8.2 The Franchisee may subcontract or delegate the provision of the Passenger Services, provided that:
- (a) the Secretary of State receives prior written notice of any such subcontracting or delegation;
 - (b) the Franchisee continues to be party to all Access Agreements and Property Leases necessary to provide such Passenger Services and to enjoy all relevant access and operational rights thereunder;
 - (c) the Franchisee continues to specify and control the terms and conditions (subject to the requirements of the Inter-Operator Schemes) on which such Passenger Services are to be provided, including the determination of the Price or Child Price (as the case may be) of any Fares;
 - (d) the Planned Train Mileage of the Passenger Services so delegated or subcontracted does not exceed five per cent (5%) of the Planned Train Mileage of the Franchisee in any Reporting Period; and
 - (e) the Franchisee continues to perform its obligations under this Schedule 1.1 in respect of any subcontracted or delegated services.
- 8.3 Any such subcontracting or delegation shall not relieve the Franchisee from any of its obligations under the Franchise Agreement, including its obligations under this paragraph 8 and Schedule 14 (*Preservation of Assets*).

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Part 2 - Service Development

9. Train Service Requirement - Purpose and Responsibility

- 9.1 This Part 2 of Schedule 1.1 sets out the obligations of the Franchise in relation to the acquisition of timetable development rights required for the purposes of securing a Timetable that complies with the Train Service Requirement and preparing a Train Plan consistent with the obligations of the Franchisee and the provision of appropriate levels of passenger carrying capacity. It also provides for alteration of the Train Service Requirement by the Secretary of State. The Train Service Requirement does not in any way limit the Franchisee's obligations pursuant to paragraph 14 of this Schedule 1.1.
- 9.2 The Train Service Requirement is the minimum specification of the Passenger Services and capacity to be provided by the Franchisee during the Franchise Term.
- 9.3 The Train Service Requirement as at the date of the Franchise Agreement is comprised in the following, all in the agreed terms marked as follows:
- (a) TSR1 being the Train Service Requirement applicable from the Start Date until the Passenger Change Date in December 2022; and
 - (b) TSR2 being the Train Service Requirement applicable from the Passenger Change Date in December 2022 until the end of the Franchise Term.
- 9.4 The Secretary of State and the Franchisee agree that the replacement of: TSR1 by TSR2 at the time and for the period specified in paragraph 9.3 shall not constitute a Change for the purposes of paragraph (d) of the definition of Change.
- 9.5 For the purposes of this Schedule 1.1, the Train Service Requirement shall remain in force unless and until amended or replaced pursuant to this Schedule 1.1.
- 9.6 The Train Service Requirement may be expressed in whole or in part at any level of generality or to any level of detail the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

10. Train Plan

- 10.1 Subject to paragraph 10.2, for the purposes of this Agreement, the **"Train Plan"** shall be the plan (including sub-plans) prepared by the Franchisee for the operation of trains and train formations under the Timetable that best matches available capacity to Forecast Passenger Demand as amended from time to time during the Franchise Period in accordance with this Agreement.
- 10.2 For the purposes of Schedule 7 (Operational Performance), references to **"Train Plan"** shall be construed as the latest version of the Train Plan which includes any amendments thereto pursuant to paragraphs 3, 4 and/or 5 of Schedule 1.2 (*Operating Obligations*):
- (a) where such amendments are required as a consequence of Network Rail or HS1 Limited exercising their rights pursuant to a Track Access Agreement;
 - (b) where such amendments proposed by the Franchisee have prior approval from the Secretary of State; or
 - (c) where such amendments are requested by the Secretary of State.
- 10.3 The Franchisee shall submit to the Secretary of State a Train Plan in respect of each Timetable in accordance with this Schedule 1.1.

- 10.4 In preparing any Train Plan, the Franchisee shall do so by reference to the Timetable that it envisages operating in order to comply with the Train Service Requirement and paragraph 14 of this Schedule 1.1.
- 10.5 Each Train Plan shall set out for each railway passenger service in the Timetable to which it relates:
- (a) its start point and departure time;
 - (b) its terminating point and arrival time;
 - (c) the number and class of rolling stock vehicles allocated to each such railway passenger service;
 - (d) the Passenger Carrying Capacity that each such railway passenger service, as formed, is to have; and
 - (e) its Forecast Passenger Demand and, where this has been requested by the Secretary of State and is capable of calculation, Actual Passenger Demand.
- 10.6 A Train Plan shall be in any format that the Secretary of State may reasonably specify for this purpose.
- 10.7 At the Start Date, the Infrastructure Managers will have issued the applicable working timetables on which the Timetable is to be based. Accordingly the Franchisee shall confirm to the Secretary of State that it intends:
- (a) to adopt, from the Start Date until the next Passenger Change Date, the Train Plan prepared by the Train Operator under the Previous Franchise Agreement; or
 - (b) to prepare its own Train Plan in accordance with this Schedule 1.1,

such Train Plan shall become the document in the agreed terms marked **TP** as at the Start Date. It is acknowledged that the Train Plan in the agreed terms marked **TP** shall be replaced from time to time during the Franchise Period in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 14.4.

11. Consultation on Significant Alterations to the Timetable

- 11.1 Notwithstanding any consultation the Secretary of State might separately undertake in respect of any amended or new draft Train Service Requirement issued pursuant to paragraph 16, the Franchisee shall where:
- (a) it intends that any future Timetable will contain Significant Alterations compared to the Timetable then in force; and
 - (b) such Significant Alterations are likely to have, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, a materially adverse effect on:
 - (i) the ability of passengers using any station served by the Passenger Services to make journeys relating to work or education at reasonably convenient times; and/or
 - (ii) the trading prospects of commercial enterprises located in any community in which a station served by the Passenger Services is located in consequence of it being more difficult for customers or employees to access such commercial enterprises through travel on the Passenger Services,

consult with Stakeholders who would reasonably be expected to be affected by any such Significant Alterations in relation to such proposed future Timetable.

11.2 The first Timetable to which these provisions apply is the Timetable with effect from the Passenger Change Date in December 2019.

11.3 Accordingly the Franchisee shall where the circumstances described in paragraph 11.1 apply:

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable provide to the Secretary of State and all Stakeholders a comprehensive summary of the proposed changes from the Timetable then in force specifying the proposed Timetable changes, the reasons for them and the likely impact on passengers;
- (b) carry out the consultation in relation to such proposed changes using a reasonable range of communication channels (taking into account the scale of the proposed changes) and in a manner that can be reasonably expected to encourage responses from a broad range of affected Stakeholders;
- (c) give consultees such time as is reasonable under all the circumstances to respond (it being agreed that it shall normally be reasonable to give at least twelve (12) weeks to respond in relation to major proposed Timetable changes);
- (d) take due account of the responses of consultees;
- (e) within six (6) weeks of the close of the consultation (or such longer period as the Secretary of State may agree, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) publish a report containing a summary of the main issues raised by respondents (including quantitative analysis of the responses received), the reasoned response of the Franchisee to them and notification of how the Franchisee will now seek to exercise relevant Timetable Development Rights in the context of its obligation to take due account of the results of the consultation;
- (f) ensure that the published report is promptly provided to the Secretary of State and all respondents who submitted written responses to the consultation and published in a widely accessible form; and
- (g) ensure that the relevant Timetable Development Rights to implement the proposed Timetable change are not exercised prior to the publication of the report and exercise such Timetable Development Rights in the manner indicated in the report.

12. **Timetable Development Rights**

12.1 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to amend and/or enter into such Access Agreements as may be necessary or desirable from time to time to obtain the timetable development rights that it requires to secure a Timetable that enables it to operate railway passenger services that comply with the Train Service Requirement and otherwise comply with its obligations under the Franchise Agreement (including under paragraph 14 of this Schedule 1.1).

12.2 Prior to exercising any Timetable Development Rights to secure a Timetable the Franchisee shall make an informed estimate of Forecast Passenger Demand and in doing so shall make reasonable assumptions based on available evidence (making proper use of recognised railway industry systems and forecasting tools as these may develop over the Franchise Period) with the estimate being in such format and to such level of disaggregation as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.

12.3 Subject to the remaining provisions of this paragraph 12, the Franchisee shall exercise its Timetable Development Rights so as to secure a Timetable that enables it to operate railway

passenger services that comply with the Train Service Requirement and paragraph 14 of this Schedule 1.1 in accordance with its obligations under paragraph 17 of this Schedule 1.1.

12.4 Where the Franchisee proposes to exercise its Timetable Development Rights so that the Timetable in force after the relevant Passenger Change Date contains Significant Alterations to that in force prior to such Passenger Change Date the Franchisee shall (without prejudice to its obligation to consult pursuant to paragraph 11) act reasonably with the intention of obtaining a Timetable which enables:

- (a) paragraph 14.1(b); and
- (b) paragraph 14.1(c),

of this Schedule 1.1 to be achieved in relation to each Passenger Service in the Timetable to the greatest extent reasonably practicable.

It is agreed that in acting reasonably the Franchisee shall take full and proper account of its informed estimate of the Forecast Passenger Demand made pursuant to paragraph 12.2 above.

12.5 Unless the Secretary of State otherwise directs, the Franchisee shall, for the purposes of securing a Timetable that complies with the Train Service Requirement and paragraph 14 of this Schedule 1.1, exercise its rights under the Track Access Agreements (including the Network Codes) to object, to make representations and to withhold consent in respect of any actual or proposed act or omission by the Infrastructure Managers in relation to such agreement in respect of its Timetable Development Rights.

12.6 If the Secretary of State does not consider that the Franchisee has taken sufficient steps under paragraph 12.5, he may require the Franchisee to exercise its rights in such manner as he reasonably considers appropriate in the circumstances, including:

- (a) disputing any actual or proposed act or omission by the Infrastructure Managers in respect of any Timetable Development Rights; and
- (b) submitting such dispute to any relevant dispute resolution arrangements or procedures and appealing against any award or determination under such arrangements or procedures, including to the ORR.

12.7 Subject to the Franchisee complying with its obligations under paragraph 12.5 above, it shall not be liable for any failure to secure a Timetable that enables the Franchisee to operate railway passenger services that comply with the Train Service Requirement and paragraph 14 of this Schedule 1.1, to the extent that such failure is caused by:

- (a) the Franchisee's Timetable Development Rights being inadequate to enable it to secure the requisite Train Slots, provided that the Franchisee has exercised and, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State, is continuing to exercise all reasonable endeavours to obtain the requisite Timetable Development Rights in accordance with paragraph 12.1 above;
- (b) an Infrastructure Manager exercising its flexing rights from time to time under a Track Access Agreement or the relevant Network Code in respect of such Train Slots;
- (c) an Infrastructure Manager exercising its other rights from time to time under a Track Access Agreement or the relevant Network Code; or
- (d) the exercise by the ORR of its powers pursuant to section 22C of the Act.

12.8 TDR Amendments

- (a) If and to the extent that the Franchisee is not able to secure a Timetable that enables it to operate railway passenger services that comply with the Train Service Requirement as a result of it not being able to obtain the Timetable Development Rights that it requires for that purpose, the Secretary of State shall (subject to paragraphs 12.8(b) and 12.8(c) below) issue to the Franchisee amendments to the Train Service Requirement ("**TDR Amendment**"). The amendments to the Train Service Requirement contained in the TDR Amendment shall be those that the Secretary of State considers necessary for the purposes of enabling the Franchisee to secure a Timetable that is compliant with the Train Service Requirement by exercise of the Timetable Development Rights that the Franchisee does have.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall have an unfettered discretion as to whether or not to issue a TDR Amendment in circumstances where the Franchisee:
 - (i) has failed to exercise all reasonable endeavours to obtain the requisite Timetable Development Rights in accordance with paragraph 12.1; and
 - (ii) is not relieved by paragraph 12.7 above from liability for such failure to secure a Timetable that enables the Franchisee to operate railway passenger services that comply with the Train Service Requirement.
- (c) The Franchisee shall not be relieved from its obligations to obtain a Timetable that enables the Franchisee to operate the Train Service Requirement by the issue of any TDR Amendment where the Secretary of State reasonably considers that such failure to secure a Timetable that enables the Franchisee to operate the Train Service Requirement is partly due to the default of the Franchisee in not properly complying with its obligations under the Franchise Agreement in relation to securing timetable development rights. Accordingly any TDR Amendment may be drafted so that it does not relieve the Franchisee of the obligation to comply with the Train Service Requirement to the extent that the Secretary of State determines that the failure is due to such default of the Franchisee and the Franchisee may therefore be in contravention of the Franchise Agreement.

12.9 Following issue of any TDR Amendment pursuant to paragraph 12.8 the Franchisee shall, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State, continue to use all reasonable endeavours to amend and/or enter into such Access Agreements as may be necessary or desirable from time to time to obtain the timetable development rights that it requires to secure a Timetable that enables it to operate railway passenger services that comply with the Train Service Requirement without such TDR Amendment.

12.10 Any TDR Amendment issued pursuant to paragraph 12.8 shall:

- (a) unless otherwise required by the Secretary of State, cease to have effect on the date (if any) on which the first Timetable comes into effect after the Franchisee has obtained the Timetable Development Rights to secure a Timetable that enables it to operate railway passenger services that comply with the Train Service Requirement without any such TDR Amendment; and
- (b) amount to a Change but only to the extent that the Franchisee makes a saving as a consequence of such TDR Amendment and provided that if such TDR Amendment has been issued in consequence of an Infrastructure Manager exercising the rights referred to in paragraphs 12.7(b) or 12.7(c) there shall be no Change.

12.11 With effect from the date on which any TDR Amendment ceases to have effect in accordance with paragraph 12.10:

- (a) the Train Service Requirement without such TDR Amendment shall thereafter apply; and

- (b) where there has been a Change which is a Qualifying Change pursuant to paragraph 12.10(b) there shall be a further Change (which shall be deemed to be a Qualifying Change) to the extent necessary so as, with effect from such date, to disapply the effect of any such Qualifying Change pursuant to paragraph 12.10(b) to take into account the fact that the Franchisee will have ceased to make a saving.

13. Certification and Notification by Franchisee of Exercising Timetable Development Rights

13.1 Before exercising any Timetable Development Right to bid for Train Slots, the Franchisee shall provide a certificate addressed to the Secretary of State and signed by a statutory director of the Franchisee confirming that its proposed exercise of that Timetable Development Right will be compliant with its obligation specified in paragraph 12.3.

13.2 If requested by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee agrees to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Secretary of State that the Franchisee's certificate referred to in paragraph 13.1 is a true and accurate confirmation of compliance with its obligation specified in paragraph 12.3.

13.3 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) keep the Secretary of State fully informed of any discussions with any Infrastructure Manager in relation to the matters referred to in this Schedule 1.1 which may, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, have a material impact on the ability of the Franchisee to deliver the Train Service Requirement or meet the requirements of paragraph 14 of this Schedule 1.1 through the Timetable and shall, if required to do so by the Secretary of State, supply copies of any related correspondence to the Secretary of State; and
- (b) update any notification under this paragraph 13.3 and/or certification under paragraph 13.1 as soon as reasonably practicable, if at any time it elects or is required to modify any aspect of its exercise of its Timetable Development Rights following an Infrastructure Manager's proposed or actual rejection or modification of its bid or any part of it or for any other reason.

14. Planning to meet Target Passenger Demand

14.1 Capacity and Timetable Planning

- (a) The Franchisee shall, in preparing its Timetable and Train Plan, unless the Secretary of State otherwise agrees, provide for at least the capacity specified in the Train Service Requirement.
- (b) The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to provide for Passenger Carrying Capacity on each Passenger Service that meets as a minimum the Target Passenger Demand for that Passenger Service.
- (c) The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to provide passengers with a reasonable expectation of a seat:
- (i) on boarding any Off-Peak Passenger Service; and
- (ii) twenty (20) minutes after boarding (or such other time period as the Secretary of State may stipulate) on any Peak Passenger Service.

14.2 Allocation of rolling stock where Franchisee unable to meet the capacity requirements

If at the time it prepares its Timetable and/or Train Plan, having exercised all reasonable endeavours, the Franchisee is unable to prepare a Timetable and/or Train Plan having the

Passenger Carrying Capacity and/or meeting the reasonable expectations referred to in paragraphs 14.1(b) and 14.1(c), then the Timetable and/or the Train Plan shall specify the best allocation of Passenger Services and rolling stock vehicles to Passenger Services that is reasonably practicable with a view to:

- (a) minimising, so far as is possible, the amount by which Target Passenger Demand exceeds the provision of Passenger Carrying Capacity on the affected Passenger Services;
- (b) ensuring, so far as is possible, that such excess is not unduly concentrated on any particular Route or Passenger Service; and
- (c) minimising, so far as is possible, the extent to which passengers are required to stand:
 - (i) on boarding any Off-Peak Passenger Service; and
 - (ii) twenty (20) minutes after boarding (or such other time period as the Secretary of State may stipulate) on any Peak Passenger Service.

14.3 Preparation of Timetable and Train Plan

- (a) Subject to paragraph 14.3(b), the Franchisee shall in preparing its Timetable and its Train Plan take full and proper account of its calculation of Forecast Passenger Demand and use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Train Fleet is deployed in an optimal manner for the purposes of complying with its obligations under paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2 above.
- (b) The Franchisee shall in preparing its Timetable and Train Plan deploy the entire Train Fleet (excluding reasonable planning requirements for the allocation of Hot Standbys or other rolling stock vehicles to be out of service due to maintenance requirements, Mandatory Modifications or any other reason agreed with the Secretary of State (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed)) in delivering the Passenger Services:
 - (i) during each Peak; and
 - (ii) at such times outside the Peak where such deployment of the entire Train Fleet is reasonably required to meet the Franchisee's obligations pursuant to paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2 above.

14.4 Finalising the Train Plan

- (a) The Franchisee shall submit its proposed Train Plan to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable after the Infrastructure Managers have issued the working timetables on which the Train Plan is to be based.
- (b) The Franchisee shall submit its final Train Plan to the Secretary of State prior to the commencement of the Timetable to which it relates.
- (c) The Train Plan shall be certified by a statutory director of the Franchisee as being true and accurate and including the minimum capacity specified in the Train Service Requirement.
- (d) The Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State in a timely manner such rolling stock diagrams as he may reasonably request from time to time.

15. **Capacity Mitigation Proposal**

- 15.1 Without prejudice to the obligation of the Franchisee to include in the Train Plan the capacity specified in the Train Service Requirement, if at any time the Franchisee is unable to prepare a Timetable and/or a Train Plan which meets the requirements of paragraph 14.1 (regardless of whether the Franchisee has used all reasonable endeavours to do so), the Secretary of State may serve a notice on the Franchisee requiring it to produce a proposal to a reasonable specification provided with the notice to remedy or mitigate such inability ("**Capacity Mitigation Proposal**").
- 15.2 The Capacity Mitigation Proposal may, without limitation, include measures to be implemented by the Franchisee to:
- (a) remedy the circumstances leading to the Franchisee being unable to prepare a Timetable and/or a Train Plan which meets the requirements of paragraph 14.1; and/or
 - (b) minimise, so far as is possible, the amount by which Target Passenger Demand exceeds the provision of Passenger Carrying Capacity on the affected Passenger Services;
 - (c) ensure, so far as is possible, that such excess is not unduly concentrated on any particular Route or Passenger Service; and
 - (d) minimise, so far as is possible, the extent to which passengers are required to stand:
 - (i) on boarding any Off-Peak Passenger Service; and
 - (ii) twenty (20) minutes after boarding (or such other time period as the Secretary of State may stipulate) on any Peak Passenger Service,
- in all such cases (unless the Secretary of State specifies to the contrary) taking into account both Actual Passenger Demand and Forecast Passenger Demand.
- 15.3 Where the Secretary of State reasonably believes that future circumstances may lead to the Franchisee being unable to prepare a Timetable and/or a Train Plan which meets the requirements of paragraph 14.1 at any time within the next four (4) years (including after the end of the Franchise Term) the Secretary of State shall have the right to serve notice on the Franchisee specifying those future circumstances and the date that the Franchisee should assume that they will arise from and requiring it to produce a Capacity Mitigation Proposal to remedy or mitigate such future circumstances on the basis of assumptions provided by the Secretary of State.
- 15.4 The Capacity Mitigation Proposal shall (unless the Secretary of State specifies to the contrary) include the Franchisee's informed estimate of Forecast Passenger Demand, in such format and to such level of disaggregation as the Secretary of State may reasonably require. Without limitation such specification may require the Franchisee to present options to address relevant issues through:
- (a) alterations to the Train Service Requirement;
 - (b) modification of rolling stock or the acquisition of additional or replacement rolling stock;
 - (c) alterations to Fares; and/or
 - (d) alterations or enhancements to any track, signalling, station, depot or other relevant railway infrastructure.
- 15.5 The Capacity Mitigation Proposal shall provide a comprehensive analysis backed by relevant data and assumptions of:

- (a) all cost and revenue and other financial implications of options contained within it including the potential implications for Franchise Payments;
 - (b) the implications (if any) for the Benchmarks and/or the Annual Benchmarks; and
 - (c) the likely impact of options within it for existing and future passenger journeys and journey opportunities.
- 15.6 The Franchisee shall meet with the Secretary of State to discuss the Capacity Mitigation Proposal and provide such further information or analysis and further iterations of the Capacity Mitigation Proposal as the Secretary of State shall reasonably require. If the Secretary of State decides that he wishes to implement any Capacity Mitigation Proposal (or any part thereof) this shall be by way of a Variation.
16. **New or amended Train Service Requirement by the Secretary of State and Franchisee Informed Opinion**
- 16.1 As and when required, whether for the purposes of considering alterations to the Train Service Requirement or otherwise, the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State:
- (a) its informed estimate of Forecast Passenger Demand, in such format and to such level of disaggregation as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in order to assist the Secretary of State's decision making on future train service requirements, infrastructure, station and rolling stock vehicle investment, the best use of the network and the alleviation of overcrowding;
 - (b) its informed opinion as to any changes to the current Train Service Requirement which:
 - (i) should be made in order to deliver an optimal range of railway passenger services relative to Target Passenger Demand; and
 - (ii) could be implemented and operated without additional resources or an adjustment to the Franchise Payments;
 - (c) its informed opinion as to any changes to the current Train Service Requirement which:
 - (i) would deliver an optimal range of railway passenger services relative to Target Passenger Demand; and
 - (ii) could only be implemented and operated with additional resources and/or an adjustment to the Franchise Payments, together with an explanation as to:
 - (A) what additional resources and/or adjustments are necessary to make such changes; and
 - (B) why such additional resources and/or adjustments are necessary;
 - (d) a draft of the Train Plan that the Franchisee considers that each set of proposed changes would require.
- 16.2 Prior to issuing any amended or new Train Service Requirement the Secretary of State shall provide to the Franchisee his draft of any proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement stating the date upon which he proposes that such amended or new Train Service Requirement should take effect along with the Secretary of State's views as to the changes (if any) that he proposes to make to the Benchmarks and/or the Annual Benchmarks.
- 16.3 On receipt of any such draft of a proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State (if so requested) its informed opinion:

- (a) with supporting reasons as to the impact of the proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement on the delivery of an optimal range of railway passenger services patterns relative to Target Passenger Demand and compliance with paragraph 14.1 of this Schedule;
- (b) with supporting reasons as to the changes to resources and adjustment to Franchise Payments (if any) which would be required in consequence of the proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement;
- (c) with supporting reasons as to changes (if any) to the Benchmarks and/or the Annual Benchmarks;
- (d) of the process to be required to implement the proposed amendment to the Train Service Requirement together with a plan for the implementation of the amendment to the Train Service Requirement (including all steps required to ensure that the Franchisee can deliver a Timetable compliant with such amended or new Train Service Requirement) prepared in accordance with procedural arrangements specified by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 17; and
- (e) with supporting reasons of the likely impact of the proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement on existing and future passenger journeys and journey opportunities,

together with a draft of the Train Plan that it considers that the proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement would require.

- 16.4 There may be iterations of drafts of the proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement and the Franchisee shall to the extent required by the Secretary of State have the obligations described in this paragraph 16 in respect of all such iterations.
- 16.5 Processes contained in this paragraph 16 shall take place in accordance with procedural arrangements and timescales stipulated by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 17.2.
- 16.6 The Secretary of State may, in accordance with any stipulation made under paragraph 17.2, issue to the Franchisee any amended or new Train Service Requirement that he requires the Franchisee to operate and notice of the amendments (if any) to the Benchmarks and/or Annual Benchmarks. Such amended or new Train Service Requirement will be issued prior to the commencement of the timetable development processes of the Infrastructure Managers for the Timetable in respect of which it is proposed to implement the change to Passenger Services arising from the amended or new Train Service Requirement.
- 16.7 In the absence of the Secretary of State issuing any amended or new Train Service Requirement the existing Train Service Requirement will remain in full force and effect. The degree of variation from any Train Service Requirement specified at the date of the Franchise Agreement was entered into in respect of any particular period and brought about by any amended or new Train Service Requirement issued pursuant to this paragraph 16 shall (where relevant) be of a magnitude no greater than that contemplated in the Invitation to Tender.
- 16.8 At the same time as the Secretary of State provides the Franchisee with a draft of any proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement pursuant to paragraph 16.1, the Secretary of State shall also provide to the Franchisee his opinion of any amendments (if any) that are required to the Benchmarks and/or the Annual Benchmarks.
- 16.9 The Secretary of State shall be permitted to carry out indicative Runs of the Financial Model for the purposes of considering the effects of his proposed amended or new Train Service Requirement.

17. Procedural Arrangements and Timescales

- 17.1 The Franchisee agrees that the effective operation of the provisions of this Schedule 1.1 (and of provisions addressing the same or similar matters in other franchise agreements) will require certain procedural arrangements and timescales to be followed to a common timescale by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee, Network Rail, HS1 Limited and others.
- 17.2 The Franchisee agrees that the Secretary of State may stipulate any reasonable procedural arrangements and timescales that are to be followed by the Secretary of State and the Franchisee for these purposes (which shall be consistent with any relevant standard railway industry processes for the development of the Timetable and the resultant Train Plan) and that the Secretary of State may amend any such stipulation from time to time.
- 17.3 The Secretary of State agrees to consult the Franchisee as far as reasonably practicable prior to stipulating or amending any such procedural arrangements and timescales in accordance with paragraph 17.2.
- 17.4 Any stipulation by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 17.2:
- (a) shall be at the reasonable discretion of the Secretary of State;
 - (b) may contain procedural arrangements and timescales to be followed by the Franchisee in relation to other changes to the Franchise Services (pursuant to paragraph 1 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*)) in conjunction with the Train Service Requirement; and
 - (c) may provide for iterations of drafts of any amended or new Train Service Requirement, Train Plan or Timetable and for indicative Runs of the Financial Model in relation thereto.
- 17.5 Any procedural arrangements and timescales stipulated by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 17.2 shall have contractual effect between the Franchisee and the Secretary of State in accordance with the terms of such stipulation.

18. Obligations in relation to other Train Operators

- 18.1 Subject to the terms of the Licences and any applicable Law, the Franchisee shall co-operate with other Train Operators in respect of their timetable development rights where such other Train Operators provide railway passenger services meeting common or displaced passenger demand, with a view to ensuring that:
- (a) the levels of overcrowding over the Routes or other relevant routes are minimised and not unduly concentrated on particular railway passenger services, Routes or other relevant routes;
 - (b) the stopping patterns of such railway passenger services are placed at approximately evenly-spaced intervals throughout each relevant hour, taking into account the reasonable needs of passengers and the different types of railway passenger services provided by other Train Operators and the Franchisee; and
 - (c) a reasonable pattern of railway passenger service is provided on the relevant route(s) to enable passengers to make Connections (particularly where low frequency railway passenger services are operated, first trains or last trains are involved, taking account of seasonal fluctuations in passenger demand and the time needed to make any such Connection).

19. Provisions relating to Access Agreements and Property Leases

- 19.1 Where the Secretary of State considers it requisite for the purposes of better securing the delivery of railway passenger services under the Franchise Agreement, or any other franchise

agreement, or for the better achievement by him of any of his duties, functions and powers in relation to railways, the Secretary of State may require the Franchisee:

- (a) to exercise or refrain from exercising any or all of its rights under any Access Agreement or any Property Lease, or any related rights under such other agreements as the Secretary of State may specify; and/or
- (b) subject to the consent of the counterparty thereto, to assign, novate or surrender its rights under any Access Agreement or Property Lease.

19.2 Except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise indicates from time to time, the Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State of its intention to enter into or amend any Access Agreement:

- (a) where the approval of the ORR is required under the Act, not less than ten (10) Weekdays before the submission to the ORR; and
- (b) where no such approval is required, not less than ten (10) Weekdays prior to entering into such amendment or Access Agreement.

19.3 The Franchisee shall comply with its obligations under any Access Agreement or any Property Lease to which it is a party from time to time:

- (a) to notify or consult with the Secretary of State on any matter or proposal relating to that Access Agreement or Property Lease; and
- (b) which are contingent on a particular course of action being taken by the Secretary of State or which are otherwise expressly included in that Access Agreement or Property Lease for the benefit of the Secretary of State.

19.4 If and to the extent that:

- (a) the Secretary of State exercises his rights pursuant to paragraph 19.1;
- (b) the Franchisee's compliance with the Secretary of State's requirements pursuant to paragraph 19.1 would lead to the unavoidable consequence of the Franchisee contravening any other terms of the Franchise Agreement or the occurrence of an Event of Default; and
- (c) the Franchisee duly complies with such requirements,

no such contravention of the Franchise Agreement or Event of Default shall have occurred.

20. **The Timetable and the Working Timetable**

20.1 Any specification of Passenger Services in the Train Service Requirement shall (unless the Secretary of State states to the contrary) be regarded as relating to how those Passenger Services are to be provided for in the National Rail Timetable (or other applicable timetable) that the Infrastructure Managers publish for passengers.

20.2 The Franchisee shall ensure, for each period between two (2) consecutive Passenger Change Dates during the Franchise Term that the Timetable for such period is, in its reasonable opinion, not materially different from the relevant working timetables issued by the Infrastructure Managers.

Operating Obligations

1. Daily Operating Obligations

The Franchisee agrees to use all reasonable endeavours to operate on each day of the Franchise Term each of its Passenger Services as are set out in the Plan of the Day for that day and with at least the Passenger Carrying Capacity specified in the Train Plan for that Passenger Service. The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable if it has on any day of the Franchise Term failed to operate to a material extent each of its Passenger Services as are set out in the Plan of the Day for that day and with at least the Passenger Carrying Capacity specified in the Train Plan for that Passenger Service.

2. Timetabling and Train Planning Compliance Investigation

2.1 If the Secretary of State considers that the Franchisee may have breached any of its obligations under any of paragraphs 12.1, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 14.1, 14.2 or 14.3 of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*) and/or paragraph 1 of this Schedule 1.2, he shall (in addition to his right to obtain further information pursuant to paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 1.5 (*Information about Passengers*) and without prejudice to any other rights of the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement or otherwise) have the right, by serving notice on the Franchisee, to instigate an investigation of the Franchisee's compliance with its obligations under paragraphs 12.1, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 14.1, 14.2 or 14.3 of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*) and paragraph 1 of this Schedule 1.2, including any differences between the Forecast Passenger Demand and the Actual Passenger Demand and any unreasonable assumptions about the timetables likely to be operated by other Train Operators made by the Franchisee ("**Timetabling and Train Planning Compliance Investigation**").

2.2 Following the service of such a notice the Franchisee shall:

- (a) provide such information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require for the purposes of determining if the Franchisee has complied with its obligations under paragraphs 12.1, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 14.1, 14.2 or 14.3 of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*) and/or paragraph 1 of this Schedule 1.2 including evidence of:
 - (i) the steps taken by the Franchisee to amend and/or enter into Access Agreements, exercise Timetable Development Rights and exercise its rights under the Track Access Agreements to object, to make representations and to withhold consent in respect of any actual or proposed act or omission by the Infrastructure Managers in relation to such agreement in respect of its Timetable Development Rights;
 - (ii) the extent to which the Franchisee has operated on each day of the relevant Reporting Period each of its Passenger Services as are set out in the Plan of the Day for that day and with at least the Passenger Carrying Capacity specified in the Train Plan for that Passenger Service;
 - (iii) Forecast Passenger Demand and the way that it was calculated including all evidence taken into account and assumptions used (including any divergences from then existing industry modelling standards and the reasons for such divergences); and
 - (iv) any assumptions about the timetables likely to be operated by other Train Operators made by the Franchisee; and

- (v) the alternative solutions considered by the Franchisee before finalising the Timetable and Train Plan and the reasons why any such alternative solutions were not adopted; and
- (b) permit the Secretary of State to carry out an audit of the extent to which the Timetable and Train Plan enables the Franchisee to operate railway passenger services that comply with the Train Service Requirement and paragraph 14 of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*) and fully co-operate with and provide all information needed to facilitate such audit.

2.3 **Contravention of the Franchise Agreement**

- (a) The Franchisee shall be in contravention of the Franchise Agreement if following the completion by the Secretary of State of the Timetabling and Train Planning Compliance Investigation he concludes that the Franchisee breached any of its obligations under any of paragraphs 12.1, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 14.1, 14.2 or 14.3 of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*) and/or paragraph 1 of this Schedule 1.2 including where the Franchisee:
 - (i) failed to act reasonably in calculating Forecast Passenger Demand because it unreasonably assumed that there would be differences between Forecast Passenger Demand and Actual Passenger Demand at the time that the Forecast Passenger Demand calculation was made; or
 - (ii) made unreasonable assumptions about the timetables likely to be operated by other Train Operators serving some or all of the same stations as the Franchisee.
- (b) Where the Secretary of State does conclude pursuant to paragraph 2.3(a) above that the Franchisee has breached any relevant obligation the Franchisee shall pay to the Secretary of State the costs incurred by him in undertaking any Timetabling and Train Planning Compliance Investigation (including any audit pursuant to paragraph 2.2(b)).
- (c) The Secretary of State shall notify the Franchisee if he concludes pursuant to paragraph 2.3(a) that the Franchisee is in contravention of the Franchise Agreement and he may at his discretion, and entirely without prejudice to his other rights consequent upon the relevant contravention, serve a Remedial Plan Notice pursuant to paragraph 2 of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*).

3. **Timetable changes proposed by the Infrastructure Managers**

- 3.1 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State promptly after being notified by an Infrastructure Manager that such Infrastructure Manager has decided or proposes to:
 - (a) omit from the Plan of the Day Passenger Services that are included in the Timetable; or
 - (b) reschedule in the Plan of the Day Passenger Services from their scheduling in the Timetable.
- 3.2 To the extent that any such decision or proposal may, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, materially (having regard to both duration and scale) prejudice the Franchisee's ability to deliver the Timetable with the Passenger Carrying Capacity stipulated in the Train Plan the Franchisee shall explain in such notification the way in which, in its reasonable opinion, such omission or rescheduling may materially prejudice the Franchisee's ability to deliver the Timetable with the Passenger Carrying Capacity stipulated in the Train Plan.
- 3.3 The Franchisee agrees to supply to the Secretary of State from time to time, in the format required by the Secretary of State, such details of any actual or proposed omission or

rescheduling of Passenger Services by the Infrastructure Manager as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, including details of the steps which the Franchisee proposes to take pursuant to paragraph 3.4.

3.4 Where the actual or proposed omission or rescheduling of Passenger Services is one which may, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State or the Franchisee, materially prejudice the Franchisee's ability to deliver the Timetable with the Passenger Carrying Capacity stipulated in the Train Plan, the Franchisee agrees (unless the Secretary of State specifically agrees otherwise) to exercise its rights under the Track Access Agreements (including the relevant Network Code) to:

- (a) object (including submitting its objection to any relevant dispute resolution arrangements or procedures and appealing against any award or determination under such arrangements or procedures, including to the ORR);
- (b) make representations; and
- (c) withhold consent,

in respect of any actual or proposed omission or rescheduling of Passenger Services by an Infrastructure Manager.

3.5 The provisions of this paragraph 3 shall apply to any actual or proposed omission or rescheduling of Passenger Services that originates from any person other than an Infrastructure Manager, as those provisions apply to an Infrastructure Manager.

4. **Timetable changes proposed by the Franchisee**

4.1 The Franchisee agrees, subject to paragraph 4.3, not to propose to an Infrastructure Manager:

- (a) the addition to the Plan of the Day of any railway passenger services which are not included in the Timetable;
- (b) the omission from the Plan of the Day of any Passenger Services included in the Timetable; or
- (c) the rescheduling in the Plan of the Day of any Passenger Services from their scheduling in the Timetable,

without the Secretary of State's prior consent.

4.2 The Franchisee shall submit to the Secretary of State an amended Train Plan in respect of each Timetable change proposal.

4.3 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to operate adequate railway passenger services to or from any special events which are not already provided for in the Plan of the Day to meet the passenger demand that is reasonably likely to arise from such special events and to ensure that the railway passenger services provided have an appropriate amount of passenger carrying capacity. The Franchisee shall in meeting its obligations pursuant to this paragraph 4.3:

- (a) consider amending the Plan of the Day through the omission, addition or rescheduling of Passenger Services; and
- (b) seek to optimise the effective delivery of the Passenger Services as a whole with the provision of appropriate capacity in the context of the additional demand consequent upon a relevant special event.

5. Timetable changes and Train Plan changes requested by the Secretary of State

- 5.1 The Franchisee agrees, as and when requested by the Secretary of State, to use all reasonable endeavours to seek and to obtain:
- (a) the addition to the Plan of the Day of any railway passenger services that are not included in the Timetable;
 - (b) the omission from the Plan of the Day of any Passenger Services that are included in the Timetable; and/or
 - (c) the rescheduling in the Plan of the Day of any Passenger Services from their scheduling in the Timetable.
- 5.2 The Secretary of State may reasonably request that the Franchisee shall submit to the Secretary of State an amendment to the Train Plan at any time.

6. Obligations of the Franchisee in the event of disruption to railway passenger services

- 6.1 In the event of any planned or unplanned disruption to railway passenger services operated on the Routes, or on other parts of the network which are reasonably local to the Routes, the Franchisee shall:
- (a) without prejudice to any other provision of this Schedule 1.2, notify the Secretary of State promptly where such disruption would materially (having regard to both duration and scale) prejudice the Franchisee's ability to deliver the Timetable or deliver the Timetable in accordance with the Train Plan;
 - (b) co-operate with the Infrastructure Managers and other Train Operators to act in the overall interests of passengers using such railway passenger services, including using all reasonable endeavours to ensure that such disruption is not concentrated on a particular part of the network, except where such concentration either:
 - (i) would be in the overall interests of passengers using such Passenger Services or railway passenger services and would not result in disproportionate inconvenience to any group of passengers; or
 - (ii) is reasonably necessary as a result of the cause or the location of the disruption; and
 - (c) use all reasonable endeavours to provide or secure the provision of alternative transport arrangements in accordance with paragraph 6.2.
- 6.2 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to provide or secure the provision of alternative transport arrangements to enable passengers affected by any disruption referred to in paragraph 6.1 to complete their intended journeys in accordance with this paragraph 6.2. In particular, the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to:
- (a) ensure that such alternative transport arrangements are of reasonable quality, of a reasonably similar frequency to the Passenger Services included in the Timetable which such arrangements replace and reasonably fit for the purpose of the journey to be undertaken;
 - (b) transport passengers to, or as near as reasonably practicable to, the end of their intended journey on such Passenger Services, having particular regard to the needs of any Disabled Persons and, where appropriate, making additional arrangements for such Disabled Persons to complete their intended journey;

- (c) provide adequate and prominent publicity of such alternative transport arrangements in advance, subject, in the case of unplanned disruption, to the Franchisee having sufficient notice of such disruption to enable it to provide such publicity;
- (d) provide sufficient alternative transport capacity for the reasonably foreseeable demand for the disrupted Passenger Services; and
- (e) ensure, if any planned disruption overruns, that there is a reasonable contingency arrangement for such alternative transport arrangements to continue for the duration of such overrun.

7. **Obligation to use all reasonable endeavours under this Schedule 1.2**

7.1 Any obligation in this Schedule 1.2 on the part of the Franchisee to use **"all reasonable endeavours"** shall (with the exception of paragraph 5 of this Schedule 1.2) include an obligation to:

- (a) ensure (so far as it is able to do so) the provision of the Passenger Services as set out in the Plan of the Day in accordance with the Train Plan in ordinary operating conditions;
- (b) take reasonable measures to avoid and/or reduce the impact of any disruption to the Franchise Services having regard to all the circumstances, including the reasonably foreseeable risks arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 7.2; and
- (c) actively manage the performance by the Infrastructure Managers of their contractual relationship with the Franchisee (and provide appropriate management resources for this purpose) so as to secure the best performance reasonably obtainable from the Infrastructure Managers by these means (including taking the steps referred to in paragraph 7.4), having regard to all the circumstances.

7.2 The matters to which the Franchisee is to have regard pursuant to paragraph 7.1(b) shall include:

- (a) variations in weather and operating conditions (including the Infrastructure Manager's infrastructure not being available for any reason), which may in either case include seasonal variations;
- (b) default by, or restrictions imposed by, suppliers to the Franchisee;
- (c) shortages of appropriately skilled or qualified Franchise Employees;
- (d) disputes with Franchise Employees;
- (e) the availability of the Train Fleet, having regard to maintenance requirements and any Mandatory Modifications;
- (f) establishing reasonable Turnaround Time allowances for enabling or disabling (as appropriate) any part of a train, the rostering of any train crew and the servicing or cleaning of any rolling stock vehicles; and
- (g) failures of rolling stock vehicles in service and contingency arrangements (including Hot Standbys and rescue traction).

- 7.3 For the purpose of taking measures in respect of any disruption to the Franchise Services in accordance with paragraph 7.1(b) and assessing the extent of any risk referred to in paragraph 7.1(b) and any such risk's reasonable foreseeability, regard shall be had both:
- (a) to the historical levels of incidence of disruption in the operation of:
 - (i) the Franchise Services;
 - (ii) similar services both by the Franchisee and/or its predecessors; and
 - (iii) other services of a type similar to the Franchise Services; and
 - (b) to potential changes in circumstances which may affect those levels.
- 7.4 The steps to which paragraph 7.1(c) refers include:
- (a) co-operating with the Infrastructure Managers in the development, agreement and implementation of:
 - (i) a five (5) year (rolling) Performance Strategy Plan; and
 - (ii) recovery plans in response to failures to achieve the performance levels specified in the Performance Strategy Plan;
 - (b) co-operating with the Infrastructure Managers in adopting the principles set out in any Service Recovery Plans agreed between the Infrastructure Managers and the Franchisee from time to time;
 - (c) undertaking regular reviews of:
 - (i) the most common and most detrimental causes of delay to the Passenger Services; and
 - (ii) the causes of the ten (10) delays to the Passenger Services with the longest duration (to the extent not already reviewed in accordance with paragraph 7.4(c)(i)),
 which have occurred during a defined review period (e.g. weekly/four (4) weekly/quarterly) and which have been caused by the Franchisee, any other Train Operator, any other train operator licensed under the Act or any Infrastructure Manager;
 - (d) undertaking with the relevant Infrastructure Manager a review of the time taken to recover the Passenger Services following the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs 7.4(c)(i) and 7.4(c)(ii) and seeking to identify and implement actions that reduce the delay effect of such events;
 - (e) setting up and holding regular and effective performance review meetings with each Infrastructure Manager, evidenced by meeting minutes and the closure of actions agreed between the Parties;
 - (f) regularly monitoring (at least every Reporting Period) the delivery of local output commitments made by each Infrastructure Manager in the Performance Strategy Plan and derived delivery plans and using reasonable endeavours to specify and develop such delivery plans;
 - (g) as and when required by an Infrastructure Manager, co-operating with that Infrastructure Manager in improving the accuracy of future timetables by providing

access to trains (and data collected from train systems), other facilities and/or information;

- (h) co-operating with the Infrastructure Managers in other delay management initiatives and ongoing quarterly reviews of the Performance Strategy Plan;
- (i) regularly reviewing (at least every Reporting Period) the imposition and clearance of temporary speed restrictions;
- (j) regularly reviewing (at least every Reporting Period) the timely and efficient handover and hand-back of possessions; and
- (k) where appropriate and where an Infrastructure Manager fails to perform its obligations under a Track Access Agreement, enforcing the Franchisee's rights under such Track Access Agreement.

7.5 The Franchisee undertakes to reasonably co-operate with each Infrastructure Manager with regard to such Infrastructure Manager's management of the network, including in relation to the establishment of up to date Timetable Planning Rules (as such term is defined in the relevant Network Code).

7.6 To the extent not already provided for in the Franchise Agreement, the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the performance by each Infrastructure Manager of its obligations under any relevant agreement including, where appropriate or where requested by the Secretary of State, enforcing its rights against such Infrastructure Manager under any such agreement.

7.7 When and to the extent reasonably requested by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State evidence of the steps taken by it in order to comply with its obligations under this paragraph 7.

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Passenger Facing Obligations

1. Publishing the Timetable

1.1 The First Timetable

The Franchisee shall publish on the Start Date:

- (a) the Timetable:
 - (i) at each staffed Station, by making the relevant information available upon request and free of charge in one or more booklets or in other similar form;
 - (ii) at each Station, by displaying the relevant information on information displays;
 - (iii) at each Franchisee Access Station, by providing to the operator of each such station the departure and arrival times of the Passenger Services that call at each such station and the principal Connections to any other transport services relevant to each such station in the same forms as are specified in paragraphs (i) and (ii); and
 - (iv) on the Franchisee's website; and
- (b) the timetables of other Train Operators at Stations, in accordance with paragraph 1.4.

1.2 Timetable Revisions and Alterations

The Franchisee shall publish updates or replacements to the Timetable at the locations specified in paragraph 1.1 to the extent necessary to reflect any changes which come into effect on a Passenger Change Date:

- (a) in the case of booklets, at least four (4) weeks before the changes come into effect;
- (b) in the case of information displays, no later than the day before the changes come into effect;
- (c) in the case of information provided to the operators of Franchisee Access Stations, in sufficient time for such information to be published by such operators within the time limits provided for in this paragraph 1.2; and
- (d) in the case of the Franchisee's website, at least four (4) weeks before the changes come into effect.

1.3 In addition, the Franchisee shall:

- (a) subject to paragraph 1.4, display posters at each Station advising passengers of all Significant Alterations between any two Passenger Change Dates to railway passenger services calling at that Station, no later than four (4) weeks in advance of the date on which the alterations come into effect; and
- (b) provide posters to the operators of Franchisee Access Stations, advising passengers of all Significant Alterations between any two (2) Passenger Change Dates to the Passenger Services which call at such Franchisee Access Stations, in sufficient time for such information to be published by such operators within the time limit provided for in paragraph 1.3 (a).

1.4 Other Train Operators' Timetables

The Franchisee shall also comply with the requirements of paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3 inclusive by making available booklets and displaying information in information displays and otherwise displaying posters in respect of any other Train Operator's timetable at each Station where the railway passenger services of such other Train Operator are scheduled to call or in respect of which Connections to such other Train Operators railway passenger services can be made from that Station:

- (a) within the time limits specified in paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 where and to the extent that such other Train Operator delivers to the Franchisee the relevant information and materials in sufficient time for the Franchisee to so publish; and
- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter where and to the extent that such other Train Operator delivers the relevant information and materials late to the Franchisee.

1.5 National Rail Timetable and National Rail Enquiry Scheme

The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure (including by virtue of any arrangements made from time to time between Network Rail and RSP) that the National Rail Timetable (or any replacement timetable), which Network Rail is responsible for publishing from time to time in relation to the Passenger Services, incorporates or is consistent with its Timetable from time to time.

1.6 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that information in relation to:

- (a) the Timetable; and
- (b) any Significant Alterations, to the Timetable to take effect between any two (2) Passenger Change Dates,

is available to passengers through the National Rail Enquiry Scheme (or any replacement) not less than four (4) weeks prior to coming into effect.

2. Communicating Late Timetable Changes

2.1 Save in respect of Significant Alterations, for which the provisions of paragraphs 1.3 and 1.6 shall apply, the Franchisee shall inform passengers, so far as possible on not less than seven (7) days' prior notice, if it will be unable to operate its trains in accordance with the Timetable. Such information shall include any revised Timetable or travelling arrangements.

2.2 Such information shall be provided by:

- (a) revising or adding to the information displays referred to in paragraph 1.1;
- (b) notifying the operators of the Franchisee Access Stations, as appropriate, including by providing such operators with revised posters; and
- (c) updating the Franchisee's website.

2.3 The Franchisee shall revise or add to the information displays at the Stations promptly on receipt of any equivalent information relating to the railway passenger services of other Train Operators whose services call at the Stations.

2.4 Where the Franchisee is unable to provide the information specified in paragraph 2.1 because the relevant revisions are made on an emergency basis, the Franchisee shall notify passengers

and publish the relevant revisions by way of the means contemplated by paragraph 2.2 as soon as reasonably practicable.

- 2.5 The Franchisee shall ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable (including by communication of the relevant information to persons likely to receive enquiries), passengers making enquiries regarding the Passenger Services are informed of the revised Timetable and any revised travel arrangements of the Franchisee as far in advance as is reasonably practicable.

3. **Fares Selling Restrictions**

3.1 **Restrictions on Sales**

The Franchisee shall ensure that the purchaser of any Protected Fare or Commuter Fare:

- (a) shall be entitled, without further charge, to such rights of access and egress and other similar rights at the commencement and end of the relevant intended journey or journeys as may be reasonably necessary for such purchaser to travel on the Passenger Services;
- (b) shall not be required to incur any cost or take any action beyond the payment of an amount equal to the Price of such Protected Fare or Commuter Fare (as the case may be) and, in relation to the issue of a Season Ticket Fare, the completion of an identity card as the Franchisee may reasonably require; and
- (c) shall not be required to pay an amount in respect of a seat reservation or other similar right which it may be compulsory for such purchaser to have in order to make a journey with such Protected Fare or Commuter Fare (as the case may be) on a Passenger Service.

3.2 The Franchisee shall procure that for any:

- (a) Protected Return Fare, Single Fare which is a Commuter Fare or Return Fare which is a Commuter Fare, each such Fare shall be offered for sale wherever and whenever any other Fare (not being a Season Ticket Fare) for a journey between the same origin and destination stations is offered for sale; and
- (b) Protected Weekly Season Ticket or Season Ticket Fare which is a Commuter Fare, each such Fare shall be offered for sale at all staffed ticket offices at which Fares for a journey between the same origin and destination stations are sold and otherwise wherever and whenever any Season Ticket Fare is offered for sale,

in each case, either by it or its agents (except persons acting in such capacity by virtue of having been appointed under Parts II to VI of Chapter 9 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement or by being party to the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement).

3.3 Where the Franchisee sets a limit on the number of Protected Fares or Commuter Fares that may be used on any particular train, such limit shall be the greater of:

- (a) the number of seats in Standard Class Accommodation on such train; and
- (b) the capacity of Standard Class Accommodation of the rolling stock vehicles comprising such train according to the tables set out in Appendix 1 to Schedule 1.6 (*The Rolling Stock*).

3.4 The Franchisee shall not sell or offer to sell:

- (a) any Fare in respect of which the:
 - (i) Prices are regulated under Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) and Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*), at prices that are greater than the Prices set for such Fares from time to time in accordance with Schedule 5.4 and Schedule 5.5; and
 - (ii) Child Prices are regulated under Schedule 5.2 (*Franchisee's Obligation to Create Fares*) at prices that are greater than the Child Prices set for such Fares from time to time in accordance with Schedule 5.2;
- (b) any Fare or Discount Card which has a validity of thirteen (13) or more months, except to the extent required to do so under the terms of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement.

3.5 **Agents of the Franchisee**

The Franchisee shall procure that all persons selling or offering to sell Fares on its behalf (whether under the terms of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement, as its agents or otherwise):

- (a) for Fares in respect of which the:
 - (i) Prices are regulated under Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) and Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*), sell or offer to sell at prices no greater than the Prices set for such Fares from time to time in accordance with Schedule 5.4 and Schedule 5.5; and
 - (ii) Child Prices are regulated under Schedule 5.2 (*Franchisee's Obligation to Create Fares*), at prices no greater than the Child Prices set for such Fares from time to time in accordance with Schedule 5.2;
- (b) for Fares in respect of which the Child Price has been set pursuant to paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 5.2 (*Franchisee's Obligation to Create Fares*), sell or offer to sell such Fares to any person under the age of 16 for an amount which is no greater than fifty per cent (50%) of the Price of the relevant Fare; and
- (c) for all Fares:
 - (i) do not sell or offer to sell any Fare or Discount Card with a validity of thirteen (13) or more months without the consent of the Secretary of State (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld); and
 - (ii) comply with the provisions of paragraph 5 of Schedule 15.2 (*Last Twelve (12) or Thirteen (13) Months of Franchise Period and Other Conduct of Business Provisions*) to the extent they apply to the selling of Fares by the Franchisee.

3.6 **Additional Ancillary Services**

The Franchisee shall, subject to this paragraph 3, be entitled to charge a purchaser of any Protected Fare or Commuter Fare for any additional services:

- (a) which are ancillary to the railway passenger service for which such Protected Fare or Commuter Fare (as the case may be) was purchased (including, charges in respect of car parking or catering services); and

(b) which such purchaser is not obliged to purchase.

3.7 **Sale of Fares for travel on Bank Holidays**

The Franchisee shall ensure that, for any Fare in respect of travel on a Bank Holiday, it only offers for sale (and shall procure that any person authorised to sell Fares on its behalf only offers for sale) such Fare that has the same rights and restrictions as a Fare which is valid for travel on a Saturday or Sunday.

4. **Passenger's Charter**

4.1 **Content**

The Franchisee shall:

(a) publish its Passenger's Charter:

(i) in substantially the same form as the document in the agreed terms marked **PC**; and

(ii) in accordance with the requirements specified in paragraph 4.3;

(b) review the need for changes to the Passenger's Charter at least every three (3) years, in consultation with the Passengers' Council, and shall submit a draft of any revisions to the Passenger's Charter that it wishes to propose, together with proof of such consultation, to the Secretary of State; and

(c) state the date of publication clearly on the front cover of the Passenger's Charter.

4.2 The Franchisee may not change the Passenger's Charter without the Secretary of State's prior written consent (which is not to be unreasonably withheld).

4.3 **Publishing the Passenger's Charter**

The Franchisee shall publicise its Passenger's Charter by:

(a) providing copies to the Secretary of State and the Passengers' Council at least seven (7) days before it comes into effect;

(b) providing copies to passengers, free of charge, at each staffed Station and in the case of any revision thereto, providing such copies at least seven (7) days before such revision comes into effect;

(c) sending a copy, free of charge, to any person who requests it; and

(d) displaying it on its website at all times and, in the case of any revision thereto, at least seven (7) days before such revision comes into effect,

save in respect of the Passenger's Charter which is effective on the Start Date, in which case the Franchisee shall publicise such Passenger's Charter in the manner contemplated by this paragraph 4.3 on and from the Start Date.

4.4 The Franchisee shall also provide at each staffed Station the then current passenger's charter of any other Train Operator whose trains call there, subject to the provision of such passenger's charter to the Franchisee by such other Train Operator.

4.5 The Franchisee shall provide copies of its Passenger's Charter to the operators of Franchisee Access Stations to enable such operators to publish it.

4.6 **Passenger's Charter Payments and Other Obligations**

The Franchisee shall:

- (a) make all payments which passengers may reasonably expect to be made or provided from time to time under the terms of the Passenger's Charter (whether or not the Franchisee is legally obliged to do so);
- (b) use all reasonable endeavours to make passengers aware of their right to claim compensation pursuant to the Passenger's Charter including by:
 - (i) displaying the relevant information on trains and at Stations;
 - (ii) making appropriate announcements to passengers on trains and at Stations when the circumstances giving rise to that right occur;
 - (iii) making compensation claim forms readily available to passengers at Stations and on the Franchisee's website; and
 - (iv) any other reasonable means to reflect future advancements in technology proposed in writing either by the Franchisee or the Secretary of State and agreed by both Parties (acting reasonably); and
- (c) use all reasonable endeavours:
 - (i) to comply with any other obligations, statements and representations; and
 - (ii) to meet any other standards or targets of performance, as are comprised in its Passenger's Charter from time to time.

5. **End to End Journeys and Cycles**

The Franchisee shall have due regard to the desirability of acting in a manner which facilitates end to end journeys that involve travel by all transport modes (including cycles). The Franchisee shall permit the carriage of folding cycles on all Passenger Services and non-folding cycles wherever reasonably practicable.

6. **Statutory Notices**

If requested by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee shall publish and display at the Stations (and shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure the publication and display at Franchisee Access Stations of) such statutory notices as the Secretary of State may wish to publish from time to time in the exercise of his functions (including in relation to Closures or any enforcement or penalty orders).

7. **Train and Station Cleaning**

The Franchisee shall:

- 7.1 ensure that the nature and frequency of its planned and reactive programme for maintaining a reasonable standard of train presentation is such that all rolling stock used by it in the provision of the Passenger Services is expected to be kept reasonably clean, appropriately stocked with consumables and free from minor defects;

- 7.2 use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that a reasonable standard of train presentation is maintained at all times in respect of all rolling stock used by it in the provision of the Passenger Services;
- 7.3 ensure that the nature and frequency of its planned and reactive programme for maintaining a reasonable standard of Station condition and passenger environment is such that all of the Stations are expected to be clean, free of litter and graffiti, painted to a reasonable standard and free from minor defects; and
- 7.4 use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that all Stations are clean, free of litter and graffiti, painted to a reasonable standard and free from minor defects throughout the Franchise Term.

8. Publication of Performance Data

8.1 The Franchisee shall in accordance with paragraph 8.2 of this Schedule 1.4 (and in such format as the Secretary of State may reasonably require) publish on the Franchisee's web site in relation to each Reporting Period during the Franchise Term the performance of the Franchisee by reference to:

- (a) Cancellations Figures;
- (b) **NOT USED;**
- (c) Right Time Figures;
- (d) **NOT USED;**
- (e) Short Formation Figures;
- (f) Time to 3 Minutes Figures;
- (g) Time to 15 Minutes Figures;
- (h) All Cancellations Figures; and
- (i) On Time Figures.

Such data shall be published by the Franchisee within ten (10) Weekdays of it becoming available to the Franchisee.

8.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that the data published by it pursuant to paragraph 8.1 shall in each case be shown:

- (a) in relation to all Passenger Services;
- (b) disaggregated by reference to Service Groups;
- (c) on a periodic and/or on an average basis (as applicable); and
- (d) include details of:
 - (i) the number of Passenger Services operated by the Franchisee during each relevant Reporting Period which are late in arriving at their final scheduled destination in the Plan of the Day:
 - (A) by between 30 minutes and 59 minutes;

- (B) by between 60 minutes and 119 minutes; and
- (C) by 120 minutes or more,

and the percentage that each such category of delayed Passenger Services represents of the total number of Passenger Services scheduled to be provided in the Plan of the Day during such Reporting Period; and

- (ii) the number of Passenger Services formed with less Passenger Carrying Capacity than specified in the Train Plan during such Reporting Period and the percentage that this represents of all Passenger Services scheduled in the Train Plan to be operated in that Reporting Period.

8.3 As part of each Customer Report to be provided by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 10.1 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*), the Franchisee shall publish (in such format as the Secretary of State may reasonably require):

- (a) the mean average of each of the Cancellations Figures and the Short Formation Figures for the Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the last Reporting Period reported on in the previous Customer Report (or, in the case of the first (1st) Customer Report, since the Start Date);
- (b) the latest Right Time Figures and Time to 3 Minutes Figures, Time to 15 Minutes Figures, All Cancellation Figures and On Time Figures for the last Reporting Period before publication of the relevant Customer Report;
- (c) from the third (3rd) Customer Report onwards, a summary comparison of the statistics produced pursuant to paragraphs 8.3 (a) and 8.3 (b) as against the equivalent statistics provided for the same Reporting Period(s) in the previous Franchisee Year;
- (d) an update on the key activities undertaken by the Franchisee to improve its performance in relation to the measures referred to in paragraphs 8.3 (a) and 8.3 (b); and
- (e) a summary of the key activities planned to be undertaken by the Franchisee in the period in relation to which the next Customer Report will report to improve its performance in relation to the measures referred to in paragraphs 8.3 (a) and 8.3 (b).

9. Publication of Complaints and Faults Handling Data

9.1 As part of each Customer Report to be provided by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 10.1 of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*), the Franchisee shall publish (in such format as the Secretary of State may reasonably require) in relation to the Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the last Reporting Period reported on in the previous Customer Report or, in the case of the first (1st) Customer Report, since the Start Date):

- (a) a summary of the data published by the ORR from time to time in relation to the handling of passenger complaints regarding the Franchisee's operation of the Passenger Services;
- (b) details of the number of faults notified to the Franchisee by passengers or station users through specified channels including the website of the Franchisee (each a "**Notified Fault**") in each case identifying the total numbers of Notified Faults (by reference to whether such Notified Faults relate to rolling stock or stations), with such numbers further disaggregated by Service Group and broken down into relevant sub-categories of Notified Fault;
- (c) the mean average time taken by the Franchisee:

- (i) to resolve Notified Faults; and
 - (ii) where Notified Faults are not resolved within twenty (20) Weekdays, to provide feedback to applicable passengers and/or station users on its progress in seeking resolution of such Notified Faults; and
- (d) from the third (3rd) Customer Report onwards a summary comparison of:
- (i) the mean average number of Notified Faults notified to the Franchisee;
 - (ii) the mean average time taken by the Franchisee to resolve Notified Faults; and
 - (iii) the mean average time taken by the Franchisee, where Notified Faults have not been resolved within twenty (20) Weekdays to provide feedback to applicable passengers and/or station users on its progress in seeking resolution of such Notified Faults,

in each case in comparison with the relevant equivalent mean average statistics provided for the same Reporting Periods in the previous Franchisee Year.

10. Route Maps

10.1 The Franchisee shall produce a Route Map which shall include as a minimum;

- (a) all stations served by the Passenger Services; and
- (b) key stations located on any Other Passenger Route Within the Geographical Area (which shall either be selected by the Franchisee on a reasonable basis or, if so directed by the Secretary of State, specified by him in a notice to the Franchisee).

10.2 The Route Map shall include notes identifying:

- (a) in relation to any Other Passenger Route Within the Geographical Area with a principal destination point outside of the Geographical Area, such ultimate origin or ultimate destination point; and
- (b) those Routes over which services are also is operated and such service is:
 - (i) operated by a passenger train operator other than the Franchisee; and
 - (ii) is run on a more frequent basis (as stated in the National Rail Timetable) than the Passenger Services.

10.3 The Franchisee shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, update the Route Map in all places where it is displayed where there is any change:

- (a) to the Passenger Services, leading to a change in the routes falling within the definition of Route; or
- (b) to the passenger services operated by another passenger train operator (as stated in the National Rail Timetable), leading to a change to the routes falling within the definition of Other Passenger Route Within the Geographical Area.

10.4 The Route Map shall at all times be displayed:

- (a) in every passenger carrying vehicle within the Train Fleet;

- (b) at every Station; and
- (c) on its website.

10.5 The Franchisee shall be regarded as having complied with the requirement of paragraph 10.1 if a map that meets the requirements of a Route Map is produced by a Local Authority or other relevant Stakeholder. The provisions of paragraphs 10.3 and 10.4 shall apply in relation to any such map.

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Information about Passengers

1. Passenger Numbers Information

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall, as and when reasonably requested by the Secretary of State (and, for these purposes, it shall not be unreasonable to make such a request at least twice yearly), provide information to the Secretary of State on the extent of the use by passengers of the Passenger Services. Without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, in particular and when so requested, the Franchisee shall provide information relating to:
- (a) the number of passengers travelling in each class of accommodation:
 - (i) on each Passenger Service;
 - (ii) on each Route; and/or
 - (iii) at any station or between any stations;
 - (b) the times of the day, week or year at which passengers travel; and
 - (c) the Actual Consist Data and the Scheduled Consist Data,
- (the information referred to in the whole of paragraph 1.1 being referred to together as "**Actual Passenger Demand**").
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall obtain and collate the information specified in paragraph 1.1 by using the technology specified in paragraph 3. The Franchisee shall ensure that any technology for determining the number of passengers travelling in each class of accommodation that is fitted on the Train Fleet remains operational and in good working order from the date that it is fitted throughout the Franchise Period. The Franchisee shall also ensure that, if such technology is not fitted to one hundred per cent (100%) of the Train Fleet, the individual rolling stock vehicles that have been fitted with such technology shall be rotated around the Routes as necessary to satisfy such request for data as is made by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.1. The Secretary of State acting reasonably shall have the right to obtain such other information that the Franchisee has, ought properly to have or could reasonably obtain which may provide a more detailed or accurate view of the extent of use by passengers of the Passenger Services including information about ingress and egress of passengers at ticket gates at Stations.
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State all of the information generated by the technology specified in paragraph 3 and/or by using manual counts pursuant to paragraph 2 including the information specified in paragraph 1.1:
- (a) promptly following its collation and in any case within the following timescales:
 - (i) in the case of data collected automatically by the Count Equipment and capable of being transmitted directly and automatically to the RPC Database or the Preliminary Database (as appropriate), within forty eight (48) hours of its collation;
 - (ii) in the case of data collected automatically by the Count Equipment but not capable of direct and automatic transmission to the RPC Database or the Preliminary Database (as appropriate), within one (1) calendar month of its collation; and
 - (iii) in the case of data collected by manual count, within one (1) calendar month of its collation;

- (b) using such systems, in such a format and to such level of disaggregation as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, and in a format which is capable of being read by the RPC Database or the Preliminary Database (as appropriate) (which shall include providing data which is not encrypted);
- (c) either by transmitting such data directly to the RPC Database or the Preliminary Database (as appropriate) or by ensuring that the database provider can pull and transmit such data to the RPC Database or the Preliminary Database (as appropriate), as appropriate according to the nature of the Franchisee's Count Equipment from time to time or by providing such data to the Secretary of State by such other means as the Secretary of State notifies to the Franchisee from time to time; and
- (d) to the extent required by the Secretary of State, by providing the Secretary of State with direct remote access to the system used by the Franchisee to collect such information such that the Secretary of State is able to download such information,

and such information may be used by the Secretary of State for such purposes as he may reasonably require including for the purposes of assisting his decision making on train service requirements, infrastructure, station and rolling stock investment, the best use of the network and the alleviation of overcrowding.

1.4 The Franchisee shall use any flagging system contained within the RPC Database to highlight such events and occurrences as the Secretary of State may reasonably specify in writing from time to time.

2. Manual Passenger Counts

2.1 The Secretary of State shall have the right to require the Franchisee to carry out manual counts in relation to some or all of the Passenger Services at such times as may be required and in such manner (including as to levels of accuracy and the number of days) as may be specified from time to time by the Secretary of State including if, exceptionally, the Franchisee is unable to comply with its obligations to provide data generated by the technology specified in paragraph 3.

2.2 The Secretary of State shall be entitled to audit such counts (whether by specimen checks at the time of such counts, verification of proper compliance with the manner approved by him or otherwise). In the event that such audit reveals, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, a material error, or a reasonable likelihood of material error, in such counts, the Secretary of State may require the counts to be repeated or the results adjusted as he considers appropriate, and in these circumstances the Franchisee shall pay to the Secretary of State the costs of any such audits.

3. Technology for Obtaining the Information referred to in paragraph 1.2

3.1 The technology to be used for the purpose of paragraph 1.2 shall be [\[INSERT DETAILS⁴¹\]](#).

3.2 The technology to be used for the purposes of paragraph 1.2 shall be fitted to:

⁴¹ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate (i.e. specify technology here), noting the requirements of paragraph 3.2 (b).

- (a) in the case of any brand new rolling stock which is admitted to the Train Fleet, one hundred per cent (100%) of it from the date that such rolling stock is properly admitted; and
- (b) in the case of all other rolling stock, by 1 January 2020, to every vehicle comprised within no less than thirty-five per cent (35%) of such rolling stock units included in the Train Fleet from time to time in aggregate.
- 3.3 Without limiting the Secretary of State's rights under paragraph 1.1 of this Schedule 1.5, the technology specified in paragraph 3.1 above shall be used to provide counts in respect of, in any period of not less than twelve (12) weeks, at least two (2) of each of the Timetabled Services, and each count shall be carried out on each rolling stock unit comprising a particular train. The Franchisee may only use a method of extrapolation and use extrapolated data to provide a reliable estimate of a full train's count with the Secretary of State's prior written approval of the use of extrapolated data and the method of extrapolation (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). The Franchisee shall comply with its obligation under this paragraph 3 from the date(s) such rolling stock is incorporated into the Train Fleet.
- 3.4 The Parties acknowledge that the information supplied under paragraph 1.1 above, and any product of it created by the RPC Database or the Preliminary Database (as appropriate), may constitute Confidential Information to which Schedule 17 (*Confidentiality and Freedom of Information*) applies.
- 4. Client Relationship Management (CRM) Data**
- 4.1 The Franchisee shall ensure that any CRM System is the property of the Franchisee or is licensed to the Franchisee on terms which have been approved by the Secretary of State (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and that any CRM Data obtained by or on behalf of the Franchisee shall be:
- (a) obtained on terms such that the Franchisee shall be the Data Controller of such data; and
- (b) the property of the Franchisee.
- 4.2 In relation to any CRM Data obtained by or on behalf of the Franchisee, the Franchisee shall ensure or procure that at the same time as the Franchisee seeks consent to process such CRM Data, the consent of the Data Subject is also sought to such CRM Data being disclosed to any Successor Operator and/or the Secretary of State and processed by any Successor Operator for the same purposes as the Franchisee sought consent to process such CRM Data.
- 4.3 Any consent referred to in paragraph 4.2 shall be sought in such manner as shall from time to time be approved by the Secretary of State (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and shall be on terms such as shall permit, in each case in compliance with the Data Protection Act:
- (a) the Franchisee to disclose such CRM Data to any Successor Operator and/or the Secretary of State; and
- (b) any such Successor Operator to process such CRM Data in the manner contemplated by paragraph 4.2.
- 4.4 The Franchisee shall not be required to:
- (a) disclose, publish, share or otherwise provide or make available any Personal Data (including CRM Data) to any person (including a Successor Operator or any participant involved with the re-letting of the Franchise); or

(b) provide access to any CRM System,

in each case pursuant to the terms of the Franchise Agreement (together, the "**CRM Obligations**") if and to the extent that the Franchisee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that compliance with such CRM Obligations would put the Franchisee, acting as a Data Controller, in contravention of its duties and/or obligations under any Personal Data Legislation.

5. Yield Management Data

5.1 The Franchisee shall ensure that any Yield Management Data and Yield Management System are the property of the Franchisee or are licensed to the Franchisee on terms which have been approved by the Secretary of State (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

5.2 If and to the extent that the collection, use and/or processing of any Yield Management Data is subject to the Data Protection Act then paragraphs 4.1(a), 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 6 of this Schedule 1.5 shall apply in respect of Yield Management Data in the same way as they apply to CRM Data.

6. Personal Data - General Provisions

6.1 In respect of any Personal Data processed by the Franchisee, including CRM Data, the Franchisee agrees that it shall (i) comply with the Data Protection Act and all other legislation relating to the protection and use of personal information (including the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003) (all such legislation collectively being the "**Personal Data Legislation**") to the extent that such legislation applies to it and (ii) procure that its agents or sub-contractors shall do the same to the extent that such legislation applies to any of them.

6.2 Pursuant to paragraph 6.1, the Franchisee agrees to comply with the Personal Data Legislation in respect of its processing of CRM Data and in particular, but without limitation, the Franchisee shall:

- (a) ensure that CRM Data is processed fairly and lawfully (in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act);
- (b) ensure that CRM Data is obtained only for one or more specified and lawful purposes, and shall not be further processed in any manner incompatible with that purpose or those purposes (in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act); and
- (c) obtain and maintain all appropriate notifications as required under the Data Protection Act.

6.3 In accordance with its capacity as Data Controller of CRM Data and in accordance with the ensuing obligations under the Data Protection Act:

- (a) the Franchisee shall procure that any CRM Data Processor which it appoints shall:
 - (i) prior to any disclosure of CRM Data to the CRM Data Processor, enter into written terms between itself and the Franchisee which are equivalent to those contained in this paragraph 6.3; and
 - (ii) process CRM Data only on behalf of the Franchisee, only for the purpose(s) as defined by the Franchisee and only in accordance with instructions received from the Franchisee from time to time;

- (b) the Franchisee shall, and shall procure that any CRM Data Processor which it appoints shall, at all times have in place appropriate technical and organisational measures against unauthorised or unlawful processing of CRM Data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, CRM Data and that such measures shall:
- (i) reflect the level of harm, damage and/or distress that might be suffered by the Data Subject to whom the CRM Data relates in the event of a contravention of the measures as set out herein;
 - (ii) ensure that only authorised personnel have access to CRM Data and that any persons authorised to have access to CRM Data will respect and maintain all due confidentiality; and
 - (iii) (in the case of the CRM Data Processor) include compliance with a schedule of minimum security measures pursuant to the written terms between the Franchisee and the CRM Data Processor;
- (c) the Franchisee shall procure that any CRM Data Processor which it appoints shall:
- (i) promptly notify the Franchisee of any actual or suspected, threatened or 'near miss' incident of accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, unauthorised or accidental disclosure of or access to the CRM Data or other breach of this paragraph 6.3(c) ("**Security Breach**") and, pursuant to this the Franchisee shall promptly notify the Secretary of State of all Security Breaches by itself or by the CRM Data Processor (the Franchisee hereby acknowledges that whilst the Secretary of State is not Data Controller in respect of the CRM Data, the Secretary of State's legitimate interests given its duties under the Act may be affected in the event of a Security Breach and as such the Secretary of State wishes to be notified of the same); and
 - (ii) promptly provide the Franchisee on request with all reasonable information, assistance and co-operation in relation to its use of the CRM Data, including in relation to any audit by the Franchisee or by any person appointed on its behalf to permit an accurate and complete assessment of compliance with this paragraph 6;
- (d) the Franchisee shall, and shall procure that any CRM Data Processor which it appoints shall, at all times take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of its/their personnel who have access to the CRM Data and ensure they are aware of the obligations of the Franchisee or the CRM Data Processor (as appropriate) in relation to the same; and
- (e) the Franchisee shall, and shall procure that any CRM Data Processor which it appoints shall, not cause or permit the CRM Data to be transferred to any location outside the European Economic Area (as defined in the Data Protection Act or otherwise as appropriate) without the prior written permission of:
- (i) (in the case of the Franchisee) the Secretary of State; or
 - (ii) (in the case of any Data Processor appointed by the Franchisee) the Franchisee provided that the Franchisee shall not give any such consent without the prior written permission of the Secretary of State;

and in any case without first executing as between the Data Controller and the relevant Data Processor outside the EEA the Standard Contractual Clauses for Data Processors established in Third Countries pursuant to the Commission Decision (2010/87/EU) of 5 February 2010 under the EU Directive (95/46/EC).

7. Rail Passenger Counts Database

7.1 Subject to compliance by the Franchisee with its obligations set out in this Schedule 1.5, the Secretary of State shall as soon as reasonably practicable following the Start Date:

- (a) use reasonable endeavours to set up and thereafter maintain the RPC Database;
- (b) use reasonable endeavours to populate the RPC Database with such Actual Passenger Demand information as the Franchisee shall provide pursuant to the Franchisee's obligations contained elsewhere in the Franchise Agreement and any other information that the Secretary of State shall desire; and
- (c) use reasonable endeavours to provide the Franchisee with log-in details to the RPC Database in order to allow the Franchisee to access Actual Passenger Demand information that has been provided by the Franchisee, any Network Rail Data, any Third Party Data and to generate reports from the RPC Database.

7.2 The RPC Database is not intended to be used as the sole basis for any business decision. The Secretary of State makes no representation as to the accuracy and/or completeness of:

- (a) any data or information contained in the RPC Database;
- (b) the raw Actual Passenger Demand information provided by the Franchisee or any Network Rail Data or any Third Party Data (as inputted to the RPC Database by whatever means); or
- (c) any product of that Actual Passenger Demand information, Network Rail Data and/or Third Party Data.

7.3

- (a) The Secretary of State is not liable for:
 - (i) any inaccuracy, incompleteness or other error in Actual Passenger Demand information, Network Rail Data, Third Party Data or product of the above provided to the Secretary of State by the Franchisee, NR or a third party; or
 - (ii) any failure of the RPC Database to achieve any particular business result for the Franchisee. For the avoidance of doubt, it is the responsibility of the Franchisee to decide the appropriateness of using the RPC Database to achieve its own business results; or
 - (iii) any loss, destruction, corruption, degradation, inaccuracy or damage of or to the Actual Passenger Demand information following its submission to the RPC Database; or
 - (iv) any loss or damage to the property or assets of the Franchisee (tangible or intangible) as a result of a contravention of paragraph 7.1 of this Schedule 1.5; or
 - (v) any indirect, special or consequential loss or damage.
- (b) The Secretary of State's total liability for the duration of the Franchise Agreement in respect of a contravention of its obligations under paragraph 7.1 of this Schedule 1.5 for all other heads of loss or damage which can lawfully be limited shall be limited to the extent to which the Secretary of State is successful in recovering the equivalent loss from such entity to whom the Secretary of State subcontracts its obligations under

paragraph 7.1 of this Schedule 1.5 (the **Subcontractor**"), subject to the following provisions:

- (i) if reasonably requested by the Franchisee within three (3) months of incurring such loss or damage, the Secretary of State shall use reasonable endeavours to recover the equivalent losses from the Subcontractor;
 - (ii) it shall not be reasonable for the Franchisee to make a request pursuant to paragraph 7.3(b)(i) above if the value of the Franchisee's losses does not exceed ten thousand pounds sterling (**£10,000**) x RPI;
 - (iii) prior to accounting to the Franchisee for any sums recovered from the Subcontractor pursuant to this paragraph 7.3(b), the Secretary of State shall be entitled to deduct and retain any reasonable costs and expenses incurred in pursuing such a claim which he does not successfully recover from the Subcontractor; and
 - (iv) the Secretary of State shall be entitled to deduct from any sums recovered from the Subcontractor pursuant to this paragraph 7.3(b) such sum as he reasonably deems appropriate to take account of the Secretary of State's actual or potential liability to other train operating companies pursuant to equivalent arrangements with them, with a view to distributing any sums received from the Subcontractor fairly between the various operators.
- (c) The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any losses incurred by the Franchisee as a result of a contravention by the Secretary of State of his obligations contained in paragraph 7.1 of this Schedule 1.5.

7.4 The Parties acknowledge that it is intended that the RPC Database will also contain actual passenger demand information relating to franchisees other than the Franchisee but a franchisee will have access only to information relating to its own franchise (in the case of the Franchisee, via the log on details provided pursuant to paragraph 7.1(c)). For the avoidance of doubt, the licence granted at paragraph 8.6 shall only permit the usage of the RPC Database, Derivative Output and Intellectual Property Rights related to the Actual Passenger Demand information supplied by the Franchisee.

7.5 Without prejudice to Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*), paragraphs 2.1 and 3 of Schedule 15.1 (*Reletting Provisions*), Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*) or any other rights of the Secretary of State, the Franchisee agrees that, following the expiry or termination by whatever means of the Franchise Agreement and any Continuation Document, the Secretary of State shall be entitled to allow access to the Franchisee's Actual Passenger Demand information by way of granting access to that area of the RPC Database or otherwise to any future operator of the Passenger Services (whether or not in direct succession to the Franchisee) or to such part of the Actual Passenger Demand information as relates to the part of the franchise which is being taken over by such future operator.

8. **Intellectual Property Rights and General Provisions**

8.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in the RPC Database and Derivative Output shall at all times remain owned by the Secretary of State and to the extent that any rights in the RPC Database vest in the Franchisee by operation of law, the Franchisee hereby assigns such rights to the Secretary of State.

8.2 Subject to Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) and Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*), all Intellectual Property Rights in the Actual Passenger Demand information will at all times remain owned by the Franchisee and (subject as previously stated) to the extent that any rights in the Actual Passenger Demand information vest in the

Secretary of State by operation of law, the Secretary of State hereby assigns such rights to the Franchisee.

- 8.3 All Intellectual Property Rights in the Network Rail Data will at all times remain owned by the relevant NR entity and to the extent that any rights in the Network Rail Data vest in the Secretary of State or the Franchisee by operation of law, the Secretary of State and/or the Franchisee (as applicable) will enter into a separate agreement with the relevant Network Rail entity to assign such rights to it.
- 8.4 All Intellectual Property Rights in the Third Party Data will at all times remain owned by the third party from whom they have been obtained and to the extent that any rights in the Third Party Data vest in the Secretary of State or the Franchisee by operation of law, the Secretary of State and/or the Franchisee (as applicable) will enter into a separate agreement with the relevant Third Party to assign such rights to it.
- 8.5 Subject to Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) and Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*), each Party:
- (a) acknowledges and agrees that it shall not acquire or claim any title to any of the other Party's Intellectual Property Rights (or those of the other Party's licensors) by virtue of the rights granted to it under this Agreement or through its use of such Intellectual Property Rights; and
 - (b) agrees that it will not, at any time, do, or omit to do, anything which is likely to prejudice the other Party's ownership (or the other Party's licensors' ownership) of such Intellectual Property Rights.
- 8.6 The Secretary of State hereby grants, for the duration of the Franchise Period, the Franchisee a non-exclusive, non-transferable licence to use:
- (a) the RPC Database;
 - (b) any Derivative Output; and
 - (c) all Intellectual Property Rights in the same,
- in the United Kingdom for the purposes of accessing the Actual Passenger Demand information by using the functionality of the RPC Database.
- 8.7 Without limiting any other rights the Secretary of State may have, the Franchisee hereby grants the Secretary of State a perpetual, non-terminable, non-exclusive licence (which is transferable and/or capable of being sub-licensed in the circumstances set out in this paragraph 8.7) to use the Actual Passenger Demand information and all Intellectual Property Rights in the same:
- (a) by including them in the RPC Database; and/or
 - (b) by including them in the Preliminary Database; and/or
 - (c) whether included in the RPC Database, the Preliminary Database or in any other format for such purposes as he may reasonably require including for the purposes of assisting his decision making on train service requirements infrastructure, station and rolling stock investment, the best use of the network and the alleviation of overcrowding; and/or
 - (d) to the extent permitted by the other provisions of the Franchise Agreement to share, disclose, or publish the same and transfer and/or sub-licence and permit the use and sharing, disclosing or publishing for the purposes it is shared or disclosed; and/or

- (e) to allow a future operator of the Passenger Services (whether or not in direct succession to the Franchisee) to view and access such Actual Passenger Demand information (whether via the RPC Database or otherwise) as directly relates to the services that it will be running,

and such rights to use the Actual Passenger Demand information and all Intellectual Property Rights pursuant to this paragraph 8.7 shall continue following expiry or termination of this Agreement.

- 8.8 Paragraphs 7.2, 7.3, 8.1, 8.2 and 8.7 of this Schedule 1.5 shall continue in force after expiry or termination of the Franchise Agreement or any Continuation Document, together with any other provisions which expressly or impliedly continue in force after the expiry or termination of the Franchise Agreement or any Continuation Document.
- 8.9 The Parties intend that the provisions of The Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 will apply to allow the relevant NR entity to rely on and enforce against a third party the provisions of paragraph 8.3 of this Schedule 1.5.

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The Rolling Stock

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This Schedule records the rolling stock vehicles which shall be comprised in the Train Fleet from the Start Date (Original Rolling Stock shown in Table 1) and further additional rolling stock that will become part of the Train Fleet during the Franchise Term (Specified Additional Rolling Stock shown in Table 2 and Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock shown in Table 3) and key information in relation to it. It includes other requirements in relation to the Train Fleet including in relation to rolling stock testing and commissioning and compliance with the requirements of the Secretary of State in relation to the specification of the Train Fleet including in relation to baby changing facilities and Controlled Emission Toilets.

2. The Composition/Deployment of the Train Fleet

- 2.1 The Train Fleet consists of:

- (a) from the Start Date until the lease expiry dates referred to in Column 6 of Table 1 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6 the rolling stock vehicles set out in Table 1 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6 ("**Original Rolling Stock**") with the Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit referred to in Column 3 and Column 4 of Table 1 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6;
- (b) from the dates set out in Column 6 of Table 2 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6, until the lease expiry dates referred to in Column 7 of Table 2 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6 the rolling stock vehicles including new build or cascaded rolling stock ("**Specified Additional Rolling Stock**") set out in Table 2, in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6 with the Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit referred to in Column 3 and Column 4 of Table 2;
- (c) from the relevant dates specified in paragraph 2.3, each Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock⁴²; and
- (d) **NOT USED.**

- 2.2 **NOT USED.**

- 2.3 The Franchisee shall by no later than:

- (a) the date which is [DFT TO COMPLETE: INSERT NUMBER OF MONTHS⁴³] months prior to each such date specified in Column 1 of Table 3 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6, enter

⁴² **Note to Bidders:** The inclusion of this provision will depend on the Bidders' rolling stock solution and whether it is intended that unspecified additional rolling stock will be used.

⁴³ **Note to Bidders:** DfT will insert the number of months prior to signature date of the Franchise Agreement. The period to be inserted by the DfT will be based on the winning Bidder's bid proposal in relation to the lead time between entering in to the Transaction Documents for the new rolling stock and the date of introduction of the new rolling stock but shall, in any case, be no later than 12 months prior to the date of introduction of any of the Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock into Passenger Service.

into Rolling Stock Leases (subject to compliance with all other relevant provisions of this Agreement including in relation to Rolling Stock Related Contracts) in respect of; and

- (b) each date specified in Column 1 of Table 3 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6, introduce into revenue earning passenger service,

the quantum of rolling stock specified in Column 2 of Table 3 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6 and which (unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State) provides at least the minimum Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit and has at least the minimum reliability, capability and quality characteristics referred to in Column 3, Column 4 and Column 5 (respectively) of the Table 3 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6 ("**Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock**").⁴⁴

2.4 The Passenger Carrying Capacity of any rolling stock vehicles shall be as set out in Tables 1 or 2 or 3 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6 or as determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 3.4 of this Schedule 1.6 (as applicable).

2.5 The Franchisee shall procure that the rolling stock vehicles described in the Tables 1 or 2 or 3 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.6, with the capacity and other characteristics referred to there, are available for deployment in the provision of the Passenger Services to the extent required by the Timetable and Train Plan during the periods referred to therein.

3. **Changes to the Train Fleet**

3.1 The Franchisee shall maintain the composition of the Train Fleet during the Franchise Period, unless the Secretary of State otherwise agrees, such that there are no changes to the Train Fleet, including changes:

- (a) to the classes or types;
 - (b) to the interior configurations; or
 - (c) which may reduce the journey time capabilities,
- of any rolling stock vehicles specified in the Train Fleet.

⁴⁴ **Note to Bidders:** The inclusion of this provision will depend on the Bidders' rolling stock solution and whether it is intended that unspecified additional rolling stock will be used.

3.2 **NOT USED**

3.3 During the Franchise Period, the Franchisee shall advise the Secretary of State of any rolling stock vehicles damaged beyond economic repair or likely to be unavailable for service for a period of three (3) consecutive Reporting Periods or more.

3.4 If any change is made to the Train Fleet in accordance with this Schedule 1.6, the Secretary of State may, after consulting the Franchisee, determine the Passenger Carrying Capacity of any rolling stock vehicles or class of rolling stock vehicles comprising the Train Fleet following such change. The Secretary of State shall notify the Franchisee of his determination of any such Passenger Carrying Capacity.

4. **Rolling Stock Testing and Commissioning**

4.1 The Franchisee shall, to the extent reasonably requested by the Secretary of State and subject to payment of the Franchisee's reasonable costs by the relevant third party, co-operate with any third party which the Secretary of State may specify (including a Successor Operator, a rolling stock vehicle manufacturer, any Infrastructure Manager or the Secretary of State) in connection with the testing and commissioning of new rolling stock vehicles or any new equipment to be fitted to rolling stock vehicles (whether such rolling stock vehicles are new or otherwise).

4.2 The co-operation referred to in paragraph 4.1 shall not unreasonably disrupt the provision and operation of the Franchise Services and may include:

- (a) the movement of test trains within and around depots;
- (b) making available suitably qualified personnel to operate test trains along the Routes and provide information on the Routes;
- (c) making Train Slots available for such purposes;
- (d) granting or procuring the grant of access to the third party and its representatives to any relevant facilities; and
- (e) the delivery of rolling stock vehicles to specific locations.

5. **Controlled Emission Toilets**

5.1 The Franchisee shall ensure that all rolling stock vehicles comprised in the Train Fleet used for the provision of the Passenger Services which have on board toilet facilities shall be fitted with Controlled Emission Toilets with a tank capacity sufficient for the requirements of the Passenger Services by no later than the Start Date so that for the remainder of the Franchise Term all rolling stock vehicles which have on board toilets are exclusively fitted with Controlled Emission Toilets.

5.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that the contents of the toilet retention tanks relating to each Controlled Emission Toilet fitted on rolling stock vehicles in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 5.1 are disposed of in a safe and hygienic manner at suitable facilities designed for these purposes including at Depots and stabling points.

5.3 **NOT USED.**

5.4 **NOT USED.**

6. **Baby Changing Facilities**

6.1 The Franchisee shall ensure that as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event by no later than 1 January 2020 each train operated by the Franchisee in delivering the Passenger Services that is fitted with toilet facilities is also fitted with such number of baby change facilities as is necessary to be compliant with the requirements of the PRM TSI.

7. **Measurement of Traction Energy Usage**

7.1 The Franchisee shall ensure that all rolling stock units that form part of the Train Fleet are able to measure and monitor fuel use as soon as reasonably practicable, and in the case of electric traction, enable the Franchisee to be a **"Metered Train Operator"** as defined by Network Rail's Traction Electricity Rules.

7.2 The Franchisee shall become a Metered Train Operator as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event by no later than 31 December 2022.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 1.6⁴⁵

The Composition of the Train Fleet

1. Original Rolling Stock

Explanatory Note A: Where in Column 6 both a Scheduled Lease Expiry Date and an Early Redelivery Date are specified in relation to one or more specified units (each being a "**Specified Unit**") the Lease Expiry Date for the Specified Units shall be the Early Redelivery Date provided that where any unit shown in Table 2 or Table 3 below as replacing any Specified Unit from the Early Delivery Date is delivered after the Early Redelivery Date such Specified Unit shall remain in the Train Fleet until the relevant Scheduled Lease Expiry Date or such earlier date as the Secretary of State acting reasonably may agree.

Table 1 (Original Rolling Stock)

Column 1 Class of vehicle/unit	Column 2 Number of vehicles in fleet and unit configuration	Column 3 Standard Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit			Column 4 First Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit		Column 5 Owner/Lessor	Column 6 ⁴⁶ Lease expiry date(s) (See Explanatory Note A above)	
		Seats	Wheelchair spaces	Standing	Seats	Wheelchair Spaces		Scheduled Lease Expiry Date	Early Redelivery Date (if any)
375/3	30-3 Cars/Unit	163	2	120	12	0	European Rail Finance Limited		
375/6	120-4 Cars/Unit	225	2	157	16	0	European Rail Finance Limited		
375/7	60-4 Cars/Unit	225	2	157	16	0	European Rail Finance Limited		
375/8	120-4 Cars/Unit	225	2	152	16	0	European Rail Finance		

⁴⁵ **Note to Bidders:** To be completed by DfT based on the Bidders' proposal.

⁴⁶ **Note to Bidders:** Bidder to populate.

Table 1 (Original Rolling Stock)									
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3			Column 4		Column 5	Column 6 ⁴⁶	
Class of vehicle/unit	Number of vehicles in fleet and unit configuration	Standard Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit			First Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit		Owner/Lessor	Lease expiry date(s) (See Explanatory Note A above)	
		Seats	Wheelchair spaces	Standing	Seats	Wheelchair Spaces		Scheduled Lease Expiry Date	Early Redelivery Date (if any)
							Limited		
375/9	108-4 Cars/Unit	249	2	124	24	0	European Rail Finance Limited		
376/0	180-5 Cars/Unit	224	2	303	0	0	European Rail Finance Limited		
377/1	8-4 Cars/Unit	230	2	133	10	0	TSGN Operator (TSGN Operator leases from Porterbrook)		
377/5	92-4 Cars/Unit	230	2	133	10	0	TSGN Operator (TSGN Operator leases from Porterbrook)		
395	174-6 Cars/Unit	349	2	207	0	0	European Rail Finance (GB) Limited		
465/0	200-4 Cars/Unit	334	2	105	0	0	European Rail Finance Limited/European Rail Finance (GB) Limited		
465/1	188-4 Cars/Unit	334	2	105	0	0	European Rail Finance Limited/European Rail Finance (GB) Limited		
465/2	64-4 Cars/Unit	331	2	99	0	0	The Great Rolling Stock Company PLC/Angel Trains Limited		
465/9	136-4 Cars/Unit	295	2	97	24	0	The Great Rolling Stock Company PLC/Angel Trains Limited		
466	86-2 Cars/Unit	168	2	49	0	0	The Great Rolling Stock Company PLC/Angel		

Table 1 (Original Rolling Stock)									
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3			Column 4		Column 5	Column 6 ⁴⁶	
Class of vehicle/unit	Number of vehicles in fleet and unit configuration	Standard Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit			First Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit		Owner/Lessor	Lease expiry date(s) (See Explanatory Note A above)	
		Seats	Wheelchair spaces	Standing	Seats	Wheelchair Spaces		Scheduled Lease Expiry Date	Early Redelivery Date (if any)
							Trains Limited		

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2. Specified Additional Rolling Stock⁴⁷

Table 2 (Specified Additional Rolling Stock)										
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3			Column 4		Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8
Class of vehicle /unit	Number of vehicles in fleet and unit configuration	Standard Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit			First Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit		Owner/Lessor	Lease start date(s)	Lease expiry date(s)	Identity of any unit in Table 1 (Original Rolling Stock) intended to be replaced by the Specified Additional Rolling Stock and the date of replacement
		Seats	Wheelchair spaces	Standing	Seats	Wheelchair spaces				

⁴⁷ **Note to Bidders:** Table 2 sets out details of rolling stock to be acquired during the Franchise Term where the identity of the rolling stock, lessor, its characteristics and the lease start and expiry dates are known when the Franchise Agreement is signed.

3. Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock⁴⁸⁴⁹

Table 3 (Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock)								
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3			Column 4		Column 5	Column 6
Date of introduction into revenue earning passenger service	Number of vehicles in fleet and unit configuration	Standard Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit			First Class Passenger Carrying Capacity per unit		Characteristics (e.g. minimum reliability, capability and quality such as CET, automated passenger counts or other characteristics of the rolling stock specified in the Franchisee's proposal)	Identity of any unit in Table 1 (Original Rolling Stock) intended to be replaced by the Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock and the date of replacement
		Seats	Wheelchair spaces	Standing	Seats	Wheelchair spaces		

⁴⁸ **Note to Bidders:** The inclusion of this provision will depend on the Bidders' rolling stock solution and whether it is intended that unspecified additional rolling stock will be used.

⁴⁹ **Note to Bidders:** Table 3 sets out details of rolling stock to be acquired during the Franchise Term where the identity of the rolling stock and the lease start and/or expiry dates are not known when the Franchise Agreement is signed and only the introduction date and basic specification to be set out in the Table.

Schedule 1.7

Stations

1. Station Asset Management

1.1 NOT USED.

1.2 By no later than the end of the first Franchisee Year (or such later date as the Secretary of State may reasonably determine) the Franchisee shall prepare and provide to the Secretary of State for approval (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) the Station Asset Management Plan.

1.3 Where the Secretary of State does not approve the draft Station Asset Management Plan submitted to it, the Franchisee shall make:

- (a) such amendments to it as the Secretary of State shall reasonably direct; and
- (b) provide such additional information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.

1.4 From the date of approval, the Franchisee shall implement and comply with the Station Asset Management Plan.

1.5 The Station Asset Management Plan shall:

- (a) include the information set out in paragraph 1.6; and
- (b) meet the requirements of paragraph 1.7,

and it shall be reasonable for the Secretary of State to not approve a plan which does not include such information or meet such requirements.

1.6 The Franchisee shall ensure that the Station Asset Management Plan in relation to each Station shall include the following:

- (a) the details of all maintenance, repair and renewal activity undertaken by the Franchisee since the Start Date;
- (b) the details of any maintenance, repair and renewal activity which the Franchisee has not completed or not completed within the specified time frame set out in any Station Asset Management Plan together with reasons;
- (c) the details of the maintenance, repair and renewal activity undertaken since the Start Date or planned by any Infrastructure Manager, any Local Authority, any Community Rail Partnership and any other relevant stakeholder, which the Franchisee is aware of;
- (d) the assumptions that the Franchisee has made about the current state and future degradation of assets at the Station at the Start Date or, if an asset becomes an asset at the Station on a later date, the assumptions of the Franchisee about the current state and future degradation of each relevant asset on the date that it becomes such an asset at the Station;
- (e) the details of under and over provision of assets at the Station at the Start Date given current and projected future customer volumes and reasonable customer demands and planned enhancements or removals to accommodate changing customer volumes and reasonable customer demands;

- (f) the plans for improving the environmental performance of Stations, including where appropriate, plans for:
 - (i) energy metering and data management, including measurement and verification plans for measures adopted;
 - (ii) lighting and lighting controls;
 - (iii) heating and heating controls;
 - (iv) auxiliary power uses;
 - (v) other energy efficiency measures;
 - (vi) renewable energy generation; and
 - (vii) water efficiency measures;
- (g) the plans to ensure that delivery of Station Services is resilient to periods of extreme weather and minimises disruption to passengers;
- (h) the plans to ensure that maintenance, repair, renewal, enhancement and other building works to be carried out at such Stations is consistent with the Principles of Inclusive Design; and
- (i) the plans to ensure that activity at such Stations is consistent with the Network Rail Asset Management Policy (or in respect of HS1, an equivalent policy produced and maintained by HS1 Limited).

1.7 In addition, the Franchisee shall ensure that the Station Asset Management Plan:

- (a) shall cover a period of no less than forty (40) years from the date that it is created or revised and updated in accordance with this Schedule 1.7, as if the Franchisee was to operate each of the Stations for such forty (40) year period;
- (b) is developed in accordance, and complies, with guidance and policies (including the guidance documents known as "*Subject Specific Guidelines*" published by the Institute of Asset Management (or such appropriate replacement guidance) which are commensurate with those that would be referred to by a competent, skilled and experienced train operator using an asset management planning approach, in particular in respect of the balance of maintenance and renewal of each asset type.

1.8 Any amendments to the Station Asset Management Plan must be agreed by the Secretary of State (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

1.9 The Franchisee shall ensure that all renewal, enhancement and other building works at Stations are implemented in accordance with the Principles of Inclusive Design.

1.10 Updating the Station Asset Management Plan

- (a) By the end of the second (2nd) Franchisee Year and on each subsequent anniversary of such date the Franchisee shall have reviewed the Station Asset Management Plan and shall submit to the Secretary of State for approval (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) a draft updated version of the Station Asset Management Plan.

- (b) The updated draft Station Asset Management Plan shall include and reflect the following:
- (i) a schedule of any revisions to the current Station Asset Management Plan and a brief summary of the rationale supporting any change for review and approval by the Secretary of State;
 - (ii) any changed and developing circumstances and the requirements of the Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation;
 - (iii) where relevant, the outcomes of, and the Franchisee's responses to the stakeholder consultation process described in paragraph 4; and
 - (iv) the information required in accordance with paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 of this Schedule 1.7 save that the reference to the "*Start Date*" in paragraph 1.6(a) shall be read as the date on which the Station Asset Management Plan is reviewed and updated by the Franchisee in accordance with this paragraph 1.10 of this Schedule 1.7.
- (c) If:
- (i) the Secretary of State approves an updated draft Station Asset Management Plan submitted to it pursuant to paragraph 1.10 (a), such document shall become the then current Station Asset Management Plan; or
 - (ii) the Secretary of State does not approve an updated draft Station Asset Management Plan submitted to it pursuant to paragraph 1.10 (a), then the Franchisee shall make:
 - (A) such amendments to it as the Secretary of State shall reasonably direct; and
 - (B) provide such additional information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.
- (d) The Franchisee shall put in place such arrangements as are necessary (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Secretary of State) to ensure that the Station Asset Management Plan is (and continues to be maintained) in a format acceptable to the Secretary of State which is capable of being transferred to a Successor Operator as part of the Handover Package so that the Successor Operator is able to access, use and amend the Station Asset Management Plan using the same format.

1.11 Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation Certificate

- (a) The Franchisee shall:
- (i) ensure that it applies for and obtains the Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation by no later than the end of the first (1st) Franchisee Year;
 - (ii) promptly upon receipt by the Franchisee, provide to the Secretary of State a certificate of accreditation issued by and organisation accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation System (UKAS) which has been signed by a director of the Franchisee and which confirms that the Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation has been obtained (the "**Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation Certificate**"); and

- (iii) maintain the Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation from the date that it is required to be achieved in accordance with paragraph 1.11 (a) (i) for the remainder of the Franchise Period.
- (b) If the Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation is at any time lost or the Franchisee fails to secure such then the Franchisee shall report that fact to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within ten (10) Weekdays of the Franchisee becoming aware of such fact.
- (c) From the date upon which the Franchisee notified the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.11 (b) (or should have notified the Secretary of State having complied with the provisions of this Agreement), the Franchisee shall:
 - (i) re-secure such accreditation as soon as reasonably practicable and in any case within three (3) months; and
 - (ii) report to the Secretary of State every Reporting Period on the measures it is proposing to take, and is taking, to achieve such restoration of the Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation.
- (d) Where the Franchisee fails to secure the Station Asset Management Plan Accreditation pursuant to paragraph 1.11 (c) within three (3) months of the date of such accreditation being lost or failed to be secured (as the case may be) such failure shall constitute a contravention of the Franchise Agreement and the Secretary of State may issue a Remedial Plan Notice pursuant to Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*) and the provisions of Schedule 10 (*Remedies, Events of Default and Termination Events*) shall apply.

2. Grey Assets

- 2.1
 - (a) The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to agree a comprehensive list of all Grey Assets with the Infrastructure Manager within twelve (12) months of the Start Date.
 - (b) If at any time during the Franchise Period the Franchisee reasonably considers that an asset not included in the list prepared pursuant to paragraph 2.1(a) is a Grey Asset it shall notify the Infrastructure Manager accordingly and use all reasonable endeavours to agree whether or not such asset should be considered to be a Grey Asset as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 2.2 If the Franchisee reaches agreement with the Infrastructure Manager that any asset is a Grey Asset pursuant to paragraph 2.1 above the Franchisee shall:
 - (a) consult with the Infrastructure Manager and, where reasonably necessary and agreed by the Infrastructure Manager, carry out a joint inspection of each such Grey Asset; and
 - (b) use all reasonable endeavours to agree with the Infrastructure Manager the proper allocation of responsibility in relation to each such Grey Asset (including whether such Grey Asset falls within or outside the boundary of an area subject to a Station Lease) on a reasonable basis consistent with the document entitled "*The Secretary of State's baseline principles for establishing asset responsibilities at stations*" (as it may be updated from time to time). The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to reach such agreement as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within:

- (i) twenty four (24) months of the Start Date in the case of Grey Assets identified pursuant to paragraph 2.1(a); or
- (ii) twenty four (24) months of any such asset being identified to the Infrastructure Manager as a Grey Asset in the case of Grey Assets identified pursuant to paragraph 2.1(b).

2.3 Where the Franchisee is unable to agree with the Infrastructure Manager the proper allocation of responsibility under the relevant Station Lease in relation to any Grey Asset pursuant to paragraph 2.2(b) (including whether such Grey Asset falls within or outside the boundary of an area subject to a Station Lease), the Franchisee shall refer such matter to the dispute resolution process under the terms of the relevant Station Lease.

2.4 The Franchisee shall ensure, that where the allocation of responsibility for a Grey Asset is agreed pursuant to paragraph 2.2 or determined pursuant to paragraph 2.3), such Grey Asset is:

- (a) to the extent that a Station Asset Management Plan has not been submitted to the Secretary of State as at the date of such agreement or determination (as the case may be), included in the Station Asset Management Plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.2; or
- (b) to the extent that a Station Asset Management Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State as at the date of such agreement or determination (as the case may be), is included in the next update to the Station Asset Management Plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.10 immediately after the date of such agreement or determination.

2.5 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the allocation of responsibility for each Grey Assets agreed pursuant to paragraph 2.2 or determined pursuant to paragraph 2.3 shall be recorded via an amendment to the Station Lease and, where applicable, by an amendment to the relevant Station Access Conditions as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within thirty-six (36) months of the date upon which allocation of responsibility for each such Grey Asset is so agreed or determined. The Franchisee shall obtain the prior written consent of the Secretary of State to any such amendment to the Station Lease and/or Station Access Conditions.

3. **Station Social and Commercial Development Plan**

3.1 The Franchisee shall implement, resource and comply with the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan as it may be amended in accordance with this paragraph 3.

3.2 Any amendments to the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan must be agreed by the Secretary of State in accordance with this paragraph 3.

3.3 The Franchisee shall revise the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan by no later than the end of the first Franchisee Year and on each subsequent anniversary of this date and shall submit it to the Secretary of State for review and approval. The Franchisee shall ensure that each revised Station Social and Commercial Development Plan submitted to the Secretary of State shall comply with the following minimum requirements:

- (a) identify schemes to develop currently redundant or under-utilised station buildings and facilities for use by community groups and social enterprise organisation or for commercial development including schemes which sustain and enhance the viability of existing facilities at Stations or lead to the development of new facilities including through appropriate sub leasing of station buildings;

- (b) appropriately reflect changed and developing circumstances to the extent relevant and appropriate
 - (c) appropriately reflect the outcome of the consultation which it is required to carry out pursuant to paragraph 4 below in relation to concerns, issues, opportunities and risks relating to the Stations and priorities for investment;
 - (d) effectively evaluate, prioritise and develop such schemes taking account of customer and community views expressed in the consultation carried out by the Franchisee;
 - (e) provide for the implementation of schemes specified pursuant to paragraph 3.3(a) above in accordance with a plan which allocates a priority between such schemes by reference to specified criteria and includes planned timescales for the delivery of relevant outputs; and
 - (f) be for a period of ten (10) years on the basis that it shall continue to be reviewed on a rolling annual basis.
- 3.4 Each updated version of the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan shall incorporate a schedule of revisions to the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan compared to the previous version and a brief summary of the rationale supporting each such revision.
- 3.5 The Franchisee shall ensure that the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan shall be updated so that following each update it continues to cover at least a period of ten (10) years from the date of the update.
- 3.6 If:
- (a) the Secretary of State approves an updated draft Station Social and Commercial Development Plan submitted to it pursuant to paragraph 3.3, such document shall become the then current Station Social and Commercial Development Plan; or
 - (b) the Secretary of State does not approve an updated draft Station Social and Commercial Development Plan submitted to it pursuant to paragraph 3.3, then the Franchisee shall:
 - (i) make such amendments to it as the Secretary of State shall reasonably direct; and
 - (ii) provide such additional information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require,

it being agreed that it will be unreasonable for the Secretary of State to make amendments that increase cost and risk to the Franchisee beyond parameters specified in the Record of Assumptions.

4. Consultations

- 4.1 On or before the annual submission of the Station Asset Management Plan or the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan pursuant to the provisions of this Schedule 1.7, the Franchisee shall conduct consultations with relevant Stakeholders (including ACoRP, passengers, users of Stations and members of relevant local communities) in relation to the potential risks, opportunities and priorities for investment and operational efficiencies in relation to Stations. The Franchisee shall act reasonably in determining the scope of the specification of such consultations including the Stations to be considered.

5. **NOT USED.**

6. **Security at Stations**

6.1 The Franchisee shall maintain for the duration of the Franchise Period the Secure Stations Accreditation for the Stations already achieved by the Train Operator under the Previous Franchise Agreement as set out in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.7.

6.2 The Franchisee shall maintain for the duration of the Franchise Period the Secure Car Parks Accreditation for the Stations already achieved by the Train Operator under the Previous Franchise Agreement as set out in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 1.7.

6.3 British Transport Police record the level of crimes at stations on a calendar year basis by reference to the number of recorded crimes per 100,000 entries and exits. If in relation to any calendar year which ends during the Franchise Term the number of recorded crimes at any Station is equal to or greater than 4 crimes per 100,000 entries and exits the Franchisee shall, if such Station does not already have Secure Stations Accreditation, immediately designate such Station as a **"Priority Station"** and notify the Secretary of State of this. The Franchisee shall obtain Secure Stations Accreditation for each Priority Station as soon as is reasonably practicable and promptly notify the Secretary of State when this has been achieved.

6.4 In this paragraph 6:

(a) **"Secure Car Parks Accreditation"** and means car parks at Stations which have achieved accreditation under the Secure Car Parks Scheme;

(b) **"Secure Car Parks Scheme"** means the certification scheme which is managed by the Department for Transport and British Transport Police and sets car park design and management safety standards for crime reduction at railway station car parks;

(c) **"Secure Stations Accreditation"** means Stations which have achieved accreditation under the Secure Stations Scheme; and

(d) **"Secure Stations Scheme"** means the certification scheme which is managed by the Department for Transport and British Transport Police and sets station design and management safety standards for crime reduction at railway stations.

7. **Information about Station Improvement Measures**

7.1 The Franchisee shall at all times during the Franchise Period maintain records in relation to the measures taken by it to improve the Station environment at each of the Stations, covering the areas and the information set out in Appendix 2 to this Schedule 1.7.

7.2 The Franchisee shall, subject to paragraph 7.3, provide to the Secretary of State the information set out in Appendix 2 to this Schedule 1.7 within one (1) Reporting Period of each anniversary of the Start Date during the Franchise Period.

7.3 When so requested by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee shall, within such reasonable period as the Secretary of State may specify, make such information available for review by the Secretary of State by reference to:

(a) such level of disaggregation as is reasonably specified by the Secretary of State; and

(b) any particular Station as is reasonably specified by the Secretary of State.

7.4 The information to be provided by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State within the timescales stipulated are set out in Appendix 2 to this Schedule 1.7.

8. **NOT USED.**

9. **Station Investment**

9.1 The Franchisee shall at all times during the Franchise Term, co-operate with the Secretary of State and any third party nominated by the Secretary of State and notified to the Franchisee in developing opportunities for financing investment at Stations and Franchisee Access Stations in order to improve the station environment at such stations.

9.2 In co-operating with the Secretary of State and/or any nominated third party in developing any such financing opportunities, the Franchisee shall:

- (a) attend meetings with the Secretary of State and/or such third party to discuss such opportunities;
- (b) provide the Franchisee's opinion on those opportunities;
- (c) review and comment on implementation timetables and programmes for any such opportunities; and
- (d) where requested by the Secretary of State to do so use all reasonable endeavours to engage with the relevant Infrastructure Manager for the purposes of ascertaining the feasibility and costs of making amendments to any Station Leases in order to facilitate the implementation of those opportunities.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 1.7

List of Stations and Car Parks with Secure Stations Accreditation and Secure Car Parks Accreditation

1. Secure Stations Accreditation

Abbey Wood;
Albany Park;
Barnehurst;
Battle;
Belvedere;
Bexley;
Bexleyheath;
Blackheath;
Brixton;
Bromley South;
Canterbury East;
Canterbury West;
Charlton;
Crayford;
Crowhurst;
Dartford;
Deptford;
Dover Priory;
Dunton Green;
Eltham;
Erith;
Etchingham;
Falconwood;
Faversham;
Frant;
Gravesend;
Greenhithe;
Grove Park;
Hastings;
High Brooms;
Higham, Kent;
Hildenborough;
Hither Green;
Kent House;
Kidbrooke;
Knockholt;
Lee;
Lewisham;
Longfield;
Maze Hill;

Meopham;
Mottingham;
New Cross;
New Eltham;
Orpington;
Penge East;
Rochester;
Sevenoaks;
Shortlands;
Sidcup;
Sole Street;
St Johns;
Stone Crossing;
Stonegate;
Strood;
Swanscombe;
Sydenham Hill;
Tonbridge;
Tunbridge Wells;
Wadhurst;
Welling;
West Malling;
West St Leonards;
West Wickham;
Westcombe Park;
Woolwich Arsenal; and
Woolwich Dockyard.

2. Secure Car Parks Accreditation

Ashford International - Car Park A & B;
Ashford International - Car Park F (off Elwick Rd);
Barming - main;
Bat & Ball - main;
Battle - main;
Bearsted - main;
Beckenham Junction - main;
Bexley - main;
Bexleyheath - main;
Birchington - main;
Borough Green - main;
Broadstairs - main;
Bromley North - main;
Canterbury East - main;
Canterbury West - main;

Charing (Kent) - main;
Chatham - main;
Crayford - main;
Crowhurst - main;
Dartford - main;
Deal - main;
Dover Priory - main;
Dunton Green - main;
Etchingham - main;
Farningham Road - main;
Faversham - main;
Folkestone Central - main;
Folkestone West - main;
Frant - main;
Gillingham - main;
Gravesend - main;
Harrietsham - main;
Hastings - main;
Headcorn - main;
Herne Bay - main;
High Brooms - main;
Hildenborough - main;
Lenham - main;
Longfield - main;
Maidstone East - main;
Maidstone West - main;
Marden - main;
Margate - main;
Meopham - main;
Orpington - main;
Otford - main;
Paddock Wood - main;
Pluckley - main;
Rainham - main;
Ramsgate - main;
Robertsbridge - main;
Sandling - main;
Sevenoaks - Car Park 1;
Sevenoaks - Car Park 4;
Sidcup - main;
Sittingbourne - main;
Slade Green - main;
Sole Street- main;
St Leonards Warrior Square - main;
St Mary Cray - main;
Strood - main;

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Swanley - main;
Tonbridge - main;
Turbridge Wells - main;
Wadhurst - main;
Walmer - main;
West Malling - main;
West St Leonards - main;
West Wickham - main;
Westcombe Park - main;
Whitstable - main; and
Woolwich Arsenal - main.

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APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 1.7

Information about Station Improvement Measures

[**Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate Columns 1 and 2 of Table A. Column 1 to be populated with the information to be maintained and provided by the Franchisee as required by paragraph 7, such information to relate to the dashboard metrics requirements set out in the ITT and, if relevant, any information relating to the additional proposals offered by the bidder as contemplated in the ITT.]

Table A		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Information to be provided	Information (format)	When information to be provided
		As per paragraph 7.2 but subject to paragraph 7.3.

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APPENDIX 3 TO SCHEDULE 1.7

NOT USED

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APPENDIX 4 TO SCHEDULE 1.7

NOT USED

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SCHEDULE 2

ASSETS, LEASES, OTHER FRANCHISEES AND SCHEMES

Schedule 2.1:	Asset Vesting and Transfer
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	Appendix 1: List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes

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Asset Vesting and Transfer

1. Vesting of Property Leases at the Start Date

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall not without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), whether generally or on a case-by-case basis:
- (a) enter into any new Property Lease; or
 - (b) effect any amendment to any Property Lease, except to the extent that the Franchisee is required to do so by virtue of any station or depot access conditions to which it is a party.
- 1.2 In respect of any new Property Leases with an Infrastructure Manager, the Franchisee shall enter into such Property Leases:
- (a) with the intent that section 31 of the Act shall apply to such leases; and
 - (b) in the agreed terms marked **SL** and **DL** (as appropriate).
- 1.3 In respect of any assignment or amendment of any Property Lease to which section 31 of the Act applied on its grant, each of the Secretary of State and the Franchisee acknowledge that it is their intention that section 31 of the Act shall continue to apply to such assigned or amended lease.
- 1.4 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any Station Lease that it enters into accurately records all fixtures and fittings in relation to such Station Lease.

2. NOT USED

Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases

1. Novation of Access Agreements during the Franchise Term

1.1 The Franchisee shall, to the extent so requested by the Secretary of State (other than on termination of the Franchise Agreement, for which the provisions of paragraph 1 of Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*) apply):

- (a) following receipt of a notice purporting to terminate any Access Agreement to which it is a party, in relation to such Access Agreement; or
- (b) following receipt of a notice purporting to terminate a Station Lease or Depot Lease in whole or in part or on becoming aware of any proceedings or any other steps having or purporting to have similar effect, in relation to any Access Agreement under which it is a Facility Owner by virtue of such Station Lease or Depot Lease,

novate its interest under any such relevant Access Agreement (and any related Collateral Agreement) to the Secretary of State or as he may direct.

1.2 Such obligation to novate shall be subject to the agreement of any counterparty to such Access Agreement or Collateral Agreement and, to the extent applicable, the ORR.

1.3 Such novation shall be on such terms as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, including:

- (a) that the Franchisee shall not be released from any accrued but unperformed obligation, the consequences of any breach of the relevant agreement which is the subject of arbitration or litigation between the Parties thereto or any liability in respect of any act or omission under or in relation to the relevant agreement prior to, or as at the date of, any such novation (except to the extent that the Secretary of State or his nominee agrees to assume responsibility for such unperformed obligation, such liability or the consequences of such breach in connection with the relevant novation); and
- (b) that neither the Secretary of State nor his nominee shall be obliged, in connection with the novation, to agree to assume responsibility for any unperformed obligation, liability or consequences of a contravention referred to in paragraph 1.3(a),

but shall not, unless the Franchisee otherwise agrees, be on terms which release any counterparty to the relevant agreement from any liability to the Franchisee arising prior to the date of such novation.

1.4 The Franchisee shall, on the occurrence of any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 1.1 in relation to any other Train Operator who is a party to an Access Agreement to which the Franchisee is also party, agree to the novation of the relevant Train Operator's interest under the relevant Access Agreement to the Secretary of State or as he may direct, subject, to the extent applicable, to the consent of the ORR. The provisions of paragraph 1.3 shall apply to any such novation.

1.5 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State on becoming aware of any circumstances which might lead to the Secretary of State being able to require the Franchisee to novate its interest or agree to the novation of another Train Operator's interest under this paragraph 1.

2. Rolling Stock Related Contracts and Insurance Arrangements

2.1 The Franchisee shall not:

- (a) execute any Rolling Stock Related Contract;

- (b) exercise any option or other discretion in any Rolling Stock Related Contract that would result in any increased payment or delay in delivery being made by or to the Franchisee or the relevant counterparty or which may result in it being reasonably likely to be unable to comply with the terms of the Franchise Agreement; or
- (c) amend or waive the terms of any Rolling Stock Related Contract,

without, in each case, the prior written consent of the Secretary of State (not to be unreasonably withheld).

2.2 The Franchisee shall supply to the Secretary of State a copy of all draft Rolling Stock Related Contracts and, immediately following execution, all executed Rolling Stock Related Contracts (including any agreement amending any Rolling Stock Related Contract) together with:

- (a) such other information or documentation relating to such Rolling Stock Related Contract and/or the relevant rolling stock as the Secretary of State may request (which may include offer letters (original and final));
- (b) the terms proposed by any person providing finance in relation to the relevant rolling stock (including cash flows);
- (c) any agreement (in whatever form) to which the Franchisee (or an Affiliate of the Franchisee) is a party and which relates to the relevant rolling stock;
- (d) information relating to capital allowances, details of any changes in the terms (including rentals) on which the relevant rolling stock is proposed to be leased compared to the terms on which such rolling stock was previously leased; and
- (e) a detailed justification of the Franchisee's proposed maintenance strategy for the relevant rolling stock and/or the Franchisee's analysis of the whole life costs of the relevant rolling stock.

2.3 Where the information or documentation so requested by the Secretary of State is not held by the Franchisee, the Franchisee shall use reasonable endeavours to obtain the relevant information or documentation from a third party (including any person from whom the Franchisee leases rolling stock).

2.4 The Franchisee shall not, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State:

- (a) amend the terms of any insurance arrangements which relate to rolling stock vehicles used by it in the provision of the Passenger Services to which it is a party on the Start Date; or
- (b) enter into any new insurance arrangements after the Start Date which relate to rolling stock vehicles used or to be used by it in the provision of the Passenger Services ("**New Insurance Arrangements**").

2.5 The Franchisee shall, in addition, if it enters into any New Insurance Arrangements, use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the relevant insurers waive their rights of subrogation against any Train Operator which may have equivalent insurance arrangements providing for a similar waiver of rights of subrogation against the Franchisee, whether on a reciprocal basis or otherwise.

3. **Cascaded Rolling Stock and Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan**

3.1 For the purpose of this paragraph 3:

"**Cascaded Rolling Stock**" means rolling stock proposed to be used by the Franchisee in the provision of the Passenger Services the availability of which is, in the opinion of the Secretary of

State, directly or indirectly dependent upon the successful introduction into service of any Relevant Rolling Stock by any other Train Operator;

"Prior Train Operator" means the Train Operator which used or is using the Cascaded Rolling Stock immediately prior to its proposed use by the Franchisee;

"Relevant Delay" means any delay to the successful introduction into service of any Relevant Rolling Stock; and

"Relevant Rolling Stock" means rolling stock to be acquired by another Train Operator which, when acquired, will initiate the **"cascade"** of rolling stock that directly or indirectly makes the Cascaded Rolling Stock available for use by the Franchisee.

3.2 Without limiting paragraph 2.1 (*Rolling Stock Related Contracts and Insurance Arrangements*), where the rolling stock to be leased by the Franchisee under any Rolling Stock Lease is Cascaded Rolling Stock the Secretary of State may:

(a) as a condition of giving his consent to the Franchisee executing such Rolling Stock Lease, require that such Rolling Stock Lease contains a provision whereby, in the event of a Relevant Delay, the Secretary of State may require that such Cascaded Rolling Stock can continue to be used by the Prior Train Operator during such period as the Secretary of State shall specify. Without limitation this may include the Franchisee subleasing the Cascaded Rolling Stock back to the Prior Train Operator and/or a delay to the date on which the Cascaded Rolling Stock is required to be delivered to the Franchisee under such Rolling Stock Lease; and

(b) where the Secretary of State requires such a provision to be included in the relevant Rolling Stock Lease, if a Relevant Delay occurs, require the Franchisee to make the Cascaded Rolling Stock available for use by the Prior Train Operator during such period as the Secretary of State may require.

3.3 Where the Secretary of State exercises his right pursuant to paragraph 3.2(b) to make Cascaded Rolling Stock available for use by the Prior Train Operator during a specified period there shall be a Change and where this is a Qualifying Change, it shall be assumed that the period that the Prior Train Operator retains any Cascaded Rolling Stock shall not exceed ninety (90) days and the only Revised Inputs shall be in relation to the difference between each of the rolling stock lease costs and variable track usage charge for the Cascaded Rolling Stock and the rolling stock lease costs and variable track usage charge applicable in relation to whatever rolling stock is to be used by the Franchisee in place of the Cascaded Rolling Stock.

3.4 Where there is a Change pursuant to paragraph 3.3 and the period that the Prior Train Operator retains any Cascaded Rolling Stock is more than ninety (90) days there shall be a further Change. Where such Change is a Qualifying Change the modifications to the methodology for calculating Revised Inputs provided for in paragraph 3.2(a) shall not apply.

3.5 Where there is a Change pursuant to paragraphs 3.3 or 3.4 and any such Change is a Qualifying Change there shall be a further Change (which shall be a Qualifying Change irrespective of whether such Change meets the requirements of the definition of Qualifying Change) on the date that the last Cascaded Rolling Stock ceases to be retained by the Prior Train Operator.

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3.7 Where the Secretary of State exercises his right pursuant to paragraph 3.2(b) to require the Franchisee to make the Cascaded Rolling Stock available for use by the Prior Train Operator during a specified period, the Franchisee shall not be liable for any failure to comply with its obligations under the Franchise Agreement to the extent that:

(a) such failure to comply arises directly as a result of the Franchisee being unable to use the Cascaded Rolling Stock; and

- (b) the Franchisee uses all reasonable endeavours to comply with the relevant obligations notwithstanding the unavailability of the Cascaded Rolling Stock.
- 3.8 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable if it becomes aware of any material risk that a Relevant Delay will occur. If a Relevant Delay does occur the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate the impact on the delivery of the Franchise Services of the unavailability of the Cascaded Rolling Stock at the expected time including by identifying and proposing value for money alternative sources of replacement rolling stock.
- 3.9 If a Relevant Delay has occurred or the Secretary of State believes that there is a material risk that a Relevant Delay will occur he may serve a notice on the Franchisee requiring it to produce a plan to a reasonable specification provided with the notice to remedy or mitigate the impact of the delayed availability of the Cascaded Rolling Stock ("**Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan**"). Such specification may include measures to be implemented by the Franchisee to mitigate the direct or indirect impact of the Relevant Delay on the Prior Train Operator or any other affected Train Operator. The Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan shall provide a comprehensive analysis backed by relevant data and assumptions of:
- (a) all cost and revenue and other financial implications of options contained within it including the potential implications for Franchise Payments;
 - (b) the implications (if any) for the Benchmarks; and
 - (c) the likely impact of options within it for existing and future passenger journeys and journey opportunities.
- 3.10 The Franchisee shall meet with the Secretary of State to discuss the Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan and provide such further information or analysis and further iterations of the Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan as the Secretary of State shall reasonably require.
- 3.11 Where any rolling stock vehicles cease to be part of the Train Fleet but are acquired by another Train Operator for use in delivering passenger services the Franchisee shall:
- (a) ensure that:
 - (i) such rolling stock is in an acceptable redelivery condition consistent with the hand back terms agreed with the lessor;
 - (ii) a complete set of maintenance and mileage records are handed over in a suitable format; and
 - (iii) the Train Operator is given reasonable access to the relevant rolling stock prior to handover to assist with an effective hand over in relation to both operation and maintenance; and
 - (b) use reasonable endeavours to ensure that:
 - (i) the Train Operator is offered 'knowledge transfer' sessions to enable recipient engineers and operational personnel to learn from informed peers;
 - (ii) the Train Operator is offered on-train development programmes to train their maintenance staff to an appropriate level of competence; and
 - (iii) it offers medium-term support and advice in relation to such rolling stock including technical and operational support.

4. **Assignment of Property Leases during the Franchise Term**

- 4.1 The Franchisee shall (other than on termination of the Franchise Agreement, for which the provisions of paragraph 4.5 of Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*) shall apply) following receipt of a notice purporting to terminate a Property Lease or on becoming aware of any proceedings or any other steps having or purporting to have similar effect, if requested by the Secretary of State, assign its interest under all or any Property Leases to the Secretary of State or as he may direct, subject where applicable to the agreement of any other party to such Property Lease or the ORR.
- 4.2 Such assignment shall be on such terms as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, including:
- (a) that the Franchisee shall not be released from any accrued but unperformed obligation, the consequences of any antecedent breach of a covenant or obligation in the Property Leases or any liability in respect of any act or omission under or in relation to the Property Lease prior to, or as at the date of, any such assignment (except to the extent that the Secretary of State or his nominee agrees to assume responsibility for such unperformed obligation, such liability or the consequences of such antecedent breach in connection with the relevant assignment); and
 - (b) that neither the Secretary of State nor his nominee shall be obliged, in connection with such assignment, to agree to assume responsibility for any unperformed obligation, liability or consequences of a contravention referred to in paragraph 4.2(a), and the Franchisee shall indemnify the Secretary of State or his nominee, as the case may be, on an after-tax basis against any costs, losses, liabilities or expenses suffered or incurred in relation thereto.
- 4.3 The Franchisee shall, on the occurrence of any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 4.1 in relation to any other Train Operator who is a party to a Property Lease to which the Franchisee is also party, agree to the assignment of such Train Operator's interest under the relevant Property Lease to the Secretary of State or as he may direct, subject, where applicable, to the consent of the Infrastructure Manager. The provisions of paragraph 4.2 shall apply to any such assignment.
- 4.4 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State on becoming aware of any circumstances which might lead to the Secretary of State being able to require the Franchisee to assign its interest or agree to the assignment of another Train Operator's interest under this paragraph 4.

5. **Station and Depot Leases**

- 5.1 The Franchisee shall at all times enforce its rights under each Station Lease and Depot Lease.
- 5.2 The Franchisee shall not:
- (a) terminate or agree to terminate in whole or in part, or take or omit to take any other action which might result in the termination of any Station Lease or Depot Lease;
 - (b) assign all or part of its interest under any Station Lease or Depot Lease; or
 - (c) sublet the whole or substantially the whole of the property comprised in any Station Lease or Depot Lease,

except to the extent that the Secretary of State may otherwise agree from time to time (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld if the Franchisee has made arrangements, reasonably satisfactory to the Secretary of State, for the continued operation of such Station or Depot (as the case may be) for the remainder of the Franchise Term or if consent to the Closure of the relevant Station or Depot has been granted).

6. Station Subleases

6.1 Unless the Secretary of State agrees otherwise, the Franchisee shall not sublet to any of its Affiliates any part of the property comprised in any Property Lease except on terms that any such subletting:

- (a) (other than any subletting to an Affiliate which is a Train Operator) is terminable without compensation immediately upon the termination of the Franchise Agreement; and
- (b) is excluded from the provisions of Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 and the Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Act 1949.

6.2 If so requested by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee shall:

- (a) extend each Station Sublease on the same terms for such period as the Secretary of State may request (including a period equivalent to the franchise term of the Train Operator who is the lessee under such Station Sublease); and
- (b) if such Station Sublease terminates (which for the purposes of this paragraph 6.2(b) shall include the termination, at or around the time of termination of the Previous Franchise Agreement, of a station sublease in respect of which the Franchisee was the lessor), grant a new Station Sublease on the same terms to such Train Operator and for such period as the Secretary of State may request (including a period equivalent to the franchise term of the Train Operator who is the lessee under such Station Sublease),

subject, where required, to the consent of the Infrastructure Manager (and, if required, the relevant sub-lessee) and to the duration of the relevant Station Lease.

6.3 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State immediately on it becoming aware of any event which might give the Franchisee a right to forfeit or terminate any Station Sublease. The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State if it wishes to forfeit or terminate any such Station Sublease but shall not (without the Secretary of State's prior written consent) effect such forfeiture or termination until the date which occurs three (3) months after the date of such notice.

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Other Franchisees**1. Other Franchisees**

- 1.1 If the franchise agreement of another franchisee terminates or a railway administration order is made in respect of another franchisee, the Franchisee shall co-operate with any reasonable request of the Secretary of State to ensure:
- (a) that the services provided or operated by such other franchisee may continue to be provided or operated by any successor Train Operator or the railway administrator; and
 - (b) that the benefit of any arrangements between the Franchisee and such other franchisee which were designated as a key contract under such franchise agreement immediately prior to its termination or to a railway administration order being made will continue to be provided to any successor Train Operator or to the railway administrator.
- 1.2 The benefit of any arrangements of the type referred to in paragraph 1.1(b) shall be provided on substantially the same terms as previously obtained by the relevant franchisee, subject to clause 14.8 (*Arm's Length Dealings*) and paragraph 1.3 of this Schedule 2.3, provided that the Secretary of State may exclude or modify any terms agreed or amended by such franchisee in the twelve (12) months preceding the date on which such franchisee's franchise agreement was terminated or the date on which the relevant railway administration order was made which were, in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion, to the material detriment of such franchisee's business. The benefit of such arrangements shall be provided for such period as the Secretary of State may reasonably require to allow the relevant Train Operator or railway administrator to renegotiate such arrangements or make alternative arrangements.
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State of its intention to terminate any contract with any other Train Operator which is designated as a Key Contract under that Train Operator's franchise agreement and shall give that Train Operator sufficient notice to enable it to make suitable alternative arrangements for its passengers without causing disruption to the railway passenger services provided by such Train Operator.
- 1.4 If the franchise agreement of another franchisee terminates in contemplation of the entry into or entry into effect of a new franchise agreement with the same franchisee in respect of all or a material part of the relevant railway passenger services, the Franchisee shall waive any event of default or other right it may have to terminate any agreement with such franchisee arising out of such termination, provided that the entry into or entry into effect of such new franchise agreement takes place.
- 1.5 References in this paragraph 1 to "**a franchisee**" include references to any franchise operator of that franchisee.

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Transport, Travel and Other Schemes

1. Local Authority Concessionary Travel Schemes

1.1 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) subject to paragraph 1.2, participate in and comply with its obligations under:
 - (i) the concessionary travel schemes listed in Appendix 1 (List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes) to this Schedule 2.5; and
 - (ii) any other concessionary travel scheme which the Franchisee is required to participate in during the Franchise Term pursuant to paragraph 1.1(b); and
- (b) subject to paragraph 1.3, if so requested by the Secretary of State, participate in and comply with its prospective obligations under:
 - (i) any concessionary travel scheme listed in the Franchise Agreement the terms of which have been amended since the date of the Franchise Agreement; and
 - (ii) such other concessionary travel schemes as any relevant Local Authority may require or request it to participate in.

1.2 Subject to the terms of the relevant concessionary travel scheme, the Franchisee shall be entitled to cease to participate in any scheme referred to in paragraph 1.1(a) where, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State:

- (a) the Franchisee's continuing participation in such scheme; and/or
- (b) the obligations assumed by the relevant Local Authority in connection therewith,

each pursuant to Part II of the Travel Concession Schemes Regulations 1986 (SI 1986/77) (the "**Regulations**"), would fail to leave the Franchisee financially no worse off (following consideration of the application of the reimbursement test in paragraph 5(2) of the Regulations) than it was immediately following the Start Date.

1.3 The Secretary of State shall not require the Franchisee to participate in any scheme referred to in paragraph 1.1(b) where the Secretary of State is reasonably satisfied that:

- (a) the reimbursement arrangements with respect to the Franchisee's participation in any such scheme; and/or
- (b) the obligations to be assumed by such Local Authority in connection therewith,

each pursuant to the Regulations would fail to leave the Franchisee financially no worse off (following consideration of the application of the reimbursement test in paragraph 5(2) of the Regulations) as a result of such participation.

1.4 The Secretary of State shall consult the Franchisee before making any request of the Franchisee to participate in any amended or new concessionary travel scheme pursuant to paragraph 1.1(b) and shall allow the Franchisee a reasonable opportunity to make representations to him with respect to any such participation.

1.5 The Franchisee shall supply to the Secretary of State, in respect of any concessionary travel schemes referred to in paragraph 1.1(b), such information within such period as the Secretary of State may reasonably require for the purposes of determining whether or not the Franchisee is or will be financially no worse off (following consideration of the application of the reimbursement test in paragraph 5(2) of the Regulations) as a consequence of its participation

in any such scheme, and/or the obligations assumed by such Local Authority in connection therewith.

- 1.6 If the Secretary of State and the Franchisee are unable to agree whether the Franchisee will be financially no worse off (following consideration of the application of the reimbursement test in paragraph 5(2) of the Regulations), the Secretary of State and the Franchisee may resolve such dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules.

2. Multi-modal Fares Schemes

2.1 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) subject to paragraph 2.2, participate in and comply with its obligations under:
- (i) the multi-modal fares schemes set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 (List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes) to this Schedule 2.5; and
 - (ii) any other multi-modal fares scheme which the Franchisee is required to participate in during the Franchise Term pursuant to paragraph 2.1(b);
including by co-operating in the implementation of any smart card technology pursuant to any such multi modal fares schemes; and
- (b) subject to paragraph 2.3, if so requested by the Secretary of State, participate in and comply with its prospective obligations under:
- (i) any multi-modal fares scheme set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 (*List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes*) to this Schedule 2.5, the terms of which have been amended since the date of signature of this Agreement; and
 - (ii) such other multi-modal fares schemes as any relevant Local Authority may require or request it to participate in.

2.2 Subject to the terms of the relevant multi-modal fares scheme, the Franchisee shall be entitled to cease to participate in any scheme referred to in paragraph 2.1(a) where, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State:

- (a) the Franchisee's continuing participation in such scheme; and/or
- (b) the obligations assumed by the relevant Local Authority in connection therewith,

would fail, by way of distribution of income or otherwise, to render the Franchisee financially no worse off.

2.3 The Secretary of State shall not require the Franchisee to participate in any scheme referred to in paragraph 2.1(b) where the Secretary of State is reasonably satisfied that the Franchisee's participation in any such scheme and/or the obligations to be assumed by the relevant Local Authority in connection therewith, would fail, by way of distribution of income or otherwise, to render the Franchisee financially no worse off.

2.4 In determining whether the Franchisee shall, pursuant to paragraph 2.2, continue to participate or, pursuant to paragraph 2.3, participate in any multi-modal fares scheme, the Secretary of State shall construe the term "**financially no worse off**" to mean:

- (a) in respect of any multi-modal fares scheme set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 (List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes) to this Schedule 2.5, that the Franchisee incurs no greater financial loss than the financial loss (if any) incurred by the Franchisee at the Start Date under that scheme, as adjusted by reference to any change in the level of prices according to the Retail Prices Index since such date;

- (b) in respect of any multi-modal fares scheme which replaces and (in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion) is reasonably similar to any such scheme as may be set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 (List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes) to this Schedule 2.5, that the Franchisee incurs no greater financial loss than the financial loss (if any) incurred by the Franchisee at the Start Date under the replaced scheme, as adjusted by reference to any change in the level of prices according to the Retail Prices Index since such date; and
- (c) in respect of any multi-modal fares scheme which does not replace or which does replace but which is not (in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion) reasonably similar to any such scheme or schemes as may be set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 (List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes) to this Schedule 2.5, such reimbursement arrangements as agreed by the relevant parties to such multi-modal fares schemes (or on failure to agree, as determined by the Secretary of State).

2.5 The Secretary of State shall consult the Franchisee before making any request of the Franchisee to participate in any amended or new multi-modal fares scheme pursuant to paragraph 2.1(b) and shall allow the Franchisee a reasonable opportunity to make representations to it with respect to any such participation.

2.6 The Franchisee shall supply to the Secretary of State, in respect of any multi-modal fares schemes referred to in paragraph 2.1 such information within such period as the Secretary of State may reasonably require for the purposes of determining whether or not the Franchisee is or will be financially no worse off as a consequence of its participation in any such scheme and/or the obligations to be assumed by the relevant Local Authority in connection therewith.

2.7 If the Secretary of State and the Franchisee are unable to agree whether the Franchisee will be financially no worse off, the Secretary of State and the Franchisee may resolve such dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules.

3. **Discount Fare Schemes**

3.1 If the Secretary of State:

- (a) effects, or proposes to effect, an amendment to a Discount Fare Scheme;
- (b) introduces any new Discount Fare Scheme; or
- (c) ceases to approve a Discount Fare Scheme,

for the purposes of section 28 of the Act, such amendment, intended amendment, introduction or cessation of approval shall be a Change.

3.2 The Secretary of State shall provide a reasonable opportunity to the Franchisee to make representations to him before amending, introducing or ceasing to approve a Discount Fare Scheme pursuant to paragraph 3.1.

3.3 The Franchisee shall supply to the Secretary of State, in respect of any Discount Fare Scheme referred to in paragraph 3.1, such information within such period as the Secretary of State may reasonably require for the purposes of determining the financial effect of any such amendment, intended amendment, introduction or cessation of approval.

4. **Inter-Operator Schemes**

4.1 The Franchisee shall participate in and comply with its obligations under the terms of each of the Inter-Operator Schemes.

4.2 Without limiting paragraphs 4.1 and 4.3, the Franchisee agrees to be bound by Parts IV and V of Chapter 4 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement and shall not amend, or agree or

propose to amend, the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State.

- 4.3 The Franchisee shall not amend, or agree or propose to amend, any Inter-Operator Scheme other than in accordance with its terms.
- 4.4 The Franchisee shall:
- (a) provide reasonable notice to the Secretary of State of any proposal to amend any Inter-Operator Scheme which it intends to make or of which it receives notification and which, in its opinion, is reasonably likely to materially affect the provision of the Franchise Services; and
 - (b) have regard to the Secretary of State's views in respect of any such proposal.
- 4.5 If an amendment is effected or proposed to be effected to an Inter-Operator Scheme which requires the consent or approval of the Secretary of State in accordance with the terms thereof, such amendment shall be treated as a Change to the extent and only to the extent that the Franchisee makes a saving as a consequence of such amendment or proposed amendment.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 2.5

List of Transport, Travel and Other Schemes

1. Local Authority Concessionary Travel Schemes

1.1 Each of the following schemes:

- (a) the scheme established by agreement between Kent County Council and South Eastern dated 6 January 1996 for the sale of scholar season tickets;
- (b) any other concessionary travel scheme which the Franchisee is required to participate in during the Franchise Term pursuant to paragraph 1.6.

2. Multi-modal Fares Schemes

2.1 Each of the following schemes:

- (a) **NOT USED;**
- (b) any other multi-modal fares travel scheme which the Franchisee is required to participate in during the Franchise Term pursuant to paragraph 2.2.

3. Discount Fare Schemes

3.1 Each of the following schemes:

- (a) Disabled Persons Railcard Scheme dated 23 July 1995 between the participants therein;
- (b) Young Persons Railcard Scheme dated 23 July 1995 between the participants therein; and
- (c) Senior Railcard Scheme dated 23 July 1995 between the participants therein; or
- (d) any other discount fare scheme approved from time to time by the Secretary of State for the purposes of section 28 of the Act,

in each case until such time as it may cease to be approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of section 28 of the Act.

4. Inter-Operator Schemes

4.1 Each of the following schemes which relate to arrangements between the Franchisee and other participants in the railway industry:

- (a) Staff Travel Scheme dated 23 July 1995 between the participants named therein;
- (b) Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
- (c) LRT Scheme dated 23 July 1995 between the participants named therein;
- (d) Travelcard Agreement dated 15 October 1995 between London Regional Transport and the parties named therein;
- (e) Through Ticketing (Non-Travelcard) Agreement dated 15 October 1995 (as amended and restated) between London Regional Transport and the parties named therein;
- (f) National Rail Enquiry Scheme dated 11 June 1996 between the participants named therein;

- (g) the Pay As You Go Agreement;
- (h) the CPAY Agreement;
- (i) any other scheme, agreement and/or contract of a similar or equivalent nature as may from time to time during the Franchise Period amend, replace or substitute, in whole or in part, any of such schemes, agreements and/or contracts; and
- (j) any Discount Fare Scheme.

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SCHEDULE 4

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY

Schedule 4:	Accessibility and Inclusivity
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Accessibility and Inclusivity

1. Relationship with other obligations relating to persons with disabilities

1.1 The Franchisee acknowledges that its obligations in this Schedule 4 are in addition to and do not limit its obligations to comply with:

- (a) the EA and any regulations imposed by it;
- (b) any applicable condition(s) in any of its Licences (including in respect of persons with disabilities); and
- (c) any other requirements of the Franchise Agreement.

1.2 This Schedule 4 sets out:

- (a) specific arrangements which apply in respect of physical alterations to stations to facilitate accessibility and use by Disabled Persons; and
- (b) specific obligations of the Franchisee directed at meeting the needs of persons with disabilities.

2. Physical Alterations and Accessibility of Stations

2.1 In respect of physical alteration works at stations to facilitate accessibility and use by Disabled Persons, it is acknowledged by the Franchisee that:

- (a) there is limited funding available to the Secretary of State to assist franchisees and/or franchise operators with the carrying out of those works;
- (b) consequently, there is a need for such works to be carried out over a period of time to reflect the availability of funding, and for such works to be prioritised with regard to where there is the greatest need and/or where physical alterations can have the greatest effect; and
- (c) the Secretary of State's national programme of works of physical alterations at stations addresses these issues in a structured way.

2.2 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) co-operate reasonably with and assist the Secretary of State in the development and furtherance by the Secretary of State of the programme described in paragraph 2.1(c) by providing to the Secretary of State:
 - (i) information concerning the usage of Stations (including, where and to the extent reasonably practicable, usage of Stations by Disabled Persons); and
 - (ii) advice as to the most economical way in which accessibility for Disabled Persons could, in the Franchisee's reasonable opinion, be improved at Stations;
- (b) co-operate reasonably with other Train Operators and/or any Infrastructure Manager to seek to ensure that, where it would be advantageous to do so, having regard to the needs of Disabled Persons, any planned work on the Stations to facilitate accessibility and use by Disabled Persons is, so far as reasonably practicable, co-ordinated with other work to be carried out at the Stations and/or other parts of the network; and
- (c) use all reasonable endeavours to secure sources of grant funding (other than from itself or an Affiliate) for improving accessibility for Disabled Persons at Stations (in addition to

any funding secured through the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 2.5), including from Local Authorities, local development agencies and the National Lottery Commission. The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State of:

- (i) any such additional funding which it secures; and
- (ii) the terms on which such additional funding has been granted.

2.3 In participating in any multi-modal fares scheme, the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to secure, through the planning and development of such scheme, improvements in disabled access to the entrances of any relevant station, including within and in the immediate proximity of such station.

2.4 If, during the Franchise Term:

- (a) the Franchisee has complied with its obligations in section 20(4) and section 20(9), as varied by paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 2, of the EA (to take such steps as are reasonable to provide a reasonable alternative method of making services at a Station accessible to a Disabled Person to avoid a Disabled Person being placed at a substantial disadvantage by a physical feature at a Station) and its obligations in paragraph 2.7 concerning Minor Works; and
- (b) notwithstanding such compliance, the Franchisee reasonably considers it is still required to carry out or procure physical works of alteration at a Station in order to comply with the EA Requirements in respect of that Station, and, in so carrying out or procuring, would incur expenditure which it would not otherwise have an obligation to incur,

the Franchisee may seek funding from the Secretary of State in respect of that expenditure.

2.5 If the Franchisee seeks funding from the Secretary of State under paragraph 2.4, and demonstrates to the Secretary of State's satisfaction that the criteria in paragraph 2.4 have been satisfied, then the Secretary of State may agree to adjust the amount of Franchise Payments in respect of some or all of the works and/or expenditure. In considering his response to any such request, the Secretary of State will have regard to the availability of funding and the priorities set out in the national programme described in paragraph 2.1(c), together with any other available sources of funding described in paragraph 2.2(c). If and to the extent the Secretary of State agrees to adjust Franchise Payments in accordance with this paragraph 2.5 in any Franchisee Year:

- (a) the Secretary of State shall make such adjustment to the Franchise Payments; and
- (b) the Franchisee shall spend such additional funds:
 - (i) in order to comply with the EA Requirements referred to in paragraph 2.4(b); and
 - (ii) in accordance with any conditions the Secretary of State may notify the Franchisee of.

2.6 If and to the extent the Franchisee is required to pay any increased access charges as a result of additional expenditure required to be incurred by another station Facility Owner for the purpose of complying with the EA Requirements in respect of a Franchisee Access Station, provided that the Franchisee:

- (a) notifies the Secretary of State within seven (7) days of becoming aware of any proposal for the increase in such charges (or the works to which they relate); and
- (b) complies with the Secretary of State's reasonable directions regarding the exercise of any rights the Franchisee may have in respect thereof,

the imposition of the increased access charges shall be a Change.

2.7 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) establish and manage the Minor Works' Budget to fund the carrying out of Minor Works. For the purposes of this paragraph 2.7, Minor Works means small scale physical alterations or additions to improve accessibility of Stations to Disabled Persons, not involving substantial works of construction or reconstruction. The Minor Works:
- (i) may, but shall not necessarily include, the Minor Works described in Appendix 1 (Minor Works) to this Schedule 4;
 - (ii) shall not include any works which any Infrastructure Manager, the Franchisee or any other person has a separate obligation to carry out, except where:
 - (A) such obligation is an obligation of the Franchisee under the EA; or
 - (B) the inclusion of such works would lead to the acceleration of the timescale for their completion and the Secretary of State gives his consent pursuant to paragraph 2.7(a)(iii);
 - (iii) shall only include works other than those permitted by paragraphs 2.7(a)(i) and 2.7(a)(ii) with the prior consent of the Secretary of State; and
 - (iv) must comply with the standards provided for in the Code of Practice, unless otherwise agreed with the prior consent of the Secretary of State;
- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within four (4) months) after the Start Date and thereafter before the start of each Franchisee Year:
- (i) develop a Minor Works' Programme and consult with the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee and relevant Passengers' Council in relation thereto;
 - (ii) in conjunction with its activities in paragraph 2.7(b)(i), and, consistent with its obligations under paragraph 2.2(b), liaise with the Infrastructure Managers and other Train Operators as necessary with regard to the determination and implementation of each Minor Works' Programme; and
 - (iii) following the consultation and liaison described in paragraphs 2.7(b)(i) and 2.7(b)(ii), obtain the Secretary of State's prior approval (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) of each Minor Works' Programme;
- (c) carry out or procure the carrying out of the Minor Works' Programme in each Franchisee Year and in doing so, spend at least the amount of the Minor Works' Budget for the relevant Franchisee Year in such Franchisee Year (unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State);
- (d) report progress to the Secretary of State in determining and carrying out the Minor Works' Programme no less than once every three (3) Reporting Periods; and
- (e) co-operate, as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, with the Infrastructure Managers or any other person seeking to carry out or procure Minor Works at the Stations or any other stations.

3. Dealing with Claims relating to Stations

- 3.1 If the Franchisee receives notification of a claim under the EA in respect of any alleged non-compliance with the EA Requirements or otherwise in respect of any Station (an **"EA Claim"**) then the Franchisee shall:
- (a) notify the Secretary of State within seven (7) days of receiving notification of the EA Claim. The Franchisee shall at the same time notify the Secretary of State of any reasonable alternative methods of making services at the Station accessible to Disabled Persons that it has considered and/or put in place pursuant to section 20(4) and section 20(9), as varied by paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 2, of the EA;
 - (b) if required by the Secretary of State, defend the EA Claim or any aspect of the EA Claim (which may include appealing the judgment). The Secretary of State will, subject to paragraph 3.4, pay the Franchisee's reasonable costs of:
 - (i) any defence or appeal required by the Secretary of State; and/or
 - (ii) compliance with the Secretary of State's instructions in accordance with paragraph 3.1(c); and
 - (c) act in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the Secretary of State to defend the EA Claim (or any aspect of it) as required under paragraph 3.1(b) and shall not (without the prior consent of the Secretary of State) settle or enter into any compromise in relation to the EA Claim (or the relevant aspect of it), including by entering into mediation.
- 3.2 If, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, it will be more cost effective to settle the EA Claim rather than act in accordance with the Secretary of State's requirement under paragraph 3.1, it shall produce for the Secretary of State's approval a settlement proposal, setting out the terms of the Franchisee's proposals to make an offer to the Disabled Person making the EA Claim and its reasons for making such offer (the **"Settlement Proposal"**).
- 3.3 If the Secretary of State does not accept the Settlement Proposal and still requires the Franchisee to defend the EA Claim (or any aspect of it) then the Franchisee shall defend the EA Claim in accordance with paragraph 3.1.
- 3.4 If the Franchisee is required to defend an EA Claim where it has submitted a Settlement Proposal to the Secretary of State and an award is made in respect of the EA Claim in favour of the person bringing it which is higher than the figure set out in the Settlement Proposal, then, subject to paragraph 3.5, the Secretary of State shall pay to the Franchisee:
- (a) the difference between such an award and the figure set out in the Settlement Proposal; and
 - (b) the further reasonable costs incurred or payable by the Franchisee in defending the EA Claim, to the extent that such costs have not already been paid by the Secretary of State under paragraph 3.1(b).
- 3.5 The Secretary of State shall not have any obligation to make the payments described in paragraphs 3.1(b) or 3.4 where it is determined or, if no declaration or determination by the court on this point has been sought or made, the Secretary of State, in his reasonable opinion, considers that the Franchisee has not taken such steps as it is reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, for it to take to provide a reasonable alternative method of making services at the Station accessible to Disabled Persons.

4. **Specific additional obligations relating to persons with disabilities**

4.1 The Franchisee shall establish and implement procedures necessary to:

- (a) record the making of reservations for seating accommodation for and/or the provision of assistance to, persons with disabilities which are made through the Passenger Assistance (or whatever service may replace it from time to time for the purposes of ORR's most recent guidance on Disabled People's Protection Policies);
- (b) record whether such seating accommodation and/or assistance is actually provided; and
- (c) provide such records to the Secretary of State on his request.

4.2 Any helpline established by the Franchisee for the purposes of making reservations for seating accommodation for and/or the provision of assistance to, persons with disabilities shall be provided free of charge.

4.3 Where the Franchisee's Disabled People's Protection Policy:

- (a) has been established before the date of the Franchise Agreement; and
- (b) has not been revised and approved by the ORR to take into account the ORR's most recent published guidance on Disabled People's Protection Policies as at the date of the Franchise Agreement,

the Franchisee shall within six (6) months of the date of the Franchise Agreement revise its Disabled People's Protection Policy such that it complies with that guidance, and obtain the ORR's approval of the revised version.

4.4 The Franchisee shall comply with the requirements set out in Appendix 2 (*Accessible Transport Arrangements*) to this Schedule 4 in respect of the provision of accessible transport arrangements for persons with disabilities.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 4

Minor Works

1. Providing additional signage, where it does not currently exist, to allow better way finding around the Station by Disabled Persons.
2. Removing:
 - 2.1 thresholds (above 15 millimetres) which do not comply with the Code of Practice; or
 - 2.2 fewer than three steps,from the entrances to booking halls or platforms to enable those facilities to have step-free access.
3. Providing contrasting manifestations on glazed areas where contrasting manifestations do not currently exist.
4. Providing additional handrails around the Station where handrails do not currently exist and where the Franchisee reasonably believes they may be required by a Disabled Person.
5. Providing new accessible stair nosings where stair nosings do not currently exist.
6. Providing new tactile surfaces, including at the top and bottom of flights of steps (but excluding at platform edges) where tactile surfaces do not currently exist.
7. Providing additional seating that is accessible to Disabled Persons, but not replacing existing seating.
8. Providing induction loops for ticket office windows where induction loops do not currently exist.
9. Replacing non-standard fittings with fittings that are compliant with the Code of Practice in existing disabled toilets, which would include replacing non-standard fittings in respect of toilet bowls and sinks, but would not include making major changes to plumbing or to the dimensions of the toilet area.
10. Providing dropped kerbs at drop off/set down points or Station car parks to enable access/egress thereto where dropped kerbs do not currently exist.
11. Marking out existing car-parking bays for use by persons with disabilities which comply with the Code of Practice, where such car parking bays do not currently comply.

APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 4

Accessible Transport Arrangements

1. References in this Appendix 2 to Schedule 4 (*Accessibility and Inclusivity*) to passengers are references to passengers with disabilities who are wheelchair users or otherwise severely mobility impaired.
2. Subject to paragraph 4, where:
 - 2.1 a passenger wants to travel on a Passenger Service; and
 - 2.2 the design of the station at which the passenger's journey on such Passenger Service is to start (the "**Departure Station**") or finish (the "**Destination Station**") prevents the passenger from using that station to access or disembark from that Passenger Service,

the Franchisee shall provide accessible transport arrangements for that passenger in accordance with paragraph 3.

3. The Franchisee shall provide accessible transport arrangements for the passenger referred to in paragraph 2:
 - 3.1 from the Departure Station to the next station at which the Passenger Service is scheduled to call and at which it is possible for the passenger to access that Passenger Service;
 - 3.2 to the Destination Station, from the station closest to such station at which the Passenger Service is scheduled to call and which it is possible for the passenger to use to disembark from that Passenger Service; and/or
 - 3.3 to or from such other station as the Franchisee may, having regard to the journey and the needs of the passenger, agree.

and, in any case, at no cost additional to the price of the Fare which would otherwise be payable for the passenger's rail journey.

4. The Franchisee's obligations under this Appendix 2 to Schedule 4 (*Accessibility and Inclusivity*) are subject to:
 - 4.1 reasonable prior notice of the passenger's requirement for accessible transport arrangements; and
 - 4.2 the availability of suitable accessible transport arrangements (provided that the Franchisee has used all reasonable endeavours to ensure that it has arrangements in place to meet requirements for the provision of such accessible transport arrangements).

SCHEDULE 5

Fares and Smart Ticketing

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Schedule 5.1

Purpose, Structure and Construction

1. Purpose of provisions relating to Creating Fares

1.1 The purpose of Schedule 5.2 (*Franchisee's Obligation to Create Fares*) is to ensure that Commuter Fares and Protected Fares are Created in accordance with the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement and to place appropriate restrictions on the Franchisee's ability to Create Fares.

1.2 Purpose of Fares Regulation

(a) The purpose of Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*) to Schedule 5.8 (*Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring*) (inclusive) is to provide for the regulation of Fares by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 28 of the Act.

(b) For the purpose of regulating Fares, each Fare that is to be regulated shall be allocated in accordance with this Schedule 5.1 to one of the following Fares Baskets:

- (i) the Commuter Fares Basket; or
- (ii) the Protected Fares Basket.

(c) The Secretary of State's regulation of Fares places a limit on:

- (i) the Price of each Fare that is allocated by the Secretary of State to a Fares Basket. The limit on the Price of each Fare is set by reference to:
 - (A) the overall increase of the Prices of all Fares in a Fares Basket;
 - (B) the individual increase in the Price of each Fare in a Fares Basket; and
- (ii) the Child Price of each Fare as specified in paragraph 1.3 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*).

(d) Subject to the more detailed provisions of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) and Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*):

- (i) the overall increase of the Prices of all Fares in a Fares Basket may not exceed the Retail Prices Index + k per cent per annum in respect of each Fare Year; and
- (ii) the increase in the Price of any individual Fare in a Fares Basket may not exceed the Retail Prices Index + k per cent + f per cent per annum in respect of each Fare Year.

For the purposes of paragraph 1.2(d)(i), "k" shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 4.2 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) and for the purposes of paragraph 1.2(d)(ii) "k" and "f" shall each have the meaning given to each such term in paragraph 2.2 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*).

(e) The Secretary of State may alter these limits, and other aspects of the regulation of Fares, in accordance with the more detailed provisions of Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*).

2. Structure of Schedule 5

2.1 Schedule 5.2 (*Franchisee's Obligation to Create Fares*) sets out or refers to the Franchisee's obligations to Create Fares.

- 2.2 Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*) sets out the allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets.
- 2.3 Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) sets out the limits applicable to the overall increase in Prices of all Fares in a Fares Basket.
- 2.4 Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*) sets out the limits applicable to the increase in the Price of any individual Fare in a Fares Basket and the Child Price of each Fare.
- 2.5 Schedule 5.6 (*Exceeding the Regulated Value, Regulated Price or Regulated Child Price*) sets out the consequences of the Franchisee exceeding:
 - (a) the Regulated Value of any Fares Basket; or
 - (b) the Regulated Price and/or Regulated Child Price of any Fare.
- 2.6 Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*) sets out the Secretary of State's ability to vary the foregoing provisions.
- 2.7 Schedule 5.8 (*Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring*) sets out Fares regulation information and monitoring provisions.
- 2.8 Schedule 5.9 (*Smart Ticketing*) sets out provisions relating to the introduction of smart ticketing.

3. References to "Fare"

- 3.1 For the purposes of:
 - (a) Schedule 5.2 (*Franchisee's Obligation to Create Fares*), Fare shall have the wide meaning given to it in paragraph (a) of that definition; and
 - (b) Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*) to Schedule 5.8 (*Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring*) (inclusive), Fare shall have the narrow meaning given to it in paragraph (b) of that definition.
- 3.2 References in this Schedule 5 to a Fare shall, except to the extent the context otherwise requires, be construed as references to the Fare which is or can be Created by the Lead Operator for the Flow to which the Fare relates or, if such Flow is not a Compulsory Inter-available Flow, any Fare which the Franchisee has Created or can Create in respect of that Flow as the Secretary of State may specify.

4. Fares Documents

- 4.1 In the event that, in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion, there is an immaterial inconsistency between the Fares or the maximum Price (as the case may be) for any Fare recorded by RSP in 2015 or the 2015 Nominal Ticket Sales:
 - (a) described in or determined in accordance with this Schedule 5; and
 - (b) described in the relevant Fares Document,
 the relevant Fares Document shall prevail.
- 4.2 In the event that, in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion, there is a material inconsistency between the Fares or the maximum Price (as the case may be) for any Fare recorded by RSP in 2015 or the 2015 Nominal Ticket Sales:
 - (a) described in or determined in accordance with this Schedule 5; and

(b) described in the relevant Fares Document,
this Schedule 5 shall prevail.

5. Setting of Child Prices

5.1 Any requirement under this Schedule 5 to set a Child Price in respect of a Fare shall be satisfied by the Franchisee Creating either:

- (a) a Fare which is only valid for use by persons under the age of 16; or
- (b) a Fare which is valid for use:
 - (i) by any person at a price; and
 - (ii) by persons under the age of 16 at a discounted price relative to the price set pursuant to paragraph 5.1(b) (i).

6. New Stations

6.1 Subject to paragraph 3.2, the Secretary of State may include within the definitions of:

- (a) Fares Basket;
- (b) Commuter Fare; and
- (c) Protected Fare,

Fares to or from any New Station, on such basis as he may, after consultation with the Franchisee, reasonably determine and references in this Schedule 5 to Fares Basket, Commuter Fare, Protected Fare and Fares and other relevant definitions shall be construed accordingly.

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Schedule 5.2

Franchisee's Obligation to Create Fares

1. Creation of Commuter Fares and Protected Fare

The Franchisee shall ensure that each Commuter Fare and Protected Fare has been Created, to the extent it is entitled or obliged to do so under the terms of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement.

2. Restrictions on Creation of Fares

2.1 The Franchisee shall set the Child Price for any Fare that it Creates so that that Fare may be purchased by or for a person under the age of 16 for an amount which is no greater than fifty per cent (50%) of the Price of the relevant Fare.

2.2 The Franchisee shall not Create or agree to Create any Fare or Discount Card with a validity of thirteen (13) or more months without the consent of the Secretary of State (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

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Schedule 5.3

Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets

1. Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets

- 1.1 On or prior to the Start Date the Secretary of State shall allocate each Commuter Fare and Protected Fare to the relevant Fares Basket in accordance with this Schedule 5.3.
- 1.2 Subject to paragraph 2, every Commuter Fare shall be allocated by the Secretary of State to the Commuter Fares Basket and every Protected Fare shall be allocated by the Secretary of State to the Protected Fares Basket.

2. Designation of Non Fares Basket Fares

2.1 On or prior to the Start Date, the Secretary of State shall:

- (a) separately (or in aggregate with other Fares of the same type in the opposite direction or for similar journeys that have the same Price) rank, in descending order according to their Gross Revenue for the period of twelve (12) months which ended 2015:
- (i) all Commuter Fares; and
 - (ii) all Protected Fares;
- (b) aggregate, following such ranking:
- (i) those Commuter Fares with the lowest Gross Revenue, until the total of the aggregated Gross Revenue of such fares accounts for up to five per cent (5%) of the aggregate Reference Revenue of all Commuter Fares;
 - (ii) those Protected Fares with the lowest Gross Revenue, until the total of the aggregated Gross Revenue of such fares accounts for up to five per cent (5%) of the aggregate Reference Revenue of all Protected Fares; and
- (c) designate, following such aggregation:
- (i) those Commuter Fares referred to in paragraph 2.1(b)(i) as Non Fares Basket Fares; and
 - (ii) those Protected Fares referred to in paragraph 2.1(b)(ii) as Non Fares Basket Fares.

2.2 Without prejudice to the Secretary of State's right to require the content of a Fares Basket to change at any time prior to the Start Date, or, thereafter, prior to the commencement of any Fares Setting Round, pursuant to paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*), any Commuter Fare or Protected Fare that is also designated as a Non Fares Basket Fare shall not be allocated to the relevant Fares Basket.

2.3 The Secretary of State may de-designate any Non Fares Basket Fare pursuant to paragraph 1.1(d) (iii) of Schedule 5.7 (*Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation*).

Schedule 5.4

Regulation of Fares Basket Values

1. Value of Fares Basket not to exceed Regulated Value

Subject to paragraph 1.3 of Schedule 5.6 (*Exceeding the Regulated Value, Regulated Price or Regulated Child Price*) the Franchisee shall procure that the Value of a Fares Basket at any time in any Fare Year does not exceed its Regulated Value for that Fare Year.

2. Value

The Value of a Fares Basket at any time shall be the aggregate of the Projected Revenue of each Fare in that Fares Basket at that time.

3. Projected Revenue

The Projected Revenue of any Fare at any time shall be an amount equal to:

P x 2015 Nominal Ticket Sales	
where:	
P	is the Price of that Fare at that time; and
2015 Nominal Ticket Sales	is the number of nominal ticket sales of that Fare for 2015, ascertained as follows:
	$\frac{A}{B}$
	where:
A	is the aggregate Gross Revenue recorded by RSP as attributable to sales of that Fare and any other Fare with which it was aggregated under paragraph 2.1(a) of Schedule 5.3 (<i>Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets</i>) for the period of twelve (12) months which ended 2015; and
B	is the Price for that Fare recorded by RSP in 2015.

4. Regulated Value

4.1 The Regulated Value of a Fares Basket for any Fare Year shall be an amount equal to:

2015 Ticket Revenue x PPAI	
where:	
2015 Ticket Revenue	is the aggregate Gross Revenue recorded by RSP as attributable to sales of all Fares in that Fares Basket for the period of twelve (12) months which ended 2015;
PPAI	is:
	where:
(a)	in respect of the Fare Year commencing 2015, the Permitted Aggregate Increase for that Fare Year; and
(b)	in respect of each Fare Year commencing on or after 2015, the product of the Permitted Aggregate Increase for each Fare Year between that Fare Year and the Fare Year which begins on 2015 (inclusively).

4.2 The Permitted Aggregate Increase in any Fare Year shall be an amount equal to:

PAI =	$PAI = \frac{(100 \times RPI) + k}{100}$	
where:		
PAI	is the Permitted Aggregate Increase in that Fare Year;	
RPI	is an amount equal to:	
	$\frac{RPI - 1}{RPI - 2}$	
	where:	
	RPI-1	is the Retail Prices Index for the July of the calendar year preceding that Fare Year; and
	RPI-2	is the Retail Prices Index for the July of the calendar year preceding the calendar year referred in the definition of RPI-1 ; and
k	is equal to zero (0) for each Fare Year until the Fare Year commencing on 1 January 2021 where it will be equal to plus one (+ 1) per annum for any Fare Year thereafter.	

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Schedule 5.5

Regulation of Individual Fares

1. Price not to exceed Regulated Price or Regulated Child Price

1.1 The Franchisee shall procure that the Price of:

- (a) each Commuter Fare included in the Commuter Fares Basket;
- (b) each Protected Fare included in the Protected Fares Basket,

in any Fare Year does not exceed the Regulated Price for such Fare in that Fare Year.

1.2 The Franchisee shall procure that the Price of any Season Ticket Fare shall be the same in both directions.

1.3 The Franchisee shall procure that the Child Price of each Fare in any Fare Year does not exceed fifty per cent (50%) of the Price for such Fare in that Fare Year.

2. Regulated Price

2.1 The Regulated Price for any Fare in any Fare Year shall be an amount equal to the greater of:

(a) Preceding Year Ticket Price + £0.10p; and	
(b) Preceding Year Ticket Price x PII	
where:	
Preceding Year Ticket Price	for the Fare Year commencing 1 January 2015 is the maximum Price for that Fare recorded by RSP in 2015 and, for any subsequent Fare Year, is the maximum Price recorded by RSP in the Fare Year preceding that Fare Year, provided that such maximum Price complied with the requirements of this Schedule 5. If such maximum Price did not so comply, then such maximum Price shall be the last Price recorded by RSP which did so comply; and
PII	is the Permitted Individual Increase in any Fare Year, as determined in accordance with paragraph 2.2.

2.2 The Permitted Individual Increase in any Fare Year shall be an amount equal to:

PII =	$\frac{(100 \times RPI) + k + f}{100}$
where:	
PII	is the Permitted Individual Increase in that Fare Year;
RPI	is an amount equal to:
	$\frac{RPI - 1}{RPI - 2}$
	where:
RPI-1	is the Retail Prices Index for the July of the calendar year preceding that Fare Year; and
RPI-2	is the Retail Prices Index for the July of the calendar year preceding the calendar year referred in the definition of RPI-1 ;
k	is equal to zero (0) for each Fare Year until the Fare Year commencing on 1 January 2021 where it will be equal to plus one (+ 1) per annum for any Fare Year thereafter.
f	is equal to zero (0).

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2.3 Where:

- (a) the Franchisee sets the Price of any Commuter Fare or Protected Fare in any Fare Year; and
- (b) the Secretary of State reasonably determines that the Price of such Commuter Fare or Protected Fare was set solely for the purpose of increasing the value of the Preceding Year Ticket Price in the next Fare Year,

the Preceding Year Ticket Price for the purposes of determining the Regulated Price pursuant to paragraph 2.1 in the next Fare Year shall be the maximum Price prior to such setting that complied with the requirements of this Schedule 5, as recorded by RSP in the relevant preceding Fare Year.

3. **Compulsory Inter-available Flows**

3.1 Where the Franchisee:

- (a) as Lead Operator for a Compulsory Inter-available Flow, is responsible for setting the Price of a Commuter Fare for that Flow; and
- (b) has notified the RSP of the Price of that Commuter Fare in any Fares Setting Round,

the Franchisee shall not increase the Price of that Commuter Fare in the same Fares Setting Round without the consent of either the Secretary of State or each other Train Operator which provides railway passenger services for such Flow.

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Schedule 5.6

Exceeding the Regulated Value, Regulated Price or Regulated Child Price

1. Exceeding the Regulated Value

- 1.1 If the Franchisee is in contravention of paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) in respect of either the Commuter Fares Basket or the Protected Fares Basket:
- (a) it shall reduce the Price of Fares in the relevant Fares Basket at the next available opportunity and, in any event, at the next Fares Setting Round, so as to comply with the requirements of paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) from such date; and
 - (b) the Secretary of State may adjust Franchise Payments by an amount equivalent in his opinion to the sum of:
 - (i) any additional gross revenue accruing to the Franchisee or any person selling Fares on its behalf as a result of the Value of any Fares Basket exceeding its Regulated Value permitted under Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*); and
 - (ii) any costs incurred by the Secretary of State in determining the amount of such additional gross revenue.
- 1.2 Any adjustment to Franchise Payments by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.1:
- (a) shall not be treated as a Change; and
 - (b) shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Secretary of State under the Act or the Franchise Agreement in respect of such contravention.
- 1.3 It shall not be a contravention of paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) if and to the extent that:
- (a) the Value of the Commuter Fares Basket exceeds its Regulated Value in any Fare Year;
 - (b) such excess is caused by the Price of any relevant Commuter Fare being set pursuant to the terms of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement by another person (other than an Affiliate); and
 - (c) the Franchisee does not have a reasonable opportunity, under any procedure for consulting or notifying Train Operators of alterations to the Prices of Fares under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement or otherwise, to alter some or all of the other Commuter Fares in the Commuter Fares Basket so as to avoid the Value of the Commuter Fares Basket exceeding its Regulated Value.
- 1.4 If and to the extent that the circumstances described in paragraph 1.3 prevail in any Fare Year, the Franchisee shall not subsequently increase during that Fare Year, or any subsequent Fare Year, the Price of any Commuter Fare in the Commuter Fares Basket which it is entitled to set pursuant to the terms of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement, unless, following such increase, the Franchisee would, otherwise than under paragraph 1.3, comply with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) in relation to the Commuter Fares Basket.
- 1.5 Where circumstances described in paragraph 1.3 prevail in any Fare Year, the Franchisee shall not be required to reduce the Price of any other Commuter Fare at any time during that Fare Year, or any subsequent Fare Year, where such Price has previously been set in a Fares Setting Round.

2. **Exceeding the Regulated Price or Regulated Child Price**

2.1 If the Franchisee is in contravention of any of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*):

- (a) it shall reduce the Price and/or Child Price (as the case may be) of any relevant Fare at the next available opportunity and, in any event, at the next Fares Setting Round, so as to comply with the requirements of paragraph 1 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*) from such date; and
- (b) the Secretary of State may adjust Franchise Payments by an amount equivalent in his opinion to the sum of:
 - (i) any additional gross revenue accruing to the Franchisee or any person selling Fares on its behalf as a result of the sale of Fares at Prices and/or Child Prices in excess of the relevant amounts permitted under Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*); and
 - (ii) any costs incurred by the Secretary of State in determining the amount of such additional gross revenue.

2.2 Any adjustment to Franchise Payments by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 2.1:

- (a) shall not be a Change; and
- (b) shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Secretary of State under the Act or the Franchise Agreement in respect of such contravention.

Schedule 5.7

Changes to Fares and Fares Regulation

1. Changes to Fares Baskets

1.1 The Secretary of State may require the content of the Commuter Fares Basket or Protected Fares Basket (as the case may be) to change in accordance with the following:

(a) where the Secretary of State is not satisfied that the Price of any Non Fares Basket Fare is reasonably constrained by the Price of other Fares which:

(i) have been set in respect of the same, or part of the same, Flow as such Non Fares Basket Fare, or a Flow which is reasonably proximate to the Flow on which such Non Fares Basket Fare has been set; and

(ii) have been included in the relevant Fares Basket,

the Secretary of State may de-designate any Non Fares Basket Fare and include such Non Fares Basket Fare in the relevant Fares Basket;

(b) where any Commuter Fare for a Flow has been included in the Commuter Fares Basket, the Secretary of State may require the inclusion in the Commuter Fares Basket of any Weekly Season Ticket, Monthly Season Ticket, Quarterly Season Ticket, Annual Season Ticket, unrestricted Single Fare or unrestricted Return Fare that existed on that Flow in March 2015;

(c) where any Protected Fare for a Flow has been included in the Protected Fares Basket, the Secretary of State may require the inclusion in the Protected Fares Basket of any Protected Return Fare or Protected Weekly Season Ticket that existed on that Flow in February 2003; and/or

(d) where the Secretary of State changes the Reference Revenue and/or the Gross Revenue of any Fare pursuant to paragraphs 3.1(a) and/or 3.1(b) then, in relation to the Fares Basket in which such Fare is or would be included, and without limiting paragraphs 1.1(a) to (c) inclusive, the Secretary of State may also:

(i) make any of the changes to such Fares Basket contemplated by this paragraph 1.1;

(ii) designate any Fare as a Non Fares Basket Fare in accordance with the provisions (other than the requirement that such designation occurs on or prior to the Start Date) of paragraph 2 of Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*); and/or

(iii) de-designate any Non Fares Basket Fare and include such Non Fares Basket Fare in the relevant Fares Basket.

1.2 The Secretary of State shall serve notice in writing on the Franchisee:

(a) at any time prior to the Start Date; and

(b) thereafter, no later than the commencement of any Fares Setting Round,

to require any Fare to be included in a Fares Basket or to designate any Fare as a Non Fares Basket Fare pursuant to paragraph 1.1.

2. **Changes to the 2015 Nominal Ticket Sales**

2.1 The Franchisee may, in the event of any significant change to the pattern of travel on the Passenger Services during the Franchise Term, apply to the Secretary of State for the **value of factors A and/or B** in the formula for determining 2015 Nominal Ticket Sales in paragraph 3 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) to be adjusted to take account of such changes, such that:

- (a) the **value of factor A** is re calculated by using the Gross Revenue in respect of the sales of the relevant Fares for the most recently completed period of twelve (12) months ending 31 March 2015; and/or
- (b) the **value of factor B** is recalculated by using the Price of the relevant Fares recorded by RSP in the month of February during such period.

2.2 The Secretary of State shall act reasonably in relation to any such application but shall not under any circumstances be obliged to accept any such application in whole or in part. The Secretary of State shall be entitled to impose conditions upon any such acceptance, including conditions requiring that the **value of both factors A and B** are adjusted and/or are adjusted in respect of any or all Fares in the relevant Fares Basket.

3. **Changes to the Reference Revenue, Gross Revenue, 2015 Nominal Ticket Sales and/or 2015 Ticket Revenue**

3.1 The Secretary of State may, by notice in writing served on the Franchisee no later than the date of commencement of any Fares Setting Round, require:

- (a) the Reference Revenue of any Fares Basket to be calculated by reference to a different reference period for the purpose of paragraph 2 of Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*) than the period of twelve (12) months ended 31 March 2015; and/or
- (b) the Gross Revenue of all Commuter Fares and Protected Fares to be recalculated for the purpose of paragraph 2 of Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*) by reference to a different reference period than the period of twelve (12) months ended 31 March 2015; and/or
- (c) **the value of factor A** in the formula for determining the 2015 Nominal Ticket Sales in paragraph 3 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) to be recalculated in respect of any Fare by reference to a different reference period than the period of twelve (12) months ended 31 March 2015; and/or
- (d) **the value of factor B** in the formula for determining the 2015 Nominal Ticket Sales in paragraph 3 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) to be re calculated in respect of any Fare by reference to a different reference date other than February 2015; and/or
- (e) the 2015 Ticket Revenue in respect of any Fares Basket to be re calculated for the purpose of paragraph 4 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) by reference to a different reference period than the period of twelve (12) months ended 31 March 2015.

3.2 Where, in accordance with paragraph 3.1(e), the 2015 Ticket Revenue in respect of any Fares Basket is re calculated by reference to a different reference period, the value of **"PPAI"** in paragraph 4 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) shall be determined solely by reference to the product of the Permitted Aggregate Increase for each Fare Year beginning after the end of such reference period.

3.3 Any revision pursuant to paragraph 3.1 or 3.2 shall take effect upon commencement of the next Fare Year to commence after the Fares Setting Round referred to in paragraph 3.1.

4. **Changes to Prices**

The Franchisee may request permission from the Secretary of State from time to time to increase any Prices beyond the levels permitted under Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) and Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*) in connection with any proposed or actual improvement in any aspect of the Passenger Services relating to such Fares. The Secretary of State shall act reasonably in relation to any such request but shall not under any circumstances be obliged to accept any such request in whole or in part.

5. **Changes to Fares Regulation**

The Parties agree that the Secretary of State shall have the power at any time and on more than one occasion during the Franchise Term to alter the obligations of, and restrictions on, the Franchisee under Schedule 5.1 (*Purpose, Structure and Construction*) to Schedule 5.8 (*Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring*) inclusive for any Fare Year, or part thereof (including alteration of the **value of "k"** under paragraph 4.2 of Schedule 5.4 (*Regulation of Fares Basket Values*) and/or paragraph 2.2 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*) and/or alteration of the **value of "f"** under paragraph 2.2 of Schedule 5.5 (*Regulation of Individual Fares*)). The exercise by the Secretary of State of his powers under this paragraph 5 shall be a Change.

6. **Changes to Compulsory Inter-available Flows**

6.1 Where:

- (a) pursuant to Clauses 4 to 7 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement, the consent of the Secretary of State is requested for the abolition of a Compulsory Inter-available Flow (the **"Reference Flow"**) in respect of which any Fare Created would be a Commuter Fare or a Protected Fare (the **"Reference Fare"**); and
- (b) a Flow exists, which, in the Secretary of State's opinion, is substantially similar to the Reference Flow (the **"Equivalent Flow"**),

the Secretary of State may, as a condition of granting his consent to the abolition of the Reference Flow, by written notice to the Franchisee, require any Fare Created in respect of the Equivalent Flow which has substantially the same characteristics as the Reference Fare to be included in a Fares Basket (**"Equivalent Fare"**).

6.2 The Secretary of State shall not issue any such notice in respect of an Equivalent Fare unless the provisions of such notice have first been approved by the Ticketing and Settlement Scheme Council (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) or a delegate of such council.

6.3 The Price of any Equivalent Fare in the first Fare Year in which it is to be introduced shall be no greater than the maximum permitted Price in that Fare Year of the relevant Reference Fare, as if such Reference Fare had not been abolished.

7. **Change of Lead Operator/Major Flow Operator**

7.1 The Franchisee shall not without the Secretary of State's prior approval, agree to any request under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement that it cease to be Lead Operator in respect of any Flow.

7.2 The Franchisee shall inform the Secretary of State if it becomes the Lead Operator in respect of any Flow. Upon the Franchisee becoming the Lead Operator in respect of any Flow, the Secretary of State may without limiting paragraph 3, exercise his rights pursuant to paragraph 3 in relation to the relevant Fares Basket.

7.3 The Franchisee shall inform the Secretary of State if it ceases to be a Major Flow Operator in respect of any Flow.

8. **Changes to Fares Documents**

8.1 Following:

- (a) any allocation of Fares to any Fares Basket pursuant to Schedule 5.3 (*Allocation of Fares to Fares Baskets*); or
- (b) any subsequent adjustment thereof pursuant to this Schedule 5.7,

the Secretary of State shall set out in the Commuter Fares Document and/or Protected Fares Document (as the case may be) all Fares then included in the relevant Fares Basket and, as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Secretary of State shall issue or reissue (as the case may be) such Fares Document(s) to the Franchisee.

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Schedule 5.8

Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring

1. Information

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State by no later than week twelve (12) of each Fares Setting Round, a summary (to such level of detail or generality as the Secretary of State may reasonably require) of the Prices of the Commuter Fares or Protected Fares it is intending to set.
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall notify, or procure the notification to, the Secretary of State of any proposed increase to the Price of any Commuter Fare or Protected Fare and shall provide such details of any such proposal at such times (including before and during each Fares Setting Round) and in such form (including by electronic data transfer) as the Secretary of State may reasonably request from time to time.
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall make available, or procure that RSP makes available, to the Secretary of State, for any Fares Setting Round during the Franchise Term, such details (including the proposed Prices) of the Initial Permanent Fare of any Commuter Fare or Protected Fare for each such Fares Setting Round as the Secretary of State may reasonably request from time to time.

2. Monitoring

- 2.1 The Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State:
 - (a) such access as the Secretary of State may require to information pertaining to the Prices of Commuter Fares and Protected Fares from time to time; and
 - (b) such further information as the Secretary of State may require for the purpose of determining the Gross Revenue of the Franchisee in relation to any particular Fare or Fares or any particular period.
- 2.2 By no later than week seventeen (17) of each Fares Setting Round, the Franchisee will provide to the Secretary of State written confirmation from a statutory director of the Franchisee of whether the Franchisee has complied with its obligations under this Schedule 5 (*Fares and Smart Ticketing*) during each such Fares Setting Round. It shall be a contravention of the Franchise Agreement if any such written confirmation from a statutory director of the Franchisee is, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, in any material respect, untrue, inaccurate and/or misleading.
- 2.3 The Franchisee shall take such action as the Secretary of State may require following receipt of any details from the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 1 in order to ensure that the Franchisee will comply with the provisions of Schedule 5.2 (*Franchisee's Obligation to Create Fares*) to this Schedule 5.8 (inclusive).

Schedule 5.9

Smart Ticketing

1. Smart Ticketing

1.1 For the purposes of this Schedule 5.9, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings unless otherwise set out in clause 3 (*Definitions*):

"EMV" means contactless payment cards that conform to the international standards issued by EMVCo (owned by American Express, Discover, JCB, MasterCard, UnionPay and Visa) which manages, maintains and enhances the EMV1 integrated circuit card specifications;

"ITSO" means (as the context may require) both:

- (a) the non-profit distributing organisation run by its members for the benefit of members and users of smartcards, supported by the Department for Transport ("**DfT**"); and
- (b) the common specification such non-profit distributing organisation has created to enable the use of interoperable smartcards in transport and other areas;

"ITSO Certified Smartmedia" means the contactless smartcards, devices or other media designed to hold fare and travel information with the monetary or other value encoded which have been fully certified by ITSO;

"ITSO Operating Licence" means the licence granted to operators by ITSO which, among other things, permits them to issue ITSO-compliant cards and issue, sell and accept ITSO products;

"ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme" means a Smart Ticketing Scheme that utilises ITSO Certified Smartmedia;

"Previous Franchisee ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme" means any ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme operated by the Previous Franchisee prior to the Start Date;

"RSPS3002" means the RSP document with reference RSPS3002, version 02.01 re-published on 6 May 2015 which specifies standards for issuing, checking and validating rail products on ITSO Certified Smartmedia and defines the rail specific rules required to ensure interoperability across the rail network;

"Smart Ticketing Scheme" means an electronic based system (not including the current "magstripe system") that evidences the purchase of a Fare by a passenger;

1.2 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) join and comply with any RDG approved Smart Ticketing Schemes relevant to some or all of the Passenger Services;
- (b) fully and effectively co-operate with the Infrastructure Managers, TfL, other Train Operators and relevant Local Authorities, including in relation to the provision any required equipment, to implement and operate Smart Ticketing Schemes; and
- (c) fully and effectively co-operate with TfL, other Train Operators and relevant Local Authorities in relation to proposals to apply Smart Ticketing Schemes to new or existing multi modal fares schemes including in the implementation of any smart card technology pursuant to any multi-modal fares schemes that it may participate in pursuant to its obligations under paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 2.5 (*Transport, Travel and Other Schemes*); and
- (d) prepare and submit a report to the Secretary of State in advance of each Franchise Performance Meeting (in such form as the Secretary of State may reasonably require) setting out:
 - (i) the level of take-up and usage of Smart Ticketing Schemes by users of the Passenger Services, for each completed Reporting Period during the Franchise Term;
 - (ii) ⁵⁰the Franchisee's performance against targets relating to Smart Ticketing Schemes as set out in Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*); and
 - (iii) the steps that the Franchisee is taking to increase take-up of Smart Ticketing Schemes operated by the Franchisee and increase usage of Smart Ticketing Schemes by users of the Passenger Services,

and the Franchisee shall present the report at the Franchise Performance Meeting.

1.3 The Franchisee shall ensure, with effect from the Start Date in relation to any Previous Franchisee ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme and from the date of commissioning in relation to any ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme introduced by it, that from such relevant date until the end of the Franchise Term:

- (a) it continues to provide, make available and promote (and where applicable effectively maintain) such ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme (including any associated infrastructure);
- (b) all components of the ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme (and any amendment, extension or replacement thereof) inherited, used or introduced by the Franchisee (whether on a permanent or a trial basis) are at all times compliant with:
 - (i) version 3.0.4 of ITSO and the ITSO Operating Licence; and
 - (ii) the RSPS3002,
 or such subsequent versions as the Franchisee and the Secretary of State may agree;
- (c) any ITSO Certified Smartmedia readers introduced by the Franchisee (whether on a permanent or temporary basis) shall conform to EMV level 1 certification (Hardware) and be capable of being upgraded whilst in operation to EMV level 2 (Application);

- (d) it pays all costs of participating in the relevant ITSO Smartmedia Ticketing Scheme including the costs of maintaining all required scheme components to the standards specified in this Schedule 5.9; and
- (e) the RSP owned product set is used.

1.4 Where the Previous Franchisee was a participant in any RDG approved Smart Ticketing Scheme, the Franchisee shall take such action as may be required to ensure that there is an orderly handover process so that the Franchisee participates in such Smart Ticketing Scheme from the Start Date without any disruption to the continuity of service received by passengers.

1.5 Without prejudice to its other obligations pursuant to this Schedule 5.9, the Franchisee shall undertake such further actions as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in connection with the introduction of Smart Ticketing Schemes.

1.6 Not Used.

1.7 The Secretary of State shall reimburse the reasonable costs incurred by the Franchisee in complying with any such requirement of the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.5 subject to the Franchisee obtaining the prior written approval of the Secretary of State to the incurring of any such cost and provided that the Franchisee shall not have the right to be reimbursed any costs to the extent that:

- (a) it has already been reimbursed for such costs pursuant to any other provision of the Franchise Agreement or other arrangements with the Secretary of State; and/or
- (b) it has the right or ability to recover such costs from any third party.

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SCHEDULE 6

Franchise Specific Obligations and Committed Obligations

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Schedule 6.1

Franchise Specific Obligations

PART 1 - NOT USED

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PART 2 – FRANCHISE SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS

[**Note to Bidders:** Part 2 of this Schedule will specify the terms of the Franchise Specific Obligations. This will be completed by DfT.]

1. **NOT USED.**

2. **Specified Projects**

2.1 The Franchisee shall co-operate in good faith from the Start Date until the completion of any new station at Thanet Parkway with all relevant parties responsible for the delivery of such new station with the intention of assisting its timely, efficient and cost effective completion.

2.2 To the extent that the development of a new station at Thanet Parkway leads to the Franchisee having rights under railway industry procedures including Network Change or Station Change the Franchisee shall not act in a way designed directly or indirectly to prevent, prejudice or frustrate the delivery of such new station and shall not unreasonably raise any objection under any railway industry procedure including Network Change or Station Change.

2.3 The Franchisee shall provide such information in respect of any new station at Thanet Parkway as the Secretary of State may reasonably request from time to time.

2.4 If the new station at Thanet Parkway is completed before the Expiry Date, the Franchisee shall:

(a) make provision for the Passenger Services to stop at such new stations; and

(b) if so required by the Secretary of State:

(i) surrender the Station Lease for Thanet Parkway Station;

(ii) enter into a Station Lease in respect of each such new station,

both in such forms to be approved by the Secretary of State (and the Secretary of State shall require that such Station Leases contain full repairing and insuring obligations in respect of such stations and a duration specified by the Secretary of State).

3. **Transferring Stations**

3.1 ***Transfer to the Franchisee***

(a) The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to provide such assistance and information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in relation to the potential transfer of any station (each such station being an "**Identified Station**") to the Franchisee during the Franchise Term.

(b) If, during the Franchise Term, agreement is reached in relation to the transfer of any Identified Station between the Secretary of State, the current facility owner in respect of any Identified Station and the Franchisee, then the Secretary of State may direct the Franchisee to take such actions as may be necessary to give effect to the transfer of any Identified Station to the Franchisee. Any such direction by the Secretary of State shall constitute a Variation under paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*). Where a Variation occurs as contemplated under this paragraph 3.1 (b), the Secretary of State shall be entitled to make such consequential changes to the terms of the Franchise Agreement as reasonably considered necessary by him in order to give effect to the transfer of such Identified Station.

3.2 **Transfer from the Franchisee**

- (a) The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to provide such assistance and information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require during the Franchise Term in relation to the transfer of any Station in respect of which the Franchisee is Facility Owner to a third party.
- (b) If, during the Franchise Term, agreement is reached between the Secretary of State and any third party in relation to the transfer of a Station, then the Secretary of State may direct the Franchisee (including by exercising his rights under paragraph 19 (Provisions relating to Access Agreements and Property Leases) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*)) to take such actions as may be necessary to give effect to the transfer of such Stations. Any such direction by the Secretary of State shall constitute a Variation under paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*).
- (c) Where a Variation occurs as contemplated under this paragraph 3.2, the Secretary of State shall be entitled to make such consequential changes to the terms of the Franchise Agreement as reasonably considered necessary by him in order to give effect to the transfer of such stations including, notwithstanding the provisions of Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*) in order to ensure that such provisions will continue to apply in relation to any Network Rail Fixture Asset or HS1 Fixture Asset comprised in a transferring station in the same way as such provisions would have applied had the Franchisee remained the Facility Owner at such Station.

4. **NOT USED.**

5. **Digital Railway Programme⁵¹**

5.1 The Franchisee shall co-operate in good faith with Network Rail, any relevant ROSCO and any other relevant third party in connection with the development by Network Rail of a plan for the implementation and operational introduction on the routes of:

- (a) the Connected Driver Advisory System ("**C-DAS**");
- (b) the Combined Performance and Safety System ("**COMPASS**");
- (c) such similar system(s) which may be developed to succeed C-DAS or COMPASS; or
- (d) any system which is intended to provide interconnectivity between the European Train Control System ("**ETCS**"), C-DAS and COMPASS for the purposes of improving capacity management, performance, and safety.

5.2 In respect of any plan developed by Network Rail pursuant to paragraph 5.1 above, the Franchisee shall:

- (a) use all reasonable endeavours to provide assistance to Network Rail, any relevant ROSCO and any other relevant third party in connection with the development of the elements of the plan relating to:
 - (i) C-DAS;

⁵¹ **Note to Bidders:** It is unlikely that this provision will be required in the event that a Digital Rail Proposal is contractualised.

- (ii) COMPASS; and/or
 - (iii) such similar system(s) which may be developed to succeed C-DAS or COMPASS; and
- (b) use reasonable endeavours to provide assistance to Network Rail, any relevant ROSCO and any other relevant third party in connection with the development of the elements of the plan relating to any system which is intended to provide interconnectivity between ETCS, C-DAS and COMPASS for the purposes of improving capacity management, performance, and safety.

6. **NOT USED.**

7. **NOT USED.**

8. **NOT USED.**

9. **NOT USED.**

10. **Boxing Day Services**

10.1 At least six (6) months prior to each of the Passenger Change Dates occurring in December 2019 and December 2022 the Franchisee shall:

- (a) consult with passengers, user groups, the relevant Infrastructure Manager, other train operators licensed under the Act and who operate along the affected Routes and other relevant Stakeholders on the potential demand for passenger services on 26 December in each Franchisee Year ("**Boxing Day Services**"); and
- (b) prepare and submit a report to the Secretary of State which sets out its proposals for operating Boxing Day Services which are additional to those Passenger Services to be operated by the Franchisee on 26 December in each Franchisee Year pursuant to the relevant Train Service Requirement (the "**Additional Boxing Day Services**"). Such report shall include:
 - (i) the Franchisee's view on whether or not the operation of the Additional Boxing Day Services will be commercially viable;
 - (ii) the impact on Franchise Payments (if any) if the Secretary of State (at his sole discretion) elects to vary the Train Service Requirement to require the provision of the Additional Boxing Day Services thereby triggering a Change pursuant to paragraph (d) of the definition of Change.

10.2 Following the submission of the report required pursuant to paragraph 10.1(b) the Franchisee shall:

- (a) promptly respond to the Secretary of State's reasonable queries in relation to such report (including the provision of such assistance as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in connection with the verification of any information contained in such report); and
- (b) upon reasonable notice, attend any such meeting as the Secretary of State may reasonably require for the purposes of discussing the contents of such report.

10.3 The Franchisee shall have due regard to the outcomes and findings of the consultation referred to in paragraph 10.1(a) in proposing on which Routes Additional Boxing Day Services should operate if the Secretary of State (at his sole discretion) elects to vary the Train Service Requirement to require the provision of the Additional Boxing Day Services.

11. **NOT USED.**
12. **NOT USED.**
13. **Co-operation with third party promoted franchise schemes**
- 13.1 Except to the extent that any of the following third party promoted franchise schemes are completed and in operation prior to the Start Date, the Franchisee shall fully and effectively co-operate with relevant Local Authorities and/or other interested bodies (each being a **"Sponsor"**) and with the relevant Infrastructure Manager and act reasonably and in good faith in its engagement with each of them in relation to each such third party promoted franchise schemes:
- (a) Kent County Council funded line speed improvements.
- 13.2 Where instructed to do so by the Secretary of State the Franchisee shall fully and effectively co-operate with the Secretary of State, the relevant Infrastructure Manager and any relevant Local Authority in relation to any scheme to reopen or divert any rail route.
- 13.3 The Franchisee shall at all times during the Franchise Term fully and effectively co-operate with the Secretary of State, the relevant Infrastructure Manager, any Local Authority or any relevant third party in the development and implementation of plans and proposals to:
- (a) enhance existing stations;
- (b) open new stations; and
- (c) open new rail routes, or re-open existing rail routes that are not currently used to operate regular passenger services.
- 13.4 The obligation to co-operate pursuant to paragraph 13.3 shall include the Franchisee carrying out in a timely manner all the activities and actions reasonably required to be carried out or taken by a Train Operator who:
- (a) in the case of paragraph 13.3 (a) only, is the Facility Owner at the relevant station;
- (b) in any of cases of paragraphs 13.3 (a), 13.3 (b) or 13.3 (c), is or is likely to be a provider of passenger services at the station or on the route in question.
- 13.5 Without limiting the above, the obligation to co-operate pursuant to paragraph 13.3 shall also include:
- (a) attending meetings with the Secretary of State, the Infrastructure Managers, a Local Authority or a relevant third party (as the case may be);
- (b) reviewing and commenting on the implementation and programme plans for the development of a brand new station;
- (c) providing analysis and advice to any of the above parties in relation to station location and design, timetabling, staffing, marketing, rolling stock and other relevant operational and practical issues;
- (d) negotiating in good faith with the Secretary of State or relevant scheme promoter with a view to reaching agreement with that person in relation to the terms (including price) for provision of Passenger Services at any new station or on any new or re-opened rail route;

- (e) maintaining records of usage and financial performance of passenger services calling at the relevant stations or operating on the relevant routes;
- (f) make available those records to the Secretary of State or relevant scheme promoter;
- (g) co-operate with any reasonable request by the Secretary of State or relevant scheme promoter to undertake a review of the operational and financial performance of the Passenger Services at the relevant stations or on the relevant routes (including their value for money); and
- (h) in the case of paragraph 13.3 (a) or 13.3 (b) above only, using reasonable endeavours to achieve any necessary amendments to any Station Lease or enter into new station leases as may be required for the purposes of the development and implementation of any such new station.

14. **NOT USED.**

15. **Railway Heritage**

15.1 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) engage constructively with the Railway Heritage Trust in order to maintain a register of listed buildings, those in conservation areas, and a list of designated artefacts and records (to ensure compliance with the Railway Heritage Act 1996);
- (b) engage constructively with the Railway Heritage Trust, Network Rail, and other relevant organisations to ensure that historic buildings and structures are conserved and promoted; and
- (c) maintain close and purposeful contact with heritage railway lines within the area of the Franchise, to identify and execute initiatives which will increase their usage and provide benefit to Passengers and the community.

16. **NOT USED**

17. **NOT USED**

18. **Ticketless Travel Surveys**

18.1 The Franchisee on behalf of the Secretary of State shall carry out a Ticketless Travel Surveys in each Ticketless Travel Period in accordance with the Ticketless Travel Survey Methodology.

18.2 It is acknowledged and agreed by the Franchisee that:

- (a) a Ticketless Travel Survey can only be carried out during a Ticketless Travel Survey Period; and
- (b) nothing in this paragraph 18 shall prevent the Secretary of State from carrying out any other ticketless travel surveys as he may wish to undertake from time to time (such surveys not to be subject to the provisions of this paragraph 18).

18.3 Within 30 days of the completion of each Ticketless Travel Survey the Franchisee shall produce and provide to the Secretary of State a report setting out the results of such Ticketless Travel Survey and detailing how such Ticketless Travel Survey was carried out in accordance with the Ticketless Travel Survey Methodology.

19. **Not used.**

20. **Branding Requirements**

20.1 The Franchisee shall implement and maintain the South Eastern Railway Brand throughout the Franchise Term.

20.2 The Franchisee shall use and apply the South Eastern Railway Brand in relation to the Train Fleet (subject to the terms of the Rolling Stock Leases) and all Stations, staff uniforms, marketing materials, publications, ticket sales channels and visual display screens used by the Franchisee (and any other assets owned or used by the Franchisee in the operation and provision of the Franchise Services which the Franchisee uses branding on) throughout the Franchise Term and in connection with the provision of the Franchise Services.

20.3 The Franchisee shall, in addition to the above, use and maintain throughout the Franchise Term the Javelin Trade Mark in relation to High Speed Domestic Services.

20.4 The Franchisee shall ensure that all rights in the South Eastern Railway Brand and the Javelin Trade Mark (each as may be modified from time to time) are capable of being designated as Primary Franchise Assets and accordingly transferred to the Successor Operator and, if the Secretary of State so designates rights in relation to the South Eastern Railway Brand and/or the Javelin Trade Mark and does not de-designate them pursuant to paragraph 10 of Schedule 14.4 (Designation of Franchise Assets), the transfer value shall (unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State) be nil.

21 **GTR Units & Modifications**

21.1 Where the Enhancement Works and/or the GTR Modifications (as the case may be) have not been completed by the Thameslink Operator by the Start Date, the Franchisee shall take all reasonable steps to enforce its rights under the Enhancement Works Side Letter and/or the GTR Sub-Lease (as the case may be) to procure that the Thameslink Operator completes the Enhancement Works and/or the GTR Modifications (as the case may be) as soon as reasonably practicable.

21.2 Where Govia Thameslink Railway Limited is replaced as the Thameslink Operator or another train operator becomes the head-lessor of the GTR Units, the Franchisee shall enter into a new sub-lease for the GTR Units with the new Thameslink Operator in substantially the same form as the Replacement Sub-Lease.

22 **Digital Rail Proposal**

22.1 The Secretary of State shall be entitled to change the Digital Rail Proposal or cancel the implementation of the Digital Rail Proposal. The Secretary of State shall notify the Franchisee of its intention to change or cancel the implementation of the Digital Rail Proposal together with an outline of its proposed changes, where applicable.

22.2 Where the Secretary of State notifies the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 22.1, this shall constitute a Qualifying Change.⁵²

22.3 Where the Secretary of State notifies the Franchisee that he wishes to:

⁵² **Note to Bidders:** The drafting will be amended based on the winning bid to refer to the specific elements of the model which deal with Digital Rail costs as these will be the only elements that the Change will deal with.

- (a) change the Digital Rail Proposal (including requiring the re-procurement of all or any aspect of such proposal), the Franchisee shall co-operate with, and shall provide all assistance necessary to, the Secretary of State and Network Rail in developing a revised digital rail proposal; and
- (a) cancel the implementation of the Digital Rail Proposal, the Franchisee shall co-operate with the Secretary of State in relation to the cancellation of the implementation of the Digital Rail Proposal.

22.4 By the Start Date, the Franchisee shall become a member of South East Digital Steering Board and actively participate in meetings of the South East Digital Steering Board and its initiatives during the Franchise Term.

23. Co-operation regarding Charging Review

23.1 The Franchisee shall co-operate with the Secretary of State in relation to any Charging Review in respect of HS1, providing reasonable assistance and information as required.

24. Chart Leacon depot

24.1 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to work with the Secretary of State and Network Rail (as applicable) in respect of the funding, design and development of a new depot at Chart Leacon and shall fully comply with any contracts in respect of the same to which the Franchisee is a party.⁵³

⁵³ **Note to Bidders:** This provision relates to the proposed funding and construction of a new depot for the South Eastern franchise at Chart Leacon. Following the completion of the new depot the intention is that the existing South Eastern high speed trains will be removed from Ashford Depot, with GTR replacing them with 6 x 8 car Class 700 units as part of the Thameslink Programme. The DfT anticipates that the role of Bidders in the delivery of the new depot will be limited to being largely project management in nature and Bidders are not expected to incur any significant expenditure beyond that role.

Schedule 6.2

Committed Obligations

PART 1 – COMMITTED OBLIGATIONS

[Note to Bidders:

1. This Schedule will specify the terms of the Committed Obligations and the dates by which the Committed Obligations must be performed.
2. For any Specimen Scheme, this will also include the applicable expenditure commitment and the output intended to be delivered by the Specimen Scheme.
3. Where the Department wishes to contractualise initiatives in the bid as Committed Obligations based on the Bidders' completed Schedule of Initiatives submitted in response to the ITT, the DfT will provide Bidders with drafting which reflects such requirements.]

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PART 2 - SPECIAL TERMS RELATED TO THE COMMITTED OBLIGATIONS

This Part 2 of Schedule 6.2 sets out further provisions which shall apply to the Committed Obligations contained in this Franchise Agreement and these provisions shall be construed as supplemental to the related provisions set out in Part 1 of this Schedule 6.2 and elsewhere in this Franchise Agreement.

1. Continuation of Availability

- 1.1 Where the Franchisee is obliged under this Schedule 6.2 to provide, implement or install something (whether a service, facility or otherwise) the Franchisee shall ensure that once the same is provided, implemented or installed that it continues to be provided and made available (and where relevant, effectively maintained) for the remainder of the Franchise Period unless the contrary is expressly stated.
- 1.2 Where Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) includes a commitment:
- (a) regarding the maintenance of certain facilities or activities or other similar analogous matters which are the subject of the Committed Obligations, the Franchisee shall not be regarded as having contravened the relevant obligation due to any temporary non-availability of the facility or activity (as the case may be) due to accidental damage or vandalism or maintenance, repair or replacement activities; or
 - (b) regarding staffing requirements or particular appointments the Franchisee is required to make and maintain, the obligation of the Franchisee shall not be regarded as being contravened by:
 - (i) temporary absences (for example for sickness or holiday); or
 - (ii) temporary non-fulfilment of a relevant post whilst the Franchisee is recruiting for that post,

providing always that the Franchisee is using all reasonable endeavours to keep the duration of any (x) non-availability of a facility or activity or (y) vacant or unfulfilled post or appointment (as the case may be) as short as reasonably practicable.

2. Expenditure Commitments

2.1 Annual Expenditure

Where Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) provides for the expenditure of an annual amount (or an amount over some other period) by the Franchisee, that amount:

- (a) is assessed net of Value Added Tax; and
- (b) is the amount required to be expended by the Franchisee itself or procured by the Franchisee to be expended.

2.2 Expenditure Commitments in real amounts

All expenditure commitments set out in Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*), to the extent they have not already been incurred by the Franchisee, shall be indexed by the Retail Prices Index (in the same way as variable costs are indexed in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*)).

2.3 Expenditure by the Infrastructure Managers

All amounts which the Franchisee has committed (whether unconditionally or otherwise) pursuant to Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) to expend in connection with

improvements to track or Stations shall be in addition to any expenditure made by the Infrastructure Managers as part of their infrastructure improvements or maintenance programmes to the extent such expenditure is not directly funded or reimbursed by the Franchisee.

3. **Underspend**

- (a) Where in relation to any Committed Obligation that is expressed in terms of a requirement to spend not less than a specified sum in fulfilling its stated objective, the Franchisee is able to achieve that stated objective without incurring the full amount referred to in that Committed Obligation, whether because of cost savings or otherwise, the Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State, together with a statement of the costs it has incurred (excluding any third party funding) in delivering the relevant obligations and a reconciliation against the amount it had committed to spend (excluding any third party funding) ("**Underspend**").
- (b) The Parties shall, acting reasonably, seek to agree an additional scheme or schemes which would give rise to benefits to passengers using the Passenger Services to be funded using one or more Underspends and, once agreed, the Franchisee shall apply such relevant Underspend in the delivery of the agreed scheme(s). In circumstances only where, despite having used reasonable endeavours the Parties fail to agree an additional scheme in relation to which relevant Underspend will be applied, the aggregate amount of unallocated Underspend shall be repaid to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable.

4. **Nature of Commitment**

- 4.1 Any commitment in terms of Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) shall be in addition to any obligation of the Franchisee elsewhere in this Agreement and nothing in this Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) shall limit or restrict an obligation imposed on the Franchisee elsewhere in this Agreement.
- 4.2 Save as expressly provided in Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*), each Committed Obligation is a separate obligation from any other Committed Obligation and satisfaction of or steps taken towards the satisfaction of one Committed Obligation will not amount to or contribute towards satisfaction of any other Committed Obligation.
- 4.3 Where in Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*), references are made to particular manufacturers or suppliers of equipment or services, the Franchisee may fulfil its relevant commitment by using reasonable equivalents.

5. **Review of Compliance**

- 5.1 Progress with Committed Obligations shall be considered and discussed at Franchise Performance Meetings.
- 5.2 In addition to its obligation under paragraph 5.1, the Franchisee shall from time to time promptly provide such evidence of its compliance with any Committed Obligation as the Secretary of State may reasonably request.

6. **Consequences of Late Completion or Non-Delivery of Committed Obligations**

If the Franchisee fails to deliver in full a Committed Obligation in accordance with and by the timeframe specified for its delivery in this Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*), such late, partial or non-delivery shall constitute a contravention of the Franchise Agreement.

7. Specimen Schemes

- 7.1 The Franchisee may propose to undertake an Alternative Scheme in place of a Specimen Scheme. Any such Alternative Scheme must:
- (a) be intended to deliver as a minimum the relevant Specimen Scheme Output;
 - (b) require the Franchisee to incur expenditure of no less than the expenditure which the Franchisee is committed to incur in relation to the relevant Specimen Scheme; and
 - (c) deliver at least an equivalent level of benefits (whether to passengers, the Secretary of State, the wider rail industry or otherwise) as the Specimen Scheme.
- 7.2 If the Franchisee wishes to propose an Alternative Scheme, the Franchisee will provide the Secretary of State with such details of the Alternative Scheme as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.
- 7.3 If the Secretary of State approves (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) such Alternative Scheme then it shall replace the relevant Specimen Scheme and Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) shall be amended accordingly.
- 7.4 For the avoidance of doubt, if the Franchisee does not propose or the Secretary of State does not approve an Alternative Scheme then the Franchisee shall remain obliged to deliver the relevant Specimen Scheme in accordance with Part 1 to Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*).

8. Third Party Consents, Agreement and Conditions

- 8.1 A Committed Obligation may be expressed to be conditional upon the satisfaction of any condition (including the occurrence of any event or the obtaining of any third party consent and/or entering into any agreement or arrangement with a third party) ("**Pre-condition**"). Where a Committed Obligation is subject to a Pre-condition and, despite having used all reasonable endeavours, the Franchisee is not able to satisfy such Pre-condition within such timescales (if any) as are required to enable the Franchisee to deliver such Committed Obligation in accordance with its terms then the Secretary of State and the Franchisee shall agree (or on failure to agree, the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine) such modifications to such Committed Obligation as may be necessary to allow the Franchisee to deliver a scheme which would give rise to benefits to passengers using the Passenger Services similar to (but not necessarily the same as) those benefits which would have arisen if the Franchisee had delivered such Committed Obligation.
- 8.2 If the Franchisee and the Secretary of State agree (or on failure to agree, the Secretary of State reasonably determines) a modification to a Committed Obligation pursuant to paragraph 8.1 then to the extent that the Franchisee delivers such modified Committed Obligation by the date agreed by the Parties (or, on failure to agree reasonably determined by the Secretary of State) then the Franchisee shall not be in breach of the Franchise Agreement.

9. Designation of Assets comprised in COs as Primary Franchise Assets

- 9.1 The Secretary of State may at any time designate as a Primary Franchise Asset any asset (other than those designated as RV Assets) introduced by the Franchisee by way of a Committed Obligation (the "**Designated CO Primary Franchise Assets**"). Such designation shall take effect from the date on which the Secretary of State delivers to the Franchisee a notice designating the relevant asset as a Designated CO Primary Franchise Asset.
- 9.2 The transfer value in relation to any Designated CO Primary Franchise Asset, which at the end of the Franchise Period is:

- (a) not de-designated as a Primary Franchise Asset pursuant to paragraph 10 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*); and
- (b) transferred to a Successor Operator (whether pursuant to the Transfer Scheme or otherwise),

shall (unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State) be nil.

10. **Obligations on Delivery of a Committed Obligation**

By no later than 30 days after the date of delivery of a Committed Obligation the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State a certificate (in such form as may be specified by the Secretary of State from time to time) signed by a statutory director of the Franchisee confirming that such Committed Obligation has been delivered in full and in accordance with its terms, together with such supporting information as may be requested by the Secretary of State from time to time.

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Schedule 6.3

Contractual Incentive Mitigations

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 For the purposes of this Schedule 6.3 only, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings unless otherwise set out in clause 3 (*Definitions*):

"Actual Marketing Spend"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.7(b)(ii)(a) of this Schedule 6.3;
"Actual Marketing Team Spend"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.7(b)(ii)(b) of this Schedule 6.3;
"Annual Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark"	means, in relation to a Performance Calculation Year, the benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year as specified in Column 3 of the table in part 2 of Appendix 2 to this Schedule 6.3;
"Annual Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark"	means, in relation to a Performance Calculation Year, the benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year as specified in Column 2 of the table in part 2 of Appendix 2 to this Schedule 6.3;
"Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark"	means any of the Annual Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark and Annual Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark;
"Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark"	means, in relation to a Ticketless Travel Survey Period, the benchmark relevant for that Ticketless Travel Survey Period in that Performance Calculation Year as specified in Column 3 of the table in part 1 of Appendix 2 to this Schedule 6.3;
"CIM Activation Date"	means a Franchisee Activation Date or SoS Activation Date (as applicable);
"CIM Deactivation Date"	means the last day of a Franchisee Year wherein no CIM Activation Date in respect of the following year has occurred ⁵⁴ ;

⁵⁴ **Note to Bidders:** For the avoidance of doubt, pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 3.1 or 5.1 of Schedule 8.6 (Forecast Revenue Mechanism) (as applicable), the notice issued by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee stating that the provisions of this Schedule 6.3 are to apply must be issued afresh by the Secretary of State for each Franchisee Year in respect of which CIMS are intended to apply. It is not the case that once such notification is issued that the provisions of this Schedule 6.3 will continue to automatically apply throughout consecutive Franchisee Years until they are no longer required.

"CIM Notification Date"	means the date on which the Secretary of State serves notice on the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 3.1, 5.1 or 5.2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>) that Contractual Incentive Mitigations shall apply;
"CIM Performance Sum"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7.1 of this Schedule 6.3;
"CIM Period"	means the period from and including the relevant CIM Activation Date to and including the CIM Deactivation Date;
"Create"	has the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
"Draft Marketing Plan"	means a draft marketing plan produced pursuant to paragraph 5.1 or 5.2 of this Schedule 6.3;
"Franchisee Activation Date"	means the first day of the Franchisee Year following an election by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 5.1 or 5.2 of Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>) if the Secretary of State exercises his consequent right to require that Contractual Incentive Mitigations shall apply in relation to the relevant Franchisee Year;
"Good Operator Standard"	means the standard of a skilled and experienced Train Operator bearing the farebox revenue risk in relation to a railway passenger services franchise of a type, size and complexity similar to the Franchise and seeking to maximise its profit consistent with its other obligations under the a franchise agreement in terms similar to the Franchise Agreement (including compliance with Schedule 5.4 (<i>Regulation of Fares Basket Values</i>) and Schedule 5.5 (<i>Regulation of Individual Fares</i>));
"Marketing Plan"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.5 of this Schedule 6.3;
"Marketing Team"	means a team of not less than [] ⁵⁵ people or the full time equivalent to such number of people whose role is largely concerned with the organisation and delivery of marketing activities for the Franchise in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Schedule 6.3;
"Minimum Marketing Spend"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.7(a) of this Schedule 6.3;
"Minimum Marketing Team Spend"	shall have the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.7(b) of this Schedule 6.3;

55 **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate.

“Performance Calculation Year”

means:

- a) the period of 13 Reporting Periods starting on the CIM Activation Date (that day inclusive); or
- b) each subsequent period of 13 Reporting Periods during the CIM Period commencing the day after the last day of the preceding Performance Calculation Year,

(as applicable) provided that the last such period may be shorter than 13 Reporting Periods and shall end on the last day of the Franchise Period;

“Rail Products”

shall have the meaning given to it in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

“SoS Activation Date”

means the first day of the Franchisee Year following the service of notice by the Secretary of State on the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*) requiring that Contractual Incentive Mitigations shall apply in relation to a Franchisee Year;

“Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark”

means, in relation to a Ticketless Travel Survey Period, the benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year as specified in Column 2 of the table in part 1 of Appendix 2 to this Schedule 6.3;

“Ticketless Travel Benchmark”

means any of the Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark or the Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark;

“Ticketless Travel Payment Adjustment”

means an adjustment made to Franchise Payments as determined in accordance with paragraph 6.3 of this Schedule 6.3;

“Ticketless Travel Rate”

means, for any Ticketless Travel Survey Period, that proportion (expressed as a percentage to three decimal places) of revenue estimated by the Ticketless Travel Survey for that Ticketless Travel Survey Period to be associated with passengers travelling on the Passenger Services without a valid ticket or other valid permission to travel.

2. Application of Contractual Incentive Mitigations

2.1 The provisions of paragraphs:

- (a) 3, 4, 5.1 to 5.5 (inclusive), 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 of this Schedule 6.3, shall apply from the CIM Notification Date until the CIM Deactivation Date; and
- (b) 5.6 to 5.10 (inclusive), 6, 7 and 12 of this Schedule 6.3, shall apply:
 - (i) in full from the CIM Activation Date (where the CIM Activation Date is a Franchisee Activation Date); and

- (ii) to the extent elected by the Secretary of State (where the CIM Activation Date is a SoS Activation Date),

until the CIM Deactivation Date.

3. **General Obligation of the Franchisee when the provisions of Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*) apply**

3.1 At all times when this Schedule 6.3 applies (in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2) the Franchisee shall, in addition to complying with the other provisions of this Schedule 6.3, use all reasonable endeavours, consistent with a Train Operator bearing revenue risk in relation to its franchise and acting in an economical and efficient manner, to maximise revenue and minimise or mitigate the impacts of any factors leading to revenue being reduced or increasing less quickly than the Franchisee had forecast including maximising revenue collections, growing Peak Passenger Service revenues and Off-Peak Passenger Service revenues and driving performance. For the avoidance of doubt the provisions of this Schedule 6.3 shall not contribute towards any Performance Bonus Payment under Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) or any other payment in favour of the Franchisee.

3.2 The Franchisee shall proactively consider and implement actions to meet its obligations pursuant to paragraph 3.1 above, provided that where the consent of the Secretary of State is required to any action pursuant to the terms of the Franchise Agreement, the Franchisee shall seek his consent as soon as reasonably practicable and shall only pursue such action once consent has been provided.

3.3 The Secretary of State shall have the right to propose to the Franchisee measures that the Franchisee could take to maximise revenue and minimise or mitigate the impacts of any factors leading to revenue being reduced or increasing less quickly than the Franchisee had forecast, such measures being consistent with a Train Operator bearing revenue risk in relation to its franchise and acting in an economical and efficient manner. The Franchisee shall give reasonable consideration to any such measures proposed by the Secretary of State and shall either implement such actions or shall explain why in its reasonable opinion such measures would not be appropriate.

4. **Bespoke Revenue Initiative Proposal**

4.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*), the Franchisee shall be permitted to make a proposal ("**Bespoke Revenue Initiative Proposal**") to the Secretary of State that revenue identifiable as being derived from a specified initiative of the Franchisee not already included under the terms of this Franchise Agreement shall be subject to an alternative division of the revenue arising from its implementation during periods that Revenue Share Adjustments or Revenue Support Adjustments are payable or where it is reasonably likely that Revenue Share Adjustments or Revenue Support Adjustments shall become payable in the next 24 months.

4.2 Any Bespoke Revenue Initiative Proposal shall:

- (a) identify what the proposed initiative is and the capital and operational costs that are likely to be incurred delivering it;
- (b) provide an estimate of the financial value that the Franchisee reasonably considers the initiative is likely to deliver for the Secretary of State; and
- (c) propose an appropriate division of revenue between the Franchisee and the Secretary of State when the Franchisee is paying Revenue Share or receiving Revenue Support and shall propose how the revenue derived from the initiative can be separately identified and the purpose of the Franchisee's proposed revenue allocation.

- 4.3 The Secretary of State may also require the Franchisee in any Bespoke Revenue Initiative Proposal to include:
- (a) a business case with a financial cost benefit analysis by reference to criteria specified by the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) proposed drafting to be included into the Franchise Agreement in connection with the Bespoke Revenue Initiative Proposal.
- 4.4 The Franchisee shall meet with the Secretary of State to discuss the Bespoke Revenue Initiative Proposal and provide such additional information as he shall reasonably require. The Secretary of State shall be permitted to propose alterations to the Bespoke Revenue Initiative Proposal and the Franchise Agreement drafting proposed by the Franchisee. The Secretary of State shall have an unfettered discretion to accept or reject any Bespoke Revenue Initiative Proposal. If he accepts it, the Franchise Agreement shall be amended on terms agreed between the parties for the purposes of implementing it.
5. **Marketing Plan**
- 5.1 In the event that:
- (a) the Franchisee elects prior to the beginning of the First FRM Franchisee Year or any subsequent Franchisee Year to be eligible to be paid Revenue Support Adjustments pursuant to paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*) and the Secretary of State exercises his consequent right to require that Contractual Incentive Mitigations shall apply in relation to the relevant Franchisee Year the Franchisee shall produce and submit to the Secretary of State a Draft Marketing Plan by no later than two (2) Reporting Periods prior to the CIM Activation Date; or
 - (b) the Franchisee elects prior to the beginning of a Franchisee Year to be eligible to be paid Revenue Support Adjustments pursuant to paragraph 5.2 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*) and the Secretary of State exercises his consequent right to require that Contractual Incentive Mitigations shall apply in relation to the relevant Franchisee Year the Franchisee shall produce and submit to the Secretary of State a Draft Marketing Plan as soon as reasonably practicable after confirmation of such election by the Secretary of State.
- 5.2 In the event that the Secretary of State serves notice on the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*) requiring that Contractual Incentive Mitigations shall apply in relation to a Franchisee Year the Franchisee shall produce and submit to the Secretary of State a Draft Marketing Plan by no later than two (2) Reporting Periods prior to the CIM Activation Date.
- 5.3 The Draft Marketing Plan shall as a minimum set out:
- (a) the proposed marketing initiatives to be undertaken in the upcoming Franchisee Year, the proposed spend in respect of such initiatives and the estimated return in respect of the same;
 - (b) the structure, focus and utilisation of the members of the Marketing Team;
 - (c) a three-year rolling marketing strategy; and
 - (d) if applicable, the performance of the initiatives implemented in the previous Franchisee Year, taking into account the cost of the same.
- 5.4 The Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State such further analysis or iterations of the Draft Marketing Plan as the Secretary of State reasonably requires and shall, if required by the Secretary of State, meet with the Secretary of State to discuss the Draft Marketing Plan.

5.5 The Secretary of State shall (acting reasonably):

- (a) within one (1) Reporting Period of receipt of the Draft Marketing Plan following an election by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*); or
- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the Draft Marketing Plan following an election by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 5.2 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*),

approve or reject the Draft Marketing Plan. Where the Secretary of State rejects the Draft Marketing Plan, the Franchisee shall make such amendments necessary to the Secretary of State's reasonable satisfaction. This document, as either approved or amended to the Secretary of State's reasonable satisfaction, shall become the form of the Franchisee's marketing plan (the "**Marketing Plan**").

5.6 The Franchisee shall comply with the Marketing Plan.

5.7 In each Franchisee Year the Franchisee shall:

- (a) spend no less than the amount specified in column 2 of the table in set out in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 6.3 for that Franchisee Year ("**Minimum Marketing Spend**"):
 - (i) on such marketing activities as specified in paragraph 5.8; or
 - (ii) as otherwise agreed by the Franchisee and the Secretary of State (or in the event of any failure to agree, as reasonably determined by the Secretary of State),

and such activities shall be identified in the Marketing Plan; and

- (b) spend no less than the amount specified in column 3 of the table set out in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 6.3 for that Franchisee Year ("**Minimum Marketing Team Spend**") on remuneration of the Marketing Team (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any and all pension contributions made by the Franchisee in respect of the Marketing Team),

provided that:

- (i) if the Franchise terminates part way through a Franchisee Year, the required Minimum Marketing Spend and Minimum Marketing Team Spend shall each be reduced on a pro rata basis to reflect the number of days by which the Franchisee Year was less than 365 days (or less than 366 days in a leap year);

- (ii) within 15 Weekdays of the end of each Franchisee Year a statutory director of the Franchisee shall certify:

- (a) the amount of marketing expenditure actually incurred by the Franchisee in respect of that Franchisee Year (excluding in respect of remuneration of the Marketing Team) ("**Actual Marketing Spend**"); and

- (b) the amount of the marketing expenditure actually incurred by the Franchisee in respect of remuneration of the Marketing Team in respect of that Franchisee Year ("**Actual Marketing Team Spend**").

If the Actual Marketing Spend is less than the Minimum Marketing Spend then the difference between the Actual Marketing Spend and the Minimum Marketing Spend shall be treated as Underspend for the purpose of Part 2 of Schedule 6.2.

If the Actual Marketing Team Spend is less than the Minimum Marketing Team Spend then the difference between the Actual Marketing Team Spend and the Minimum Marketing Team Spend shall also be treated as Underspend for the purpose of Part 2 of Schedule 6.2.

The Franchisee shall provide such information as the Secretary of State shall reasonably require for the purposes of verifying the information contained in the certificate provided and if the Secretary of State reasonably determines that the marketing expenditure (excluding in respect of remuneration of the Marketing Team) made by the Franchisee was less than the Actual Marketing Spend then the difference between the expenditure as determined by the Secretary of State (rather than the Actual Marketing Spend certified by the Franchisee) and the Minimum Marketing Spend shall be treated as Underspend for the purpose of Part 2 of Schedule 6.2 and if the Secretary of State reasonably determines that the marketing expenditure made by the Franchisee in respect of remuneration of the Marketing Team was less than the Actual Marketing Team Spend then such difference between the expenditure as determined by the Secretary of State (rather than the Actual Marketing Team Spend certified by the Franchisee) and the Minimum Marketing Team Spend shall also be treated as Underspend for the purpose of Part 2 of Schedule 6.2;

5.7A The Minimum Marketing Spend and Minimum Marketing Team Spend in respect of each Franchisee Year (other than the first Franchisee Year) shall be subject to indexation by the [\[Retail Prices Index/Average Weekly Earnings Index\]](#)⁵⁶ in the same way as the component of [\[RPI/AWE\]](#)⁵⁷ is indexed in Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*) of the Franchise Agreement.

5.8 Any costs attributable to:

- (a) initiatives that advertise and promote passenger services in order to drive growth in passenger volumes and revenues;
- (b) promotional material including but not limited to timetable printing and posters;
- (c) digital marketing; and
- (d) marketing activities relating to franchise specific areas including but not limited to infrastructure or rolling stock changes,

shall count towards the Minimum Marketing Spend.

5.9 As part of each Business Plan to be submitted during the CIM Period in accordance with paragraph 10 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) the Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State for his approval an updated version of the Marketing Plan in respect of the remainder of the Franchise Term:

- (a) in substantially the same form as the preceding Marketing Plan delivered to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Franchise Agreement;

⁵⁶ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to select RPI or AWE.

⁵⁷ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to select RPI or AWE.

- (b) which shall be revised to:
- (i) describe the Franchisee's planned expenditure and activities to advertise, market and promote the Passenger Services for each Franchisee Year (or part Franchisee Year) during the remainder of the Franchise Term (such description being in detail for the next Franchisee Year and in outline for subsequent Franchisee Years);
 - (ii) include details of the Franchisee's planned arrangements to measure the effectiveness of such expenditure and activities; and
 - (iii) include details setting out how the Franchisee will adapt its Marketing Plan to take account of changes and opportunities in the market, and learn from its previous activities and expenditure to improve the Marketing Plan; and
- (c) containing a statement of the differences between such updated Marketing Plan and the preceding Marketing Plan delivered to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Franchise Agreement, together with an explanation of such differences.

The Franchisee may also apply to the Secretary of State to make interim revisions to the Marketing Plan in the course of any Franchisee Year.

5.10 The Marketing Plan shall be reviewed by the Franchisee and the Secretary of State every 3 months, or more frequently and/or at a meeting in person upon the Secretary of State's request, and as soon as reasonably practicable following each such review the Franchisee shall:

- (a) produce evidence to the Secretary of State's satisfaction that it has incurred the expenditure and carried out the activities shown in the Marketing Plan for the period under review;
- (b) report on the effectiveness of such expenditure and activities, based on reasonably available evidence, and areas for improvement which the Franchisee has identified and the actions it plans to take; and
- (c) confirm how the effectiveness of the expenditure and activities could be further improved by explaining the successes and failures of such Marketing Plan and how the Franchisee plans to build on successes and address and rectify failures going forward.

6. Ticketless Travel Payments

6.1 Ticketless Travel Survey Periods Calculations

Ticketless Travel Survey Periods

- (a) At the end of each Ticketless Travel Survey Period the Secretary of State shall use the Ticketless Travel Rate for such Ticketless Travel Survey Period to calculate the Franchisee's performance against the relevant Ticketless Travel Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

$$TT\ Deemed = \frac{A + B}{2}$$

where:

TT Deemed is the Franchisee's deemed performance against the relevant Ticketless Travel Benchmark;

- A* is the Ticketless Travel Rate for that Ticketless Travel Survey Period; and
- B* is the Ticketless Travel Rate for the preceding Ticketless Travel Survey Period.

6.2 Consequences of poor performance

Without limiting paragraph 6.3, if for any Ticketless Travel Survey Period the TT Deemed as calculated pursuant to paragraph 6.1 above is more than (that is, is equal to or worse than) the relevant Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark then a contravention shall occur and the Secretary of State may serve a Remedial Plan Notice in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*). For the purposes of paragraph 4.2(c) of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*) the steps to be proposed by the Franchisee pursuant to that paragraph are those which ensure that the Ticketless Travel Rates will be below (that is, better than) the Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark.

6.3 Ticketless Travel Payment Adjustment

- (a) At the end of each Performance Calculation Year the Secretary of State shall use the Ticketless Travel Rates for that Performance Calculation Year to calculate the Franchisee's performance against the Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

$$ACTUAL = \frac{\sum A}{Y}$$

where:

ACTUAL is the average of the Ticketless Travel Rates for each of the Ticketless Travel Survey Periods in that Performance Calculation Year; and

$\sum A$ is the sum of the values of the Ticketless Travel Rates for the Ticketless Travel Survey Periods in that Performance Calculation Year; and

Y is the number of Ticketless Travel Survey Periods in that Performance Calculation Year;

- (b) if the value of *ACTUAL* for a Performance Calculation Year as calculated pursuant to paragraph 6.3(a) is:

- (i) more than (that is, worse than) the Annual Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year but less than (that is, better than) the Annual Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year then the Ticketless Travel Payment Adjustment payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State shall be an amount calculated as follows, noting that any such amount shall be a negative number which represents a payment by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State:

$$(TARGET - ACTUAL) \times TTPY$$

where:

ACTUAL has the meaning given to it in paragraph

6.3(a);

TARGET is the Annual Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year; and

TTPY is:

$$TTP \times RPI \times TTSP_n / 2$$

where:

TTP is the amount that is equal to the amount specified in the table in part 3 of Appendix 2 to this Schedule 6.3;

RPI has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*) of the Franchise Agreement; and

TTSP_n is the number of full Ticketless Travel Survey Periods in that Performance Calculation Year.

- (ii) more than (that is, is worse than) the Annual Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year then the Ticketless Travel Payment Adjustment payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State shall be an amount calculated as follows, noting that any such amount shall be a negative number which represents a payment by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State:

$$(TARGET - BREACH) \times TTPY$$

where:

BREACH is the Annual Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year;

TARGET is the Annual Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark for that Performance Calculation Year; and

TTPY is

$$TTP \times RPI \times TTSP_n / 2$$

TTP is the amount that is equal to the amount specified in the table in part 3 of Appendix 2 to this Schedule 6.3;

RPI has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to Schedule 8.1; and

TTSP_n is the number of full Ticketless Travel Survey Periods in that Performance

Calculation Year.

- (c) In the event that, in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year occurring within the CIM Period, Net Revenue Support or Net Revenue Share is payable pursuant to Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*) then any amount payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 6.3(b)(i) or paragraph 6.3(b)(ii) shall fall due on the first Payment Date falling no less than seven (7) days after that determination of whether there is Net Revenue Support or Net Revenue Share (as applicable).
- (d) Any Ticketless Travel Payment Adjustment which is payable:
- (i) in respect of the Final Franchisee Year; and
 - (ii) has not been made during the Franchise Period,
- shall be determined in accordance with paragraph 6.1 above, but shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the Secretary of State giving written notice to the Franchisee of the amount of such Ticketless Travel Payment Adjustment.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, if a Performance Calculation Year does not include one (1) or more full Ticketless Travel Survey Periods then no Ticketless Travel Payment Adjustment shall be payable.

6.4 **Calculations**

The Secretary of State shall perform the calculations referred to in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.3 rounded to three decimal places, with the mid-point rounded up (e.g. 3.3771% rounded to 3.377% or 3.3775% rounded to 3.378%).

7. **Operational Performance**

7.1 Following the end of each Franchisee Year occurring within the CIM Period the Secretary of State shall, in addition to calculating any Performance Deduction Payment payable in respect of the Annual Cancellations Benchmark, the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark and the Annual Short Formation Benchmark in accordance with Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) using the values set out in the tables in the appendices to the same, separately calculate a CIM performance sum in accordance with the formula for calculating the relevant Performance Deduction Payment in respect of the Annual Cancellations Benchmark, the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark and the Annual Short Formation Benchmark as set out in paragraphs 22.3, 22.4 and 22.5 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) respectively, except that:

- (a) the value of **PDP_{CCIM}** in the table at Part 1 of Appendix 3 to this Schedule 6.3 shall be used in place of the value of **PDP_c** in the table at Part 3 of Appendix 1 to Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);
- (b) the value of **PDP_{MDCIM}** in the table at Part 2 of Appendix 3 to this Schedule 6.3 shall be used in place of the value of **PDP_{MD}** in the table at Part 3 of Appendix 2 to Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);
- (c) the value of **PDP_{SFCIM}** in the table at Part 3 of Appendix 3 to this Schedule 6.3 shall be used in place of the value of **PDP_{SF}** in the table at Part 3 of Appendix 3 to Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*),

together (a) to (c) being the "**CIM Performance Sum**".

7.2 In the event that, in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year occurring within the CIM Period, Net Revenue Support or Net Revenue Share is payable pursuant to Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*) then the CIM Performance Sum is payable by the Franchisee to the

Secretary of State on the first Payment Date falling no less than seven (7) days after that determination of whether there is Net Revenue Support or Net Revenue Share (as applicable).

7.3 Any CIM Performance Sum which is payable:

- (a) in respect of the Final Franchisee Year; and
- (b) has not been made during the Franchise Period,

shall be determined in accordance with paragraph 7.1 above, but shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the Secretary of State giving written notice to the Franchisee of the amount of such CIM Performance Sum.

8. Changes in Numbers and Total Cost of Employees

8.1 The Franchisee shall not, and shall secure that each other relevant employer shall not, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State increase or decrease the number of Franchise Employees whose role wholly or partially relates to (i) revenue protection, (ii) ticket office staff or (iii) the sale of tickets such that:

- (a) the total number of such Franchise Employees or the total cost per annum to the Franchisee and each other relevant employer of employing such Franchise Employees is increased; or
- (b) the total number of such Franchise Employees is decreased,

in each case, by more than five per cent (5%) in any Franchisee Year or seven point five per cent (7.5%) cumulatively across any two consecutive Franchisee Years that occur within a CIM Period as against the figures included at *[insert relevant cross reference]* of the Record of Assumptions⁵⁸.

8.2 The Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State a report at the end of each Reporting Period which sets out:

- (a) the numbers of Franchise Employees that fall into the categories noted at (i), (ii) and (iii) in paragraph 8.1 above; and
- (b) in outline, the Franchisee's plan for recruitment to fill any vacancies where the vacant role wholly or partially relates to the categories noted at (i), (ii) and (iii) in paragraph 8.1 above.

9. Percentage Allocations

9.1 The Franchisee shall monitor on an on-going basis the Percentage Allocations in relation to Rail Products.

9.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that it manages and requests changes (including by disputing Percentage Allocations under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) to the Percentage Allocations in relation to Rail Products in such manner as would reasonably be expected from a skilled and experienced Train Operator bearing farebox revenue risk in relation to its franchise

⁵⁸ **Note to Bidders:** Please set out the total number of applicable Franchise Employees and applicable total cost per annum with sufficient clarity in the Record of Assumptions in order to allow the calculation in paragraph 8.1 to be carried out. The relevant cross-reference to the ROA will be added to the final form Franchise Agreement.

and seeking to maximise its profit consistent with its other obligations under its franchise agreement.

- 9.3 Except to the extent that the Secretary of State may consent from time to time the Franchisee shall not take any action or step which may result in its Percentage Allocation in respect of any Rail Product being reduced. The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State before taking any such action or step and upon becoming aware of any other person proposing to take any action or step which may have the same effect. The Franchisee shall take such action as the Secretary of State may reasonably request in order to prevent any such reduction, including submitting any dispute to any relevant dispute resolution procedures. If the Secretary of State does not respond to the Franchisee's notification within one (1) month of the date of receipt of such notification, the Franchisee shall be entitled to take the action or step so notified.

10. The Bid Fares Strategy

10.1 Subject to paragraph 10.2 and paragraph 11, for each Fares Setting Round from the CIM Notification Date until the CIM Deactivation Date, the Franchisee shall Create such Fares as are specified in the Bid Fares Strategy.

10.2 The Franchisee shall, in advance of every Fares Setting Round from the CIM Notification Date until the CIM Deactivation Date review:

- (a) whether changes are necessary to the Bid Fares Strategy or the price or terms of any Fare specified in the Bid Fares Strategy; and
- (b) if so, what the changes to the Bid Fares Strategy or any such Fare should be,

and in doing so the Franchisee shall act in a reasonable and proper manner and to a Good Operator Standard.

11. Changes to the Bid Fares Strategy

11.1 By no later than week 4 of each Fares Setting Round, the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State:

- (a) details (including supporting documentation) of any Fare specified in the Bid Fares Strategy where, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, the Creation of such Fare would require the Franchisee to act other than to a Good Operator Standard, together with:

- (i) a detailed explanation of the reasons for the Franchisee's opinion pursuant to paragraph 11.1(a) and, if applicable, an explanation of the changes that would need to be made to the Bid Fares Strategy to ensure that the Creation of any Fares specified in such amended Bid Fares Strategy in any subsequent Fares Setting Rounds would not require the Franchisee to act other than to a Good Operator Standard;

- (ii) the details of such alternative Fare (including the Price or Child Price (as the case may be) and the terms of such alternative Fare) that it wishes to Create in place of the relevant Fare contained in the Bid Fares Strategy (plus supporting documentation to evidence that Creation of such Fare would not require the Franchisee to act other than to a Good Operator Standard) ("**Alternative Fare**"); and

- (iii) written confirmation from a statutory director of the Franchisee which confirms that Creation of the Alternative Fare would not require the Franchisee to act other than to a Good Operator Standard. It shall be a contravention of the Franchise Agreement if any such written confirmation from a statutory director of the Franchisee pursuant to this paragraph 11.1

is, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, in any material respect, untrue, inaccurate and/or misleading.

11.2 On receipt of the information required by paragraph 11.1, the Secretary of State may, by no later than week 9 of each Fares Setting Round, by notice to the Franchisee:-

- (a) confirm his agreement to the modification of the Bid Fares Strategy as proposed by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 11.1 and the Bid Fares Strategy as so modified shall apply indefinitely (in accordance with the terms of this paragraph 11.2) or for such alternative period as the Secretary of State may specify; or
- (b) decline to agree the modification, in which case the provisions of paragraph 11.3 shall apply.

If the Secretary of State does not notify the Franchisee within the time specified, the Secretary of State shall be deemed to have declined to agree.

11.3 Where the Secretary of State declines (or is deemed to have declined) to agree a modification to the Bid Fares Strategy the Franchisee may refer the question on whether:

- (a) the Creation of the relevant Fare as specified in the Bid Fares Strategy would require the Franchisee to act other than to a Good Operator Standard; and/or
- (b) the Creation of the proposed Alternative Fare and associated modification of the Bid Fares Strategy would require the Franchisee to act other than to a Good Operator Standard,

in each case, to an independent expert at its own expense, subject to the provisions of paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*). Provided that the expert's opinion is received within 30 business days after the Franchisee received notice of the Secretary of State's decision in paragraph 11.2(b), the Secretary of State shall be required to take such expert's opinion into consideration when determining whether to uphold or change his decision to decline to agree the modification. Until the determination of any such dispute the Franchisee shall Create such relevant Fare(s) as specified in the Bid Fares Strategy. Following determination of any such dispute the Secretary of State and the Franchisee shall take such steps as are required to give effect to such determination (including, if applicable, by making the required modification to the Bid Fares Strategy and by the Franchisee Creating the Alternative Fare at the next available opportunity and, in any event, at the next Fares Setting Round).

12. **Industrial Action**

12.1 During the CIM Period the occurrence of Industrial Action shall, at the sole discretion of the Secretary of State constitute a Qualifying Change to the extent and only to the extent the Franchisee has obtained any net savings from any reduction in costs incurred by the Franchisee as a result of such Industrial Action having taken into account any loss of revenue.

13. **Train Maintenance**

13.1 The Franchisee shall procure that heavy maintenance of Train Fleet is undertaken in accordance with a standard expected of a competent, skilled and experienced train operator.

13.2 The Franchisee shall seek approval from the Secretary of State for any changes to the heavy maintenance regime for the Train Fleet where such change will result in any material cost saving to the Franchisee including the reduction of any lease payments for the relevant Rolling Stock (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). If the Secretary of State does not confirm his approval to the Franchisee within one (1) month of receiving a request in respect of such the Secretary of State shall be deemed to have approved the change requested.

14. **Additions to the Annual Business Plan**

- 14.1 The Franchisee shall include, in each Annual Business Plan delivered to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 10.2 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*):
- (a) proposals for measures that the Franchisee could take to maximise revenue and minimise or mitigate the impacts of any factors leading to revenue being reduced or increasing less quickly than the Franchisee had forecast; and
 - (b) notwithstanding the Franchisee's obligations pursuant to paragraph 11.1 of this Schedule 6.3, proposals for any changes to the Bid Fares Strategy or the price or terms of any Fare specified in the same that the Franchisee (acting in a reasonable and proper manner and to a Good Operator Standard) considers necessary.
- 14.2 Within one (1) month of the provision of the Annual Business Plan by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 10.2 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), the Secretary of State shall raise in writing to the Franchisee any reasonable objections regarding the content of such Annual Business Plan.
- 14.3 Within one (1) month of the receipt of any objections pursuant to paragraph 14.2 of this Schedule 6.3 the Franchisee shall:
- (a) amend the Annual Business Plan to address such objections; or
 - (b) provide reasons in writing to the Secretary of State as to why the Franchisee reasonably considers that no amendment to the Annual Business Plan is required.

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Appendix 1

Column 1	Column 2⁵⁹	Column 3⁶⁰
Franchisee Year	Minimum Marketing Spend	Minimum Marketing Team Spend
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		
Year 7		
Year 8		
Year 9 (extension)		

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⁵⁹ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate.

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Appendix 2

Part 1

Ticketless Travel Benchmark

Column 1		Column 2	Column 3
Performance Calculation Year	Ticketless Travel Survey Periods	Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark (%)	Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark (%)
Year 1	2019/20 P01 to 2019/20 P07	4.000%	4.500%
	2019/20 P08 to 2019/20 P13	4.000%	4.500%
Year 2	2020/21 P01 to 2020/21 P07	3.750%	4.250%
	2020/21 P08 to 2020/21 P13	3.500%	4.000%
Year 3	2021/22 P01 to 2021/22 P07	3.250%	3.750%
	2021/22 P08 to 2021/22 P13	3.000%	3.500%
Year 4	2022/23 P01 to 2022/23 P07	2.750%	3.250%
	2022/23 P08 to 2022/23 P13	2.500%	3.000%
Year 5	2023/24 P01 to 2023/24 P07	2.500%	3.000%
	2023/24 P08 to 2023/24 P13	2.500%	3.000%
Year 6	2024/25 P01 to 2024/25 P07	2.500%	3.000%
	2024/25 P08 to 2024/25 P13	2.500%	3.000%
Year 7	2025/26 P01 to 2025/26 P07	2.500%	3.000%
	2025/26 P08 to 2025/26 P13	2.500%	3.000%
Year 8	2026/27 P01 to 2026/27 P07	2.500%	3.000%
	2026/27 P08 to 2026/27 P13	2.500%	3.000%
Year 9 (extension)	2027/28 P01 to 2027/28 P07 (or equivalent)	2.500%	3.000%
	2027/28 P08 to 2027/28 P13 (or equivalent)	2.500%	3.000%

Part 2

Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Performance Calculation Year	Annual Target Ticketless Travel Benchmark (%)	Annual Breach Ticketless Travel Benchmark (%)
Year 1	4.000%	4.500%
Year 2	3.500%	4.000%
Year 3	3.000%	3.500%
Year 4	2.500%	3.000%
Year 5	2.500%	3.000%
Year 6	2.500%	3.000%
Year 7	2.500%	3.000%
Year 8	2.500%	3.000%
Year 9 (extension)	2.500%	3.000%

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Part 3

Payment Table

Definitions	Amount (£)
TTP	3,700,000

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Appendix 3

Part 1

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PDP_{CCIM}	4,950,000

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Part 2

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PDP_{MDCIM}	400,000

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Part 3

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PDP_{SFCIM}	850,000

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Schedule 6.4

Alliances

1. Co-operation with Network Rail

1.1 General Co-operation

The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to work with Network Rail to identify ways in which co-operation between the Franchisee and Network Rail can be enhanced, costs can be reduced and closer working and alignment of incentives can improve value for money within the parameters of this Agreement.

1.2 Sharing of information with Network Rail

The Franchisee shall to the extent reasonably requested by Network Rail share with Network Rail all relevant data including GPS data and data derived from geometry measurement systems, forward facing CCTV, driver advisory systems, train condition monitoring systems fitted to any rolling stock within the Train Fleet. Any such data provided to Network Rail shall be provided in such format as Network Rail may reasonably request without charge.

2. Compliance with the Alliance Agreement

- 2.1 The Franchisee shall enter into the Alliance Agreement with Network Rail (in the agreed terms marked AA or as otherwise approved by the Secretary of State) by the Start Date.
- 2.2 The Franchisee shall comply with the terms of the Alliance Agreement (and any Joint Task Agreement developed pursuant to the Alliance Agreement) for the duration of the Franchise Period, save where the Alliance Agreement is terminated by Network Rail or by the Franchisee in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule 6.4.
- 2.3 The Franchisee shall not amend the Alliance Agreement without the approval of the Secretary of State (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld).

3. Termination of the Alliance Agreement

- 3.1 The Franchisee shall not terminate the Alliance Agreement without the consent of the Secretary of State (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld).
- 3.2 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State if:
 - (a) it receives a termination notice from Network Rail under the Alliance Agreement within one (1) Weekday of the date of receipt of such termination notice;
 - (b) Network Rail takes any steps to terminate the Alliance Agreement or warned in writing to terminate the Alliance Agreement within one (1) Weekday of becoming aware such steps have been taken or receipt of any notice threatening to terminate the Alliance Agreement;
 - (c) the Franchisee considers (acting reasonably) that it may have taken an action or omitted to take an action which could constitute a material or persistent breach of the Alliance Agreement.

4. Reporting on the Alliance Agreement

- 4.1 The Franchisee shall report to the Secretary of State in writing each quarter on activities undertaken pursuant to the Alliance Agreement including:
 - (a) progress on the Joint Tasks;

- (b) reasons for any delay or obstacles to implementing the Joint Tasks and actions being taken to mitigate such delay or obstacle, where appropriate;
- (c) a report on performance against any key performance indicators agreed between Network Rail and the Franchisee to monitor the performance of the Alliance Agreement,⁶¹

and each report shall include written confirmation from Network Rail that it agrees with the content of such report.

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⁶¹ **Note to Bidders:** The requirements for the report may be tailored by the DfT to reflect Bidders specific proposals on monitoring and KPIs provided in response to Sub-Plan 1.2 in the ITT.

SCHEDULE 7

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

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Operational Performance

1. **Definitions, Charging Review, Track Access Agreement, Changes to Benchmarks and Annual Benchmarks and Notice of Performance Results**

1.1 ⁶²For the purposes of this Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) only, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings unless otherwise set out in clause 3 (*Definitions*):

“Actual All Cancellations Performance Level”

means, in respect of a Franchisee Year, the All Cancellations Figures most recently published by Network Rail for that Franchisee Year in relation to the Franchisee provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then the Actual All Cancellations Performance Level for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 24.2 of this Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Actual T-3 Performance Level”

means, in respect of a Franchisee Year, the T-3 Figures most recently published by Network Rail for that Franchisee Year in relation to the Franchisee provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then the Actual T-3 Performance Level for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 24.2 of this Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Actual T-15 Performance Level”

means, in respect of a Franchisee Year, the T-15 Figures most recently published by Network Rail for that Franchisee Year in relation to the Franchisee provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then the Actual T-15 Performance Level for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 24.2 of this Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual All Cancellations Measure”

means, for each Franchisee Year each of the benchmarks specified in the Annual All Cancellations Table for that Franchisee Year, provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more then the Annual All Cancellations Measure for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 23.1(h) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual All Cancellations Payment Table”

means the table set out in Part 1(B) (*Annual All Cancellations Table*) of Appendix 8 (*Annual All Cancellations Measures*) of Schedule 7.1

⁶² **Note to Bidders:** Network Rail publish the performance figures for all South Eastern.

(Operational Performance);

“Annual All Cancellations Table”

means, the table set out in Part 1(A) (*Annual All Cancellations Table*) of Appendix 8 (*Annual All Cancellations Measures*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual Cancellations Benchmark”

means for each Franchisee Year, each of the benchmarks specified in the Annual Cancellations Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year, provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then the Annual Cancellations Benchmark for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 23.1(a) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual Cancellations Benchmark Table”

means the table set out in Part 2 (*Annual Cancellations Benchmark Table*) of Appendix 1 (*Cancellations Benchmarks and Annual Cancellations Benchmarks*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual Cancellations Payment Table”

means the table set out in Part 3 (*Annual Cancellations Payment Table*) of Appendix 1 (*Cancellations Benchmarks and Annual Cancellations Benchmarks*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual Cap Performance Level”

means in relation to:

- (a) an Annual Cancellations Benchmark for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 2 (*Annual Cap Performance Level*) of the Annual Cancellations Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year;
- (b) an Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 2 (*Annual Cap Performance Level*) of the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year;
- (c) **NOT USED**;
- (d) **NOT USED**;
- (e) an Annual T-3 Table, Annual T-15 Table and/or Annual All Cancellations Measure for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 2 (*Annual Cap Performance Level*) of the Annual T-3 Table, Annual T-15 Table or Annual All Cancellations Table for that Franchisee Year;

“Annual Floor Performance Level”

means, in relation to:

- (a) an Annual Cancellations Benchmark for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 4 (*Annual Floor Performance Level*)

of the Annual Cancellations Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year;

- (b) an Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark for any Franchisee Year the number set out in Column 4 (*Annual Floor Performance Level*) of the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year;
- (c) an Annual Short Formation Benchmark for any Franchisee Year the number set out in Column 3 (*Annual Floor Performance Level*) of the Annual Short Formation Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year;
- (d) **NOT USED;**
- (e) **NOT USED;**
- (f) an Annual T-3 Measure, Annual T-15 Measure and/or Annual All Cancellations Measure for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 4 (*Annual Floor Performance Level*) of the Annual T-3 Table, Annual T-15 Table or Annual All Cancellations Table for that Franchisee Year; or)

"Annual Short Formation Benchmark"

means, for each Franchisee Year, each of the benchmarks specified in the Annual Short Formation Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year, provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then the Annual Short Formation Benchmark for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 23.1(c) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Annual Short Formation Benchmark Table"

means the table set out in Part 2 (*Annual Short Formation Benchmark Table*) of Appendix 3 (*Short Formation Benchmarks and Annual Short Formation Benchmarks*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Annual Short Formation Payment Table"

means the table set out in Part 3 (*Annual Short Formation Payment Table*) of Appendix 3 (*Short Formation Benchmarks and Annual Short Formation Benchmarks*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Annual T-15 Measure"

means, for each Franchisee Year each of the benchmarks specified in the Annual T-15 Table for that Franchisee Year, provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more then the Annual T-15 Measure for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 23.1 (g) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual T-15 Payment Table”

means the table set out in Part 1(B) (*Annual T-15 Payment Table*) of Appendix 7 (*Annual T-15 Measures*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*)

“Annual T-15 Table”

means, the table set out in Part 1 (*Annual T-15 Table*) of Appendix 7 (*Annual T-15 Measures*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*)

“Annual T-3 Measure”

means, for each Franchisee Year each of the benchmarks specified in the Annual T-3 Table for that Franchisee Year, provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more then the Annual T-3 Measure for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 23.1 (f) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual T-3 Payment Table”

means the table set out in Part 1(B) (*Annual T-3 Payment Table*) of Appendix 6 (*Annual T-3 Measures*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*)

“Annual T-3 Table”

means the table set out in Part 1 (*Annual T-3 Table*) of Appendix 6 (*T-3 Measures*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*)

“Annual Target Performance Level”

means, in relation to:

- (a) an Annual Cancellations Benchmark for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 3 (*Annual Target Performance Level*) of the Annual Cancellations Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year;
- (b) an Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 3 (*Annual Target Performance Level*) of the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year;
- (c) an Annual Short Formation Benchmark for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 2 (*Annual Target Performance Level*) of the Annual Short Formation Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year;
- (d) **NOT USED**;
- (e) **NOT USED**;
- (f) an Annual T-3 Measure, Annual T-15 Measure and/or Annual All Cancellations Measure for any Franchisee Year, the number set out in Column 4 (*Annual Floor Performance Level*) of the Annual T-3 Table, Annual T-15 Table or Annual All Cancellations Table for that Franchisee

Year;

“Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark”

means, for each Franchisee Year, each of the benchmarks specified in the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table for that Franchisee Year, provided that where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark for that Franchisee Year shall be as determined pursuant to paragraph 23.1(b) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*)

“Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table”

means the table set out in Part 2 (*Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table*) of Appendix 2 (*TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks and Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Annual TOC Minute Delay Payment Table”

means the table set out in Part 3 (*Annual TOC Minute Delay Payment Table*) of Appendix 2 (*TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks and Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks*) to Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Benchmark”

means any of the Cancellations Benchmark, the TOC Minute Delay Benchmark or the Short Formation Benchmark (as the context may require);

“Breach Performance Level”

means, in relation to a Benchmark for any Reporting Period, the number set out in the relevant column of the Cancellations Benchmark Table, the Short Formation Benchmark Table and the TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table (as the case may be) and in the row of the applicable table for that Reporting Period;

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“Breach Reporting Stage”

means the Reporting Periods falling within the period from the eighth Reporting Period to the twelfth Reporting Period of the first Franchisee Year;

“Cancellation”

means a Passenger Service:

- (a) which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which is cancelled for reasons attributed to the Franchisee pursuant to a Track Access Agreement; or
- (b) which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which operates less than fifty per cent (50%) of its scheduled mileage (as prescribed in the Enforcement Plan of the Day) for reasons attributed to the Franchisee pursuant to a Track Access Agreement;

“Cancellations Benchmark”

means any of the performance levels in respect of Cancellations and Partial Cancellations set out in the Cancellations Benchmark Table;

“Cancellations Benchmark Table”

means the table set out in Part 1 (*Cancellations Benchmark Table*) of Appendix 1 (*Cancellations Benchmarks and Annual Cancellations Benchmarks*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellation”

means a Passenger Service which is included in the Enforcement Plan of the Day and which:

- (a) misses a stop; or
- (b) completes fifty per cent (50%) or more, but less than one hundred per cent (100%) of its scheduled mileage as prescribed in the Enforcement Plan of the Day,

in circumstances where responsibility for the same is attributed to an Infrastructure Manager pursuant to the relevant Track Access Agreement;

“Performance Sum”

means each of the Cancellations Performance Sum, TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, Short Formation Performance Sum, T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum and/or All Cancellations Performance Sum determined pursuant to paragraph 22 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

“Performance Sum Adjustment Date”

means:

- (a) in the case of each Cancellations Performance Sum, TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum, and/or All Cancellations Performance Sum] determined pursuant to paragraph 22 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*)

and payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State (as the case may be), the first Payment Date falling no less than seven (7) days after that determination;

- (b) in the case of the Short Formation Performance Sum determined pursuant to paragraph 22 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) and payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State, the first Payment Date falling no less than seven (7) days after that determination; or
- (c) in the case of a Performance Sum falling due in respect of the Final Franchisee Year and which has not been made during the Franchise Period, the date specified in paragraph 29 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Required Performance Improvement"

has the meaning given to it in paragraph 26.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Short Formation Benchmark"

means any of the performance levels in respect of the Passenger Carrying Capacity operated in delivering the Short Formation Peak Passenger Services as set out in the Short Formation Benchmark Table;

"Short Formation Benchmark Table"

means the table set out in Part 1 (*Short Formation Benchmark Table*) of Appendix 3 (*Short Formation Benchmarks and Annual Short Formation Benchmarks*) to Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Short Formation Peak Passenger Service"

means a Passenger Service that is a Peak Passenger Service provided that any Passenger Service shall only be counted once for the purpose of the relevant provisions of this Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);

"Short Formation Performance Sum"

means an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 22.5 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) which is payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State;

"Subsequent Reporting Stage"

means the Reporting Periods falling after the expiry of the Breach Reporting Stage until the Expiry Date;

"Target Performance Level"

means, in relation to a Benchmark for any Reporting Period, the number set out in the relevant column of the Cancellations Benchmark Table, the Short Formation Benchmark Table and the TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table (as the case may be) and in the row of the applicable table for that Reporting Period;

“TOC Minute Delay Benchmark”	means any of the performance levels in respect of Minutes Delay attributable to the Franchisee set out in the TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table;
“TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table”	means the table set out in Part 1 (<i>TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table</i>) of Appendix 2 (<i>TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks and Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks</i>) to Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>);
“Undisputed Cancellation”	means a Cancellation that is not a Disputed Cancellation;
“Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Cancellation”	means a Infrastructure Manager Cancellation that is not a Disputed Cancellation;
“Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellation”	means a Infrastructure Manager Rail Partial Cancellation that is not a Disputed Partial Cancellation; and
“Undisputed Partial Cancellation”	means a Partial Cancellation that is not a Disputed Partial Cancellation.

1.2 **NOT USED.**

1.3 The Cancellations Benchmarks are set out in the table in Part 1 of Appendix 1 (*Cancellations Benchmarks and Annual Cancellations Benchmarks*) to this Schedule.

1.4 The Annual Cancellations Benchmarks are set out in the table in Part 2 of Appendix 1 (*Cancellations Benchmarks and Annual Cancellations Benchmarks*) of this Schedule.

1.5 The TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks are set out in the table in Part 1 of Appendix 2 (*TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks and Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks*) to this Schedule.

1.6 The Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks are set out in the table in Part 2 of Appendix 2 (*TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks and Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks*) to this Schedule.

1.7 The Short Formation Benchmarks are set out in the table in Part 1 of Appendix 3 (*Short Formation Benchmarks and Annual Short Formation Benchmarks*) to this Schedule.

1.8 The Annual Short Formation Benchmarks are set out in the table in Part 2 of Appendix 3 (*Short Formation Benchmarks and Annual Short Formation Benchmarks*) to this Schedule.

1.9 NOT USED

1.10 NOT USED

1.10A The Annual T-3 Measures are set out in the table in Part 1 of Appendix 6 (Annual T-3 Measures) to this Schedule.

1.10B The Annual T-15 Measures are set out in the table in Part 1 of Appendix 7 (Annual T-15 Measures) to this Schedule.

1.10C The Annual All Cancellations Measures are set out in the table in Part 1 of Appendix 8 (Annual All Cancellations Measures) to this Schedule.

1.11 **Charging Review**

The Secretary of State may at any time after a Charging Review vary, on giving not less than three (3) months' notice in writing, any of the Cancellations Benchmarks, Annual Cancellations Benchmarks, TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks, the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks, Annual

T-3 Measure, Annual T-15 Measure and/or Annual All Cancellations Measure (as the case may be) to reflect the Secretary of State's reasonable view of the performance trajectory set as part of such Charging Review. Where the Secretary of State exercises his right pursuant to this paragraph 1.11, the relevant Cancellations Benchmark Table, Annual Cancellations Benchmark Table, TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table, Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark Table, Annual T-3 Table, Annual T-15 Table and/or Annual All Cancellations Table shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly. The exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights pursuant to this paragraph 1.11 shall be a Change as specified in paragraph (k) of the definition of Change.

1.12 Track Access Agreement

The Franchisee agrees with the Secretary of State to comply with the requirements of the Track Access Agreement in respect of cancellations attribution (Cancellations, Partial Cancellations, Infrastructure Manager Cancellations and Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellations) and Minutes Delay attribution.

1.13 Changes to Benchmarks and Annual Benchmarks on the occurrence of a Change

Paragraph 5 of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*) sets out the circumstances and the process by which any adjustments to Benchmarks and Annual Benchmarks consequent upon the occurrence of a Change will be determined and effected.

1.14 Notice of Performance Results

As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each Reporting Period and each Franchisee Year, the Secretary of State shall notify the Franchisee of the results of the calculations performed pursuant to this Schedule 7.1.

2. Reporting Requirements

The Franchisee shall at the end of each Reporting Period and in accordance with the relevant requirements of Appendix 2 (*Operational Performance Information*) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) report to the Secretary of State the operational information as specified in Appendix 2 (*Operational Performance Information*) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) and required for the purposes of the Secretary of State undertaking any the calculations required to be performed by the Secretary of State pursuant to this Schedule 7.1.

PART A – NON-FINANCIAL ENFORCEMENT REGIME

3. Cancellation Calculation: Value of A

Table 1		
A	=	$\frac{B}{C} \times 100$
where:		
	B	is the total number of Cancellations or Partial Cancellations of Passenger Services scheduled to be operated in the Enforcement Plan of the Day for that Reporting Period, on the basis that: (a) a Cancellation shall count as 1; (b) a Partial Cancellation shall count as 0.5; and (c) any Cancellations or Partial Cancellations during that Reporting Period which were caused by: (i) the Franchisee's implementation of a Service Recovery Plan during that Reporting Period; or (ii) the occurrence or continuing effect of a Force Majeure Event, shall, if the Franchisee has complied with paragraph 17.1 (<i>Service Recovery Plans and Force Majeure</i>) of this Schedule 7.1, be disregarded in determining such total number of Cancellations and Partial Cancellations;
	C	is the total number of Passenger Services scheduled to be operated in the Enforcement Plan of the Day for that Reporting Period, disregarding, if the Franchisee has complied with paragraph 17.1 (<i>Service Recovery Plans and Force Majeure</i>) of this Schedule 7.1, any Cancellations or Partial Cancellations during that Reporting Period which were caused by: (a) the Franchisee's implementation of a Service Recovery Plan during that Reporting Period; or (b) the occurrence or continuing effect of a Force Majeure Event.

4. Cancellation Calculations during the Initial Reporting Stage

For each Reporting Period during the Initial Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee's performance against the Cancellations Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table 2		
A	=	$\frac{B}{C} \times 100$
where:		
	B	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3 in respect of that Reporting Period; and
	C	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3 in respect of that Reporting Period; and

5. **Cancellation Calculation during the Breach Reporting Stage**

For each Reporting Period during the Breach Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee's performance against the Cancellations Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table 3	
$\frac{A+D}{N}$	
where:	
A	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3 in respect of that Reporting Period;
D	is the sum of the values of A in each of the Reporting Periods immediately preceding that Reporting Period; and
N	is the number of Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the Start Date.

6. **Cancellation Calculations during the Subsequent Reporting Stage**

For each Reporting Period during the Subsequent Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate a moving annual average of the Franchisee's performance against the Cancellations Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table 4	
$\frac{A+E}{13}$	
where:	
A	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3 in respect of that Reporting Period; and
E	is the sum of the values of A in each of the twelve (12) Reporting Periods preceding that Reporting Period.

7. **NOT USED.**

8. **NOT USED.**

9. **NOT USED.**

10. **TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Initial Reporting Stage**

For each Reporting Period during the Initial Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee's performance against the TOC Minute Delay Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table 5	
$\frac{MD_{TRP}}{H_{TRP}}$	
where:	
MD_{TRP}	is the Minutes Delay that are attributable to the Franchisee in such Reporting Period; and

H_{TRP}	is ascertained as follows:	
	$\frac{Y}{1000}$	
	where:	
	Y	is the Actual Train Mileage in that Reporting Period.

11. **TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Breach Reporting Stage**

For each Reporting Period during the Breach Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee's performance against the TOC Minute Delay Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table 6	
$\frac{MD_{BRP}}{H_{BRP}}$	
where:	
MD_{BRP}	is the sum of the number of Minutes Delay that are attributable to the Franchisee: (a) in that Reporting Period; and (b) in each of the Reporting Periods immediately preceding that Reporting Period; and
H_{BRP}	is ascertained as follows: $\frac{Z}{1000}$ where: Z is the sum of the Actual Train Mileage: (a) in that Reporting Period; and (b) in each of the Reporting Periods immediately preceding that Reporting Period.

12. **TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Subsequent Reporting Stage**

For each Reporting Period during the Subsequent Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate a moving annual average of the Franchisee's performance against the TOC Minute Delay Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table 7	
$\frac{MD_{SRP}}{H_{SRP}}$	
where:	
MD_{SRP}	is the sum of Minutes Delay that are attributable to the Franchisee: (a) in that Reporting Period; and (b) in each of the twelve (12) Reporting Periods immediately preceding that Reporting Period; and
H_{SRP}	is ascertained as follows: $\frac{V}{1000}$

	where:	
V	is the sum of Actual Train Mileage:	
	(a) in that Reporting Period; and	
	(b) in each of the twelve (12) Reporting Periods immediately preceding that Reporting Period.	

13. NOT USED.

14. NOT USED.

15. Short Formations

15.1 NOT USED.

15.2 Short Formation Calculation: Value of A_{SF}

Table A		
A _{SF}	=	$\frac{B_{SF}}{C_{SF}} \times 100$
where:		
B _{SF}	is the sum of the calculation:	
	1 - (actual passenger carrying capacity/planned passenger carrying capacity) applied to each Short Formation Peak Passenger Service in the Train Plan in that Reporting Period, and if an individual calculation is negative this will be regarded as 0 (zero), disregarding if the Franchisee has complied with paragraph 17.1 (<i>Service Recovery Plans and Force Majeure</i>) of this Schedule 7.1, any such Short Formation Peak Passenger Services which were operated in that way as a result of:	
(a)	the Franchisee's implementation of a Service Recovery Plan during that Reporting Period; or	
(b)	the occurrence or continuing effect of a Force Majeure Event; and	
where:		
actual passenger carrying capacity	is, subject to paragraph 15.7 of this Schedule 7.1, in respect of a Passenger Service the actual Passenger Carrying Capacity of that Short Formation Peak Passenger Service as operated; and	
planned passenger carrying capacity	is in respect of a Passenger Service the Passenger Carrying Capacity specified for such Passenger Service in the Train Plan; and	
C _{FS}	is the total number of Short Formation Peak Passenger Services scheduled to be operated in that Reporting Period disregarding, if the Franchisee has complied with paragraph 17.1 (<i>Service Recovery Plans and Force Majeure</i>) of this Schedule 7.1, any such Passenger Service operated with less Passenger Carrying Capacity than that specified for each such Short Formation Peak Passenger Service in the Train Plan as a result of:	
(a)	the Franchisee's implementation of a Service Recovery Plan during that Reporting Period; or	
(b)	the occurrence or continuing effect of a Force Majeure Event.	

15.3 Short Formation Calculations during the Initial Reporting Stage

For each Reporting Period during the Initial Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee’s performance against the Short Formation Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table B		
A_{SF}	=	$\frac{B_{SF}}{C_{SF}} \times 100$
where:		
B_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.2 in respect of that Reporting Period; and	
C_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.2 in respect of that Reporting Period.	

15.4 Short Formation Calculations during the Breach Reporting Stage

For each Reporting Period during the Breach Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee’s performance against the Short Formation Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table C	
$\frac{A_{SF} + D_{SF}}{N}$	
where:	
A_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.2 in respect of that Reporting Period;
D_{SF}	is the sum of the values of A_{SF} in each of the Reporting Periods immediately preceding that Reporting Period; and
N	is the number of Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the Start Date.

15.5 Short Formation Calculations during the Subsequent Reporting Stage

For each Reporting Period during the Subsequent Reporting Stage the Secretary of State shall calculate a moving annual average of the Franchisee’s performance against the Short Formation Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table D	
$\frac{A_{SF} + E_{SF}}{13}$	
where:	
A_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 15.2 in respect of that Reporting Period; and
E_{SF}	is the sum of the values of A_{SF} in each of the twelve (12) Reporting Periods immediately preceding that Reporting Period.

15.6 NOT USED.

15.7 For the purposes of the calculations to be undertaken by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraphs 15.2 to 15.5:

- (a) if and to the extent that any Passenger Service is operated with Passenger Carrying Capacity in excess of the Passenger Carrying Capacity specified for that Passenger Service in the Train Plan, the excess capacity shall be disregarded; and
- (b) any Passenger Service that is the subject of a Cancellation or a Partial Cancellation shall be disregarded.

16. **Calculations**

The Secretary of State shall perform the calculations referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5 rounded to two (2) decimal places with the midpoint (that is, 11.115) rounded upwards (that is, 11.12).

17. **Service Recovery Plans and Force Majeure**

17.1 The Franchisee shall, within eight (8) weeks of the end of each Reporting Period for which a Service Recovery Plan has been implemented (or such other period as may be agreed by the Secretary of State), submit to the Secretary of State all the comprehensive records (as more particularly described in the "Approved Code of Practice 2013" or any document of a similar equivalent nature) which relate to the implementation of such Service Recovery Plan during that Reporting Period.

17.2 In performing the calculations pursuant to paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 the Secretary of State shall disregard any Minutes Delay that are caused by the occurrence or continuing effect of a Force Majeure Event.

18. **Consequences for Poor Performance – Benchmarks**

18.1 The Franchisee shall ensure that its performance in each Reporting Period (other than any Reporting Period falling within the Initial Reporting Stage), as calculated by the Secretary of State in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 7.1, is **not equal to or worse than** each Breach Performance Level in respect of each such Reporting Period.

18.2 **NOT USED.**

18.3 Without limiting the provisions of paragraph 18.5 below and paragraph 22 (*Performance Sum Payments – Annual Benchmarks*) below, if in any Reporting Period (other than any Reporting Period falling within the Initial Reporting Stage) the Franchisee's performance, as calculated by the Secretary of State in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 7.1, is **equal to or worse than** any Breach Performance Level relating to a Benchmark in respect of that Reporting Period, then a contravention of the Franchise Agreement shall occur and the Secretary of State may serve a Remedial Plan Notice in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 (*Remedies for Contraventions of the Franchise Agreement*) of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*).

18.4 For the purposes of paragraph 4.2(c) (*Remedial Plans*) of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*) the steps to be proposed by the Franchisee pursuant to that paragraph are those which ensure that the Franchisee's performance against the relevant Benchmark will be **equal to or better than** the Target Performance Level relating to such Benchmark.

18.5 Certain consequences of the Franchisee's performance being **equal to or worse than** the Breach Performance Levels and Default Performance Levels relating to each Benchmark are set out in Schedule 10 (*remedies, events of default and termination events*).

PART B – FINANCIAL REGIME

19. Annual Cancellations Calculations

At the end of each Franchisee Year the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee's performance against the Annual Cancellations Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table 8		
ACTUAL_c	=	$\frac{\Sigma A}{X}$
where:		
ΣA	is the sum of the values of A (A being as defined in paragraph 3 above) for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year; and	
X	(a) in respect of a Franchisee Year consisting of thirteen (13) Reporting Periods equals, 13; or (b) in respect of a Franchisee Year consisting of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods, the number of Reporting Periods in such Franchisee Year.	

20. Annual TOC Minute Delay Calculations

20.1 At the end of each Franchisee Year the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee's performance against the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table 9		
ACTUAL_{MD}	=	$\frac{AA}{AD}$
where:		
AA	is the sum of the number of Minutes Delay that are attributable to the Franchisee in each Reporting Period in that Franchisee Year; and	
AD	is ascertained as follows:	
	$\frac{AB}{1000}$	
	where:	
AB	is the sum of the Actual Train Mileage in each Reporting Period in that Franchisee Year.	

20.2 In performing the calculations pursuant to paragraph 20, the Secretary of State shall disregard any Minutes Delay that are caused by the occurrence or continuing effect of a Force Majeure Event.

21. Annual Short Formation Calculations

21.1 At the end of each Franchisee Year the Secretary of State shall calculate the Franchisee's performance against the Annual Short Formation Benchmark in accordance with the following formula:

Table E		
ACTUAL_{SF}	=	$\frac{\Sigma A_{SF}}{X}$
where:		
ΣA_{SF}		is the sum of the values of A_{SF} (A_{SF} being as defined in paragraph 15.2 above) for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year; and
X		(a) in respect of a Franchisee Year consisting of thirteen (13) Reporting Periods equals, 13; or (b) in respect of a Franchisee Year consisting of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods, the number of Reporting Periods in such Franchisee Year.

21.2 For the purposes of the calculations to be undertaken by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 21.1:

- (a) if and to the extent that any Passenger Service is operated with Passenger Carrying Capacity in excess of the Passenger Carrying Capacity specified for that Passenger Service in the Train Plan, the excess capacity shall be disregarded; and
- (b) any Passenger Service that is the subject of a Cancellation or a Partial Cancellation shall be disregarded.

22. Performance Sum Payments

22.1 The provisions of this paragraph 22 shall not apply in relation to any Franchisee Year which is less than six (6) Reporting Periods.

22.2 At the end of each Franchisee Year the Secretary of State shall, in accordance with this paragraph 22, calculate:

- (a) the Cancellations Performance Sum, the TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum and All Cancellations Performance Sum payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or required to be incurred (or in respect of the Final Franchisee Year to be paid) by the Franchisee (as the case may be); and
- (b) the Short Formation Performance Sum required to be incurred (or in respect of the Final Franchisee Year to be paid) by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State.

22.3 Cancellations Performance Sum

For any Franchisee Year the Cancellations Performance Sum shall be calculated as follows:

Table 10	
ACTUAL_c	is the Franchisee's performance for that Franchisee Year as calculated pursuant to paragraph 19 above;
TARGET_c	is the Annual Target Performance Level relating to that Annual Cancellations Benchmark for that Franchisee Year;
CAP_c	is the Annual Cap Performance Level relating to that Annual Cancellations Benchmark for that Franchisee Year; and
FLOOR_c	is the Annual Floor Performance Level relating to that Annual Cancellations Benchmark for that Franchisee Year.

Table 11			
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Value of ACTUAL_c is	Cancellations Performance Sum payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee shall be an amount calculated by the following Table	Cancellations Performance Sum to be incurred or to be paid by the Franchisee to Secretary of State shall be an amount calculated by the following Table
1	$\leq CAP_c$	Table 12	
2	$> CAP_c$ and $< TARGET_c$	Table 13	
3	$\geq TARGET_c$ and $< FLOOR_c$		Table 14
4	$\geq FLOOR_c$		Table 15

Table 12	
(TARGET_c – CAP_c) x PB_c	
where:	
TARGET_c	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.3 (Table 10);
CAP_c	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.3 (Table 10); and
PB_c (Performance Bonus Payment)	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows: PB _c x RPI
	where:
PB _c	The amount specified in row 1 (PB _c) of Column 2 of the Annual Cancellation Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table 13	
(TARGET_c – ACTUAL_c) x PB_c	
where:	
TARGET_c	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.3 (Table 10);
ACTUAL_c	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.3 (Table 10); and
PB_c (Performance Bonus Payment)	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows: PB _c x RPI
	where:
PB _c	the amount specified in row 1 (PB _c) of Column 2 of the Annual Cancellation Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table 14	
(ACTUAL_c - TARGET_c) x PD_c	
where:	
ACTUAL_c	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.3 (Table 10);
TARGET_c	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.3 (Table 10); and
PD_c	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _c x RPI
	where:
PDP _c	the amount specified in row 2 (PDP _c) in Column 2 of the Annual Cancellations Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table 15	
(FLOOR_c - TARGET_c) x PD_c	
where:	
FLOOR_c	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.3 (Table 10);
TARGET_c	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.3 (Table 10); and
PD_c	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _c x RPI
	where:
PDP _c	The amount specified in row 2 (PDP _c) in Column 2 of the Annual Cancellations Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

22.4 TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum

For any Franchisee Year the TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum is calculated as follows:

Table 16	
ACTUAL_{MD}	is the Franchisee's performance for that Franchisee Year as calculated pursuant to paragraph 20 above;
TARGET_{MD}	is the Annual Target Performance Level relating to that Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark for that Franchisee Year;
CAP_{MD}	is the Annual Cap Performance Level relating to that Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark for that Franchisee Year; and
FLOOR_{MD}	is the Annual Floor Performance Level relating to that Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark for that Franchisee Year.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Value of ACTUAL_{MD} is	TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee shall be an amount calculated by the following Table	TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum to be incurred or to be paid by the Franchisee to Secretary of State shall be an amount calculated by the following Table
1	$\leq CAP_{MD}$	Table 18	
2	$> CAP_{MD}$ and $< TARGET_{MD}$	Table 19	
3	$\geq TARGET_{MD}$ and $< FLOOR_{MD}$		Table 20
4	$\geq FLOOR_{MD}$		Table 21

Table 18	
(TARGET_{MD} - CAP_{MD}) x PB_{MD}	
where:	
TARGET_{MD}	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.4 (Table 16);
CAP_{MD}	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.4 (Table 16); and
PB_{MD}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Bonus Payment)	PB _{MD} x RPI
	where:
PB _{MD}	The amount specified in row 1 (PB _{MD}) of Column 2 of the Annual TOC Minute Delay Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table 19	
(TARGET_{MD} - ACTUAL_{MD}) x PB_{MD}	
where:	
TARGET_{MD}	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.4 (Table 16);
ACTUAL_{MD}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 20 above; and
PB_{MD}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Bonus Payment)	PB _{MD} x RPI
	where:
PB _{MD}	The amount specified in row 1 (PB _{MD}) of Column 2 of the Annual TOC Minute Delay Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table 20		
(ACTUAL_{MD} – TARGET_{MD}) x PD_{MD}		
where:		
ACTUAL_{MD}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 20 above;	
TARGET_{MD}	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.4 (Table 16); and	
PD_{MD}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:	
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{MD} x RPI	
	where:	
	PDP _{MD}	the amount specified in row 2 (PDP _{MD}) of Column 2 of the Annual TOC Minute Delay Payment Table; and
	RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

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Table 21	
(FLOOR_{MD} – TARGET_{MD}) x PD_{MD}	
where:	
FLOOR_{MD}	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 22.4 (Table 16);
TARGET_{MD}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.4 (Table 16); and
PD_{MD}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{MD} x RPI
	where:
PDP _{MD}	the amount specified in row 2 (PDP _{MD}) of Column 2 of the Annual TOC Minute Delay Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

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22.5 Short Formation Performance Sum

For any Franchisee Year the Short Formation Performance Sum is calculated as follows:

Table F02	
ACTUAL_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 21 above in respect of that Franchisee Year;
TARGET_{SF}	is the Annual Target Performance Level relating to the Annual Short Formation Benchmark for that Franchisee Year; and
FLOOR_{SF}	is the Annual Floor Performance Level relating to that Annual Short Formation Benchmark for that Franchisee Year.

Table G02		
	Column 1	Column 2
	Value of ACTUAL_{SF} is	Short Formation Performance Sum to be incurred or to be paid by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State shall be an amount calculated by the following Table
1	$\geq TARGET_{SF} < FLOOR_{SF}$	Table H02
2	$\geq FLOOR_{SF}$	Table I02

Table H02	
(ACTUAL_{SF} - TARGET_{SF}) x PD_{SF}	
where:	
ACTUAL_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 21 above;
TARGET_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.5 (Table F02); and
PD_{SF}	is in respect of such Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
	$PDP_{SF} \times RPI$
	where:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP_{SF} is the amount specified in the table in Part 3 (<i>Annual Short Formation Payment Table</i>) of Appendix 3 (<i>Short Formation Benchmarks and Annual Short Formation Benchmarks</i>) to this Schedule 7.1;
	RPI has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table I02	
(FLOOR_{SF} – TARGET_{SF}) x PD_{SF}	
where:	
FLOOR_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.5 (Table F02);
TARGET_{SF}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.5 (Table F02); and
PD_{SF}	is in respect of such Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{SF} x RPI
	where:
PDP _{SF}	is the amount specified in the table in Part 3 (<i>Annual Short Formation Payment Table</i>) of Appendix 3 (<i>Short Formation Benchmarks and Annual Short Formation Benchmarks</i>) to this Schedule 7.1;
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

22.6 NOT USED

22.7 NOT USED

22.7A T-3 Performance Sum

For any Franchisee Year the T-3 Performance Sum is calculated as follows:

Table UT3-A	
ACTUAL_{T-3}	is the Actual T-3 Performance Level for that Franchisee Year;
TARGET_{T-3}	is the Annual Target Performance Level relating to that Annual T-3 Measure for that Franchisee Year;
CAP_{T-3}	is the Annual Cap Performance Level relating to that Annual T-3 Measure for that Franchisee Year; and
FLOOR_{T-3}	is the Annual Floor Performance Level relating to that Annual T-3 Measure for that Franchisee Year.

Table UT3-B			
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 2
	Value of ACTUAL_{T-3} is	T-3 Performance Sum payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee shall be an amount calculated by the following Table	T-3 Performance Sum payable by the Franchisee to Secretary of State shall be an amount calculated by the following Table
1.	$\geq CAP_{T-3}$	Table UT3-C	
2.	$< CAP_{T-3}$ and $> TARGET_{T-3}$	Table UT3-D	
3.	$\leq TARGET_{T-3}$ and $> FLOOR_{T-3}$		Table UT3-E
4.	$\leq FLOOR_{T-3}$		Table UT3-F

Table UT3-C	
(CAP_{T-3} – TARGET_{T-3}) x PB_{T-3}	
where:	
CAP_{T-3}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7A (Table UT3-A);
TARGET_{T-3}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7A (Table UT3-A); and
PB_{T-3}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Bonus Payment)	PBP _{T-3} x RPI
	where:
PBP _{T-3}	the amount specified in row 1 (PBP _{T-3}) of Column 2 of the Annual T-3 Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UT3-D	
(ACTUAL_{T-3} – TARGET_{T-3}) x PB_{T-3}	
where:	
ACTUAL_{T-3}	means the Actual T-3 Performance Level for that Franchisee Year;
TARGET_{T-3}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7A (Table UT3-A); and
PB_{T-3}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Bonus Payment)	PBP _{T-3} x RPI
	where:
PBP _{T-3}	the amount specified in row 1 (PBP _{T-3}) of Column 2 of the Annual T-3 Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UT3-E	
(TARGET_{T-3} – ACTUAL_{T-3}) x PD_{T-3}	
where:	
TARGET_{T-3}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7A (Table UT3-A);
ACTUAL_{T-3}	means the Actual T-3 Performance Level for that Franchisee Year; and
PD_{T-3}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{T-3} x RPI
	where:
PDP _{T-3}	the amount specified in row 1 (PDP _{T-3}) of Column 3 of the Annual T-3 Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UT3-F	
(TARGET_{T-3} – FLOOR_{T-3}) x PD_{T-3}	
where:	
TARGET_{T-3}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7A (Table UT3-A);
FLOOR_{T-3}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7A (Table UT3-A); and
PD_{T-3}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{T-3} x RPI
	where:
PDP _{T-3}	the amount specified in row 1 (PDP _{T-3}) of Column 3 of the Annual T-3 Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

22.7B T-15 Performance Sum

For any Franchisee Year the T-15 Performance Sum is calculated as follows:

Table UT15-A			
ACTUAL_{T-15}	is the Actual T-15 Performance Level for that Franchisee Year;		
TARGET_{T-15}	is the Annual Target Performance Level relating to that Annual T-15 Measure for that Franchisee Year;		
CAP_{T-15}	is the Annual Cap Performance Level relating to that Annual T-15 Measure for that Franchisee Year; and		
FLOOR_{T-15}	is the Annual Floor Performance Level relating to that Annual T-15 Measure for that Franchisee Year.		
Table UT15-B			
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 2
	Value of ACTUAL_{T-15} is	T-15 Performance Sum payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee shall be an amount calculated by the following Table	T-15 Performance Sum payable by the Franchisee to Secretary of State shall be an amount calculated by the following Table
1.	$\geq CAP_{T-15}$	Table UT15-C	
2.	$< CAP_{T-15}$ and $> TARGET_{T-15}$	Table UT15-D	
3.	$\leq TARGET_{T-15}$ and $> FLOOR_{T-15}$		Table UT15-E
4.	$\leq FLOOR_{T-15}$		Table UT15-F

Table UT15-C	
(CAP_{T-15} – TARGET_{T-15}) x PB_{T-15}	
where:	
CAP_{T-15}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7B (Table UT15-A);
TARGET_{T-15}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7B (Table UT15-A); and
PB_{T-15}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Bonus Payment)	PBP _{T-15} x RPI
	where:
PBP _{T-15}	the amount specified in row 1 (PBP _{T-15}) of Column 2 of the Annual T-15 Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UT15-D	
(ACTUAL_{T-15} – TARGET_{T-15}) x PB_{T-15}	
where:	
ACTUAL_{T-15}	means the Actual T-15 Performance Level for that Franchisee Year;
TARGET_{T-15}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7B (Table UT15-A); and
PB_{T-15}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Bonus Payment)	PBP _{T-15} x RPI
	where:
PBP _{T-15}	the amount specified in row 1 (PBP _{T-15}) of Column 2 of the Annual T-15 Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UT15-E	
(TARGET_{T-15} – ACTUAL_{T-15}) x PD_{T-15}	
where:	
TARGET_{T-15}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7B (Table UT15-A);
ACTUAL_{T-15}	means the Actual T-15 Performance Level for that Franchisee Year; and
PD_{T-15}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{T-15} x RPI
	where:
PDP _{T-15}	the amount specified in row 1 (PDP _{T-15}) of Column 3 of the Annual T-15 Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UT15-F	
(TARGET_{T-15} – FLOOR_{T-15}) x PD_{T-15}	
where:	
TARGET_{T-15}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7B (Table UT15-A);
FLOOR_{T-15}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7B (Table UT15-A)); and.
	22.7B (Table UT15-A)
PD_{T-15}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{T-15} x RPI
	where:
PDP _{T-15}	the amount specified in row 1 (PDP _{T-15}) of Column 3 of the Annual T-15 Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

22.7C All Cancellations Performance Sum

For any Franchisee Year the All Cancellations Performance Sum is calculated as follows:

Table UAC-A	
ACTUAL_{AC}	is the Actual All Cancellations Performance Level for that Franchisee Year;
TARGET_{AC}	is the Annual Target Performance Level relating to that Annual All Cancellations Measure for that Franchisee Year;
CAP_{AC}	is the Annual Cap Performance Level relating to that Annual All Cancellations Measure for that Franchisee Year; and
FLOOR_{AC}	is the Annual Floor Performance Level relating to that Annual All Cancellations Measure for that Franchisee Year.

Table UAC-B			
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 2
	Value of ACTUAL_{AC} is	All Cancellations Performance Sum payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee shall be an amount calculated by the following Table	All Cancellations Performance Sum payable by the Franchisee to Secretary of State shall be an amount calculated by the following Table
1.	$\leq CAP_{AC}$	Table UAC-C	
2.	$> CAP_{AC}$ and $< TARGET_{AC}$	Table UAC-D	
3.	$\geq TARGET_{AC}$ and $< FLOOR_{AC}$		Table UAC-E
4.	$\geq FLOOR_{AC}$		Table UAC-F

Table UAC-C	
(TARGET_{AC} – CAP_{AC}) x PB_{AC}	
where:	
TARGET_{AC}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7C (Table UAC-A);
CAP_{AC}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7C (Table UAC-A); and
PB_{AC}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Bonus Payment)	PBP _{AC} x RPI
	where:
PBP _{AC}	the amount specified in row 1 (PBP _{AC}) of Column 2 of the Annual All Cancellations Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UAC-D	
(TARGET_{AC} – ACTUAL_{AC}) x PB_{AC}	
where:	
TARGET_{AC}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7C (Table UAC-A);
ACTUAL_{AC}	means the Actual All Cancellations Performance Level for that Franchisee Year; and
PB_{AC}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Bonus Payment)	PBP _{AC} x RPI
	where:
PBP _{AC}	the amount specified in row 1 (PBP _{AC}) of Column 2 of the Annual All Cancellations Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UAC-E	
(ACTUAL_{AC} – TARGET_{AC}) x PD_{AC}	
where:	
ACTUAL_{AC}	means the Actual All Cancellations Performance Level for that Franchisee Year;
TARGET_{AC}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7D (Table UAC-A); and
PD_{AC}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{AC} x RPI
	where:
PDP _{AC}	the amount specified in row 1 (PDP _{AC}) of Column 2 of the Annual All Cancellations Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

Table UAC-F	
(FLOOR_{AC} – TARGET_{AC}) x PD_{AC}	
where:	
FLOOR_{AC}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7D (Table UAC-A);
TARGET_{AC}	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 22.7D (Table UAC-A); and
PD_{AC}	is, in respect of that Franchisee Year, an amount calculated as follows:
(Performance Deduction Payment)	PDP _{AC} x RPI
	where:
PDP _{AC}	the amount specified in row 1 (PDP _{AC}) of Column 2 of the Annual All Cancellations Payment Table; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

22.8 For the purpose of the calculations referred to in this paragraph 22, each of the Annual Cap Performance Level, the Annual Target Performance Level and the Annual Floor Performance Level will be specified as an absolute number not as a percentage (i.e. one point five per cent (1.5%) equals 1.5).

22.9 **NOT USED.**

23. **Determination for Franchisee Years that are less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but are six (6) Reporting Periods or more**

23.1 Where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, the Secretary of State will perform the following calculations for the purposes of determining the Annual Cancellations Benchmark, the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark, the Annual Short Formation Benchmark, Annual T-3 Measure, Annual T-15 Measure and Annual All Cancellations Measure relating to that Franchisee Year:

(a) in respect of the Annual Cancellations Benchmark for that Franchisee Year:

Table 22	
$\frac{\Sigma A_c}{XY}$	
where:	
ΣA_c	<p>is ascertained as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for the Annual Cap Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Cap Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; or (ii) for the Annual Target Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Target Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; or (iii) for the Annual Floor Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Floor Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; and
XY	is the number of Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year.

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(b) in respect of the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark for that Franchisee Year:

Table 23	
$\frac{\Sigma A_{MD}}{AB_{MD}}$	
where:	
ΣA_{MD}	<p>is ascertained as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for the Annual Cap Performance Level, the sum of the Minutes Delay attributable to the Franchisee as comprised in the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such Minutes Delay data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Cap Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; or (ii) for the Annual Target Performance Level, the sum of the Minutes Delay attributable to the Franchisee as comprised in the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such Minutes Delay data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Target Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; or (iii) for the Annual Floor Performance Level, the sum of the Minutes Delay attributable to the Franchisee as comprised in the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such Minutes Delay data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Floor Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; and
AB_{MD}	<p>is ascertained as follows:</p> $\frac{B}{1000}$ <p>where: B is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for the Annual Cap Performance Level, the sum of the Actual Train Mileage as comprised in the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such Actual Train Mileage data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Cap Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; or (ii) for the Annual Target Performance Level, the sum of the Actual Train Mileage as comprised in the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such Actual Train Mileage data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Target Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; or (iii) for the Annual Floor Performance Level, the sum of the Actual Train Mileage as comprised in the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such Actual Train Mileage data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Floor Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD.

(c) in respect of the Annual Short Formation Benchmark for that Franchisee Year:

Table V	
$\frac{\sum A_{SF}}{XY}$	
where:	
$\sum A_{SF}$	is ascertained as follows: (i) for the Annual Target Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Target Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD ; or (ii) for the Annual Floor Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Floor Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD ; and
XY	is the number of Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year.

(d) **NOT USED**

(e) **NOT USED**

(f) in respect of the Annual T-3 Measure for that Franchisee Year:

Table X3	
$\frac{\sum A_{XT3}}{XY}$	
Where:	
$\sum A_{XT3}$	is ascertained as follows: (i) for the Annual Cap Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Cap Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD ; or (ii) for the Annual Target Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Target Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD ; (iii) for the Annual Floor Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Floor Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD ; and
XY	is the number of Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year.

(g) in respect of the Annual T-15 Measure for that Franchisee Year:

Table X15	
$\frac{\sum A_{XT15}}{XY}$	
Where:	
$\sum A_{XT15}$	<p>is ascertained as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for the Annual Cap Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Cap Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; or (ii) for the Annual Target Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Target Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; (iii) for the Annual Floor Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Floor Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD; and
XY	is the number of Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year.

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(h) in respect of the Annual All Cancellations Measure for that Franchisee Year:

Table XAC	
$\frac{\sum A_{XAC}}{XY}$	
Where:	
$\sum A_{XAC}$	is ascertained as follows: (i) for the Annual Cap Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Cap Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD ; or (ii) for the Annual Target Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Target Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD ; (iii) for the Annual Floor Performance Level, the sum of the data relevant for each of the Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year, such data being the data which was used for the purposes of determining the Annual Floor Performance Level in respect of a full Franchisee Year as more particularly set out in the document in the agreed terms marked ABD ; and
XY	is the number of Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year.

24. **Determination of the Actual T-3 Performance Level, Actual T-15 Performance Level and Actual All Cancellations Performance Level that are less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but are six (6) Reporting Periods or more.**

24.1 **NOT USED**

24.2 Where a Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, the Secretary of State will perform the following calculations for the purposes of determining the **Actual T-3 Performance Level, Actual T-15 Performance Level** and **Actual All Cancellations Performance Level** relating to that Franchisee Year:

(a) in respect of the **Actual T-3 Performance Level** for that Franchisee Year:

Table Z3	
$\frac{\sum A_{ZT3}}{XY}$	
where:	
$\sum A_{ZT3}$	is the sum of the figures published by Network Rail in respect of Time to 3 Minutes in respect of the Franchisee for each Reporting Period in that Franchisee Year; and
XY	is the number of Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year.

(b) in respect of the **Actual T-15 Performance Level** for that Franchisee Year:

Table Z15	
$\frac{\sum A_{ZT15}}{XY}$	
where:	
$\sum A_{ZT15}$	is the sum of the figures published by Network Rail in respect of Time to 15 Minutes in respect of the Franchisee for each Reporting Period in that Franchisee Year; and
XY	is the number of Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year.

(c) in respect of the **Actual All Cancellations Performance Level** for that Franchisee Year:

Table ZAC	
$\frac{\sum A_{ZAC}}{XY}$	
where:	
$\sum A_{ZAC}$	is the sum of the figures published by Network Rail in respect of All Cancellations in respect of the Franchisee for each Reporting Period in that Franchisee Year; and
XY	is the number of Reporting Periods in that Franchisee Year.

25. Infrastructure Manager Claim

25.1 For the purposes of this paragraph 25, "**T-3/T-15/All Cancellation Loss**" means any loss suffered or costs incurred by the Franchisee as a result of the Franchisee:

- (a) being required to incur or pay any T-3 Performance Sum or T-15 Performance Sum or All Cancellations Performance Sum (as the case may be); or
- (b) not being entitled to receive from the Secretary of State any T-3 Performance Sum or T-15 Performance Sum or All Cancellations Performance Sum (as the case may be),

in each case in accordance with paragraph 22 (*Performance Sum Payments*).

25.2 The Franchisee shall not include in any claim for compensation from an Infrastructure Manager, whether under Schedule 8 of the Track Access Agreement or otherwise, any amounts to compensate the Franchisee for a T-3/T-15/All Cancellation Loss.

25.3 Without prejudice to the Secretary of State's rights under Schedule 10 (*Remedies, Events of Default and Termination Events*), if the Franchisee receives compensation from an Infrastructure Manager in respect of a T-3/T-15/All Cancellation Loss, the Franchisee shall pay such compensation received to the Secretary of State within five (5) Weekdays of receipt.

26. Consequences for Poor Performance

26.1 Where in any Franchisee Year a relevant Performance Sum is due from the Franchisee, the Franchisee shall, subject to paragraph 29 (*Payments in respect of the Final Franchisee Year*), incur expenditure **equal to the amount** of the relevant Performance Sum in order to secure an improvement in the Franchisee's performance against:

- (a) the Annual Cancellations Benchmark so that such level is **better than or equal to** the Annual Target Performance Level for that Annual Cancellations Benchmark; and/or
- (b) the Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark so that such level is **better than or equal to** the Annual Target Performance Level for that Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmark; and/or

- (c) the Annual Short Formation Benchmark so that such level is **equal to** the Annual Target Performance Level for the Annual Short Formation Benchmark; and/or;
- (d) **NOT USED;**
- (e) **NOT USED;**
- (f) the Annual T-3 Measure so that such level is **better than or equal to** the Annual Target Performance Level for that Annual T-3 Measure; and/or
- (g) the Annual T-15 Measure so that such level is **better than or equal to** the Annual Target Performance Level for that Annual T-15 Measure; and/or
- (h) the Annual All Cancellations Measure so that such level is **better than or equal to** the Annual Target Performance Level for that Annual All Cancellation Measure.

or, in each case, as the Secretary of State may otherwise direct (the **"Required Performance Improvement"**).

26.2 Action Plans

- (a) Without limiting paragraph 26.1, on each occasion that the Franchisee becomes obliged to incur expenditure under paragraph 26.1 for the purposes of securing a Required Performance Improvement the Franchisee shall produce a plan which is consistent with its obligations under paragraph 26.1 (the **"Action Plan"**).
- (b) The Franchisee shall (i) produce, (ii) obtain the Secretary of State's approval of, and (iii) commence the implementation of the Action Plan within three (3) months after the notification of the results of calculations in accordance with paragraph 1.14 (*Notice of Performance Results*).
- (c) The Action Plan shall contain specific tangible action points and indicate in the case of each action point:
 - (i) how that action will contribute to achieving the Required Performance Improvement;
 - (ii) where the action is to be implemented;
 - (iii) when the action is to be commenced and by when it is to be implemented provided always that where any action is expressed to be ongoing the Action Plan shall include specific review dates;
 - (iv) how performance of the action is to be measured; and
 - (v) identify the amount of the Cancellations Performance Sum, the TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, *the Short Formation Performance Sum*, the T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum and/or the All Cancellations Performance Sum associated with each such action.
- (d) The Franchisee shall, except to the extent otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State in advance, implement each Action Plan referred to in this paragraph 26.2 in accordance with its terms.
- (e) It is acknowledged by the Franchisee that the approval or lack of approval by the Secretary of State of each Action Plan as contemplated in this paragraph 26.2 shall not relieve the Franchisee of its obligations under this Schedule 7.1 or any other provisions of the Franchise Agreement.

27. **Payments made by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee**

27.1 Each Cancellations Performance Sum, TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum and the All Cancellations Performance Sum calculated pursuant to paragraphs 22.3, 22.4, 22.6 and 22.7 (*Performance Sum Payments*) (respectively) in respect of any Franchisee Year payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or the Franchisee to the Secretary of State (as the case may be), shall, subject to paragraph 29 (*Payments in respect of the Final Franchisee Year*), be paid by way of adjustment to Franchise Payments on the Performance Sum Adjustment Date.

27.2 The Short Formation Performance Sum calculated pursuant to paragraph 22.5 (*Performance Sum Payments*) in respect of any Franchisee Year payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State shall, subject to paragraph 29 (*Payments in respect of the Final Franchisee Year*), be paid by way of adjustment to Franchise Payments on the Performance Sum Adjustment Date.

28. **NOT USED.**

29. **Payments in respect of the Final Franchisee Year**

Any Cancellations Performance Sum, TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, Short Formation Performance Sum, T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum and/or All Cancellations Performance Sum:

- (a) to be made in respect of the Final Franchisee Year shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph 29 but shall be paid by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or the Franchisee to the Secretary of State (as the case may be); and/or
- (b) relating to any Franchisee Year preceding the Final Franchisee Year and which has not been incurred by the Franchisee prior to the end of the Final Franchisee Year for the purposes of securing the Required Performance Improvements shall be paid by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State,

in each case, within thirty (30) days of the Secretary of State giving written notice to the Franchisee of the amount of such Cancellations Performance Sum, TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, Short Formation Performance Sum, T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum and/or All Cancellations Performance Sum.

PART C – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

30. Allocation of Disputed Cancellations/Disputed Partial Cancellations

For the purpose of performing the calculations referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and/or 19 the Secretary of State shall allocate any Disputed Cancellations and/or Disputed Partial Cancellations between the Franchisee and the Infrastructure Managers at the end of a Reporting Period and/or a Franchisee Year (as applicable) in the following ratio of:

Table 24	
F : G	
where:	
F	is:
	(a) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 4 (<i>Cancellation Calculations during the Initial Reporting Stage</i>), the total number of Undisputed Cancellations and/or Undisputed Partial Cancellations in respect of a Reporting Period during the Initial Reporting Stage including any Disputed Cancellations or Disputed Partial Cancellations which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Franchisee) during such Reporting Period;
	(b) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 5 (<i>Cancellation Calculations during the Breach Reporting Stage</i>), the total number of Undisputed Cancellations and/or Undisputed Partial Cancellations for the Reporting Periods preceding the Breach Reporting Stage including any Disputed Cancellations or Disputed Partial Cancellations which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Franchisee) during such Reporting Period; and
	(c) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 6 (<i>Cancellation Calculations during the Subsequent Reporting Stage</i>) and paragraph 19 (<i>Annual Cancellations Calculations</i>), the total number of Undisputed Cancellations and/or Undisputed Partial Cancellations from the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods including any Disputed Cancellations or Disputed Partial Cancellations which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Franchisee) during such twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods; and
G	is:
	(a) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 4 (<i>Cancellation Calculations during the Initial Reporting Stage</i>), the total number of Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Cancellations and/or Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellations in respect of a Reporting Period during the Initial Reporting Stage including any Disputed Cancellations or Disputed Partial Cancellations which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Infrastructure Manager) during such Reporting Period;
	(b) for the purposes of paragraph 5 (<i>Cancellation Calculations during the Breach Reporting Stage</i>), the total number of Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Cancellations and/or Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellations for the Reporting Periods preceding the Breach Reporting Stage including any Disputed Cancellations or Disputed Partial Cancellations which were resolved or determined (and attributed to Infrastructure Manager) during such Reporting Period; and
	(c) for the purposes of paragraph 6 (<i>Cancellation Calculations during the Subsequent Reporting Stage</i>) and paragraph 19 (<i>Annual Cancellations Calculations</i>), the total number of Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Cancellations and/or Undisputed Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellations from the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods including any Disputed Cancellations or Disputed Partial Cancellations which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Infrastructure Manager) during such twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods.

31. **Allocation of Disputed Minutes Delay**

Where the attribution of any Minutes Delay is in dispute between the Infrastructure Manager and the Franchisee at the end of a Reporting Period and/or a Franchisee Year (as applicable) the Secretary of State shall, for the purpose of performing the calculations referred to in paragraphs 10, 11, 12 and/or 20, allocate any disputed Minutes Delay between the Franchisee and the Infrastructure Managers in the ratio of:

Table 25	
FF: GG	
where:	
FF	<p>is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 10 (<i>TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Initial Reporting Stage</i>), the total number of undisputed Minutes Delay in respect of a Reporting Period during the Initial Reporting Stage that are attributable to the Franchisee including any disputed attributions which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Franchisee) during such Reporting Period; (b) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 11 (<i>TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Breach Reporting Stage</i>), the total number of undisputed Minutes Delay for the Reporting Periods preceding the Breach Reporting Stage that are attributable to the Franchisee including any disputed attributions which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Franchisee) during such Reporting Period; and (c) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 12 (<i>TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Subsequent Reporting Stage</i>) and paragraph 20 (<i>Annual TOC Minute Delay Calculations</i>), the total number of undisputed Minutes Delay, in each case, from the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods that are attributable to the Franchisee including any disputed attributions which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Franchisee) during such twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods; and
GG	<p>is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 10 (<i>TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Initial Reporting Stage</i>), the total number of undisputed Minutes Delay in respect of a Reporting Period during the Initial Reporting Stage that are attributable to the Infrastructure Manager including any disputed attributions which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Infrastructure Manager) during such Reporting Period; (b) for the purposes of paragraph 11 (<i>TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Breach Reporting Stage</i>), the total number of undisputed Minutes Delay for the Reporting Periods preceding the Breach Reporting Stage that are attributable to the Infrastructure Manager including any disputed attributions which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Infrastructure Manager) during such Reporting Period; and (c) for the purposes of the calculations specified in paragraph 12 (<i>TOC Minute Delay Calculations during the Subsequent Reporting Stage</i>) and paragraph 20 (<i>Annual TOC Minute Delay Calculations</i>), the total number of undisputed Minutes Delay, in each case from the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods that are attributable to the Infrastructure Manager including any disputed attributions which were resolved or determined (and attributed to the Infrastructure Manager) during such twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods.

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 7.1

Cancellations Benchmarks and Annual Cancellations Benchmarks

PART 1 - CANCELLATIONS BENCHMARK TABLE

1. Start of the Franchise

The Reporting Period in the cells entitled **“Year 1, Period 10”** shall be the first Reporting Period of the first Franchisee Year of the Franchise Period.

	Column 1		Column 2		Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
	Year		Franchisee Year	Period	Target Performance Level	Breach Performance Level	Default Performance Level
	From	To			(% Cancelled)	(% Cancelled)	(% Cancelled)
Initial Reporting Stage			Year 1	Period 01	0.87	N/A	
			Year 1	Period 02	0.87		
			Year 1	Period 03	0.87		
			Year 1	Period 04	0.87		
			Year 1	Period 05	0.87		
			Year 1	Period 06	0.87		
			Year 1	Period 07	0.87		
Breach Reporting Stage			Year 1	Period 08	0.87	1.22	1.57
			Year 1	Period 09	0.87	1.22	1.57
			Year 1	Period 10	0.87	1.22	1.57
			Year 1	Period 11	0.87	1.22	1.57
			Year 1	Period 12	0.87	1.22	1.57
Subsequent Reporting Stage							
Re			Year 1	Period	0.87	1.22	1.57

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		Year 2	Period 01	0.87	1.22	1.57
		Year 2	Period 02	0.87	1.22	1.57
		Year 2	Period 03	0.87	1.22	1.57
		Year 2	Period 04	0.87	1.22	1.57
		Year 2	Period 05	0.87	1.22	1.57
		Year 2	Period 06	0.87	1.22	1.57
		Year 2	Period 07	0.86	1.20	1.55
		Year 2	Period 08	0.86	1.20	1.55
		Year 2	Period 09	0.86	1.20	1.55
		Year 2	Period 10	0.86	1.20	1.55
		Year 2	Period 11	0.86	1.20	1.55
		Year 2	Period 12	0.86	1.20	1.55
		Year 2	Period 13	0.85	1.19	1.53
		Year 3	Period 01	0.85	1.19	1.53
		Year 3	Period 02	0.85	1.19	1.53
		Year 3	Period 03	0.84	1.18	1.51
		Year 3	Period 04	0.84	1.18	1.51
		Year 3	Period 05	0.83	1.16	1.49
		Year 3	Period 06	0.83	1.16	1.49
		Year 3	Period 07	0.82	1.15	1.48
		Year 3	Period 08	0.82	1.15	1.48
		Year 3	Period 09	0.81	1.13	1.46
		Year 3	Period 10	0.81	1.13	1.46
nt	Reporting	Year 3	Period 11	0.80	1.12	1.44
		Year 3	Period	0.80	1.12	1.44

			12			
		Year 3	Period 13	0.79	1.11	1.42
		Year 4	Period 01	0.79	1.11	1.42
		Year 4	Period 02	0.79	1.11	1.42
		Year 4	Period 03	0.78	1.09	1.40
		Year 4	Period 04	0.78	1.09	1.40
		Year 4	Period 05	0.77	1.08	1.39
		Year 4	Period 06	0.77	1.08	1.39
		Year 4	Period 07	0.76	1.06	1.37
		Year 4	Period 08	0.76	1.06	1.37
		Year 4	Period 09	0.75	1.05	1.35
		Year 4	Period 10	0.75	1.05	1.35
		Year 4	Period 11	0.74	1.04	1.33
		Year 4	Period 12	0.74	1.04	1.33
		Year 4	Period 13	0.73	1.02	1.31
		Year 5	Period 01	0.73	1.02	1.31
		Year 5	Period 02	0.73	1.02	1.31
		Year 5	Period 03	0.73	1.02	1.31
		Year 5	Period 04	0.72	1.01	1.30
		Year 5	Period 05	0.72	1.01	1.30
		Year 5	Period 06	0.72	1.01	1.30
		Year 5	Period 07	0.72	1.01	1.30
		Year 5	Period 08	0.71	0.99	1.28
Subsequent Reporting Stage		Year 5	Period 09	0.71	0.99	1.28
		Year 5	Period 10	0.71	0.99	1.28
		Year 5	Period	0.71	0.99	1.28

			11			
		Year 5	Period 12	0.70	0.98	1.26
		Year 5	Period 13	0.70	0.98	1.26
		Year 6	Period 01	0.70	0.98	1.26
		Year 6	Period 02	0.70	0.98	1.26
		Year 6	Period 03	0.69	0.97	1.24
		Year 6	Period 04	0.69	0.97	1.24
		Year 6	Period 05	0.69	0.97	1.24
		Year 6	Period 06	0.68	0.95	1.22
		Year 6	Period 07	0.68	0.95	1.22
		Year 6	Period 08	0.68	0.95	1.22
		Year 6	Period 09	0.68	0.95	1.22
		Year 6	Period 10	0.67	0.94	1.21
		Year 6	Period 11	0.67	0.94	1.21
		Year 6	Period 12	0.67	0.94	1.21
		Year 6	Period 13	0.66	0.92	1.19
		Year 7	Period 01	0.66	0.92	1.19
		Year 7	Period 02	0.66	0.92	1.19
		Year 7	Period 03	0.66	0.92	1.19
		Year 7	Period 04	0.66	0.92	1.19
		Year 7	Period 05	0.66	0.92	1.19
		Year 7	Period 06	0.66	0.92	1.19
Subsequent Reporting Stage		Year 7	Period 07	0.66	0.92	1.19
		Year 7	Period 08	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 7	Period 09	0.65	0.91	1.17

		Year 7	Period 10	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 7	Period 11	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 7	Period 12	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 7	Period 13	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 8	Period 01	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 8	Period 02	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 8	Period 03	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 8	Period 04	0.65	0.91	1.17
		Year 8	Period 05	0.64	0.90	1.15
		Year 8	Period 06	0.64	0.90	1.15
		Year 8	Period 07	0.64	0.90	1.15
		Year 8	Period 08	0.64	0.90	1.15
		Year 8	Period 09	0.64	0.90	1.15
		Year 8	Period 10	0.64	0.90	1.15
		Year 8	Period 11	0.63	0.88	1.13
		Year 8	Period 12	0.63	0.88	1.13
		Year 8	Period 13	0.63	0.88	1.13
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension						
Subsequent Reporting Stage		Year 9	Period 01	0.63	0.88	1.13
		Year 9	Period 02	0.63	0.88	1.13
		Year 9	Period 03	0.63	0.88	1.13
		Year 9	Period 04	0.63	0.88	1.13
		Year 9	Period 05	0.63	0.88	1.13
		Year 9	Period 06	0.63	0.88	1.13
		Year 9	Period 07	0.63	0.88	1.13
			Year 9	Period	0.62	0.87

			08			
		Year 9	Period 09	0.62	0.87	1.12
		Year 9	Period 10	0.62	0.87	1.12
		Year 9	Period 11	0.62	0.87	1.12
		Year 9	Period 12	0.62	0.87	1.12
		Year 9	Period 13	0.62	0.87	1.12

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PART 2 - ANNUAL CANCELLATIONS BENCHMARK TABLE

Year		Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
(e.g. 2026/2027)		Franchisee Year	Annual Cap Performance Level	Annual Target Performance Level	Annual Floor Performance Level
		(e.g. Year 1)	(% Cancelled)	(% Cancelled)	(% Cancelled)
		Year 1	0.67	0.87	1.07
		Year 2	0.65	0.85	1.05
		Year 3	0.59	0.79	0.99
		Year 4	0.53	0.73	0.93
		Year 5	0.50	0.70	0.90
		Year 6	0.46	0.66	0.86
		Year 7	0.45	0.65	0.85
		Year 8	0.43	0.63	0.83
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension					
		Year 9	0.42	0.62	0.82

WITHDRAWN JANUARY 2026

PART 3 - ANNUAL CANCELLATIONS PAYMENT TABLE

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PBP _c	63
PDP _c	64

Provided that in respect of any Franchisee Year of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then **PBP_c** and/or **PDP_c** (as applicable) shall be multiplied by the number of whole Reporting Periods in the relevant Franchisee Year and then divided by thirteen (13).

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APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 7.1

TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks and Annual TOC Minute Delay Benchmarks

PART 1 - TOC MINUTE DELAY BENCHMARK TABLE

1. Start of the Franchise

The Reporting Period in the cells entitled **“Year 1, Period 10”** shall be the first Reporting Period of the first Franchisee Year of the Franchise Period.

	Column 1		Column 2		Target Performance Level	Breach Performance Level	Default Performance Level
	Year		Franchisee Year	Period	(relevant Minutes Delay/1000 Actual Train Miles)	(relevant Minutes Delay/1000 Actual Train Miles)	(relevant Minutes Delay/1000 Actual Train Miles)
	From	To					
Initial Reporting Stage			Year 1	Period 01	15.50	N/A	
			Year 1	Period 02	15.50		
			Year 1	Period 03	15.50		
			Year 1	Period 04	15.50		
			Year 1	Period 05	15.50		
			Year 1	Period 06	15.50		
			Year 1	Period 07	15.50		
Breach Reporting Stage			Year 1	Period 08	15.50	21.70	27.90
			Year 1	Period 09	15.50	21.70	27.90
			Year 1	Period 10	15.50	21.70	27.90
			Year 1	Period 11	15.50	21.70	27.90
			Year 1	Period 12	15.50	21.70	27.90
Subsequent Reporting Stage							
Re			Year 1	Period	15.50	21.70	27.90

			13			
		Year 2	Period 01	15.50	21.70	27.90
		Year 2	Period 02	15.50	21.70	27.90
		Year 2	Period 03	15.47	21.66	27.85
		Year 2	Period 04	15.44	21.62	27.79
		Year 2	Period 05	15.41	21.57	27.74
		Year 2	Period 06	15.38	21.53	27.68
		Year 2	Period 07	15.34	21.48	27.61
		Year 2	Period 08	15.31	21.43	27.56
		Year 2	Period 09	15.28	21.39	27.50
		Year 2	Period 10	15.25	21.35	27.45
		Year 2	Period 11	15.22	21.31	27.40
		Year 2	Period 12	15.19	21.27	27.34
		Year 2	Period 13	15.15	21.21	27.27
		Year 3	Period 01	15.09	21.13	27.16
		Year 3	Period 02	15.01	21.01	27.02
		Year 3	Period 03	14.93	20.90	26.87
		Year 3	Period 04	14.85	20.79	26.73
		Year 3	Period 05	14.77	20.68	26.59
		Year 3	Period 06	14.69	20.57	26.44
		Year 3	Period 07	14.61	20.45	26.30
		Year 3	Period 08	14.53	20.34	26.15
		Year 3	Period 09	14.45	20.23	26.01
		Year 3	Period 10	14.37	20.12	25.87
nt	Reportin	Year 3	Period 11	14.29	20.01	25.72
		Year 3	Period	14.21	19.89	25.58

			12			
		Year 3	Period 13	14.13	19.78	25.43
		Year 4	Period 01	14.05	19.67	25.29
		Year 4	Period 02	13.97	19.56	25.15
		Year 4	Period 03	13.90	19.46	25.02
		Year 4	Period 04	13.82	19.35	24.88
		Year 4	Period 05	13.75	19.25	24.75
		Year 4	Period 06	13.67	19.14	24.61
		Year 4	Period 07	13.60	19.04	24.48
		Year 4	Period 08	13.52	18.93	24.34
		Year 4	Period 09	13.45	18.83	24.21
		Year 4	Period 10	13.37	18.72	24.07
		Year 4	Period 11	13.30	18.62	23.94
		Year 4	Period 12	13.22	18.51	23.80
		Year 4	Period 13	13.15	18.41	23.67
		Year 5	Period 01	13.07	18.30	23.53
		Year 5	Period 02	13.02	18.23	23.44
		Year 5	Period 03	12.97	18.16	23.35
		Year 5	Period 04	12.92	18.09	23.26
		Year 5	Period 05	12.87	18.02	23.17
		Year 5	Period 06	12.82	17.95	23.08
		Year 5	Period 07	12.77	17.88	22.99
		Year 5	Period 08	12.73	17.82	22.91
Subsequent Reporting Stage		Year 5	Period 09	12.68	17.75	22.82
		Year 5	Period 10	12.63	17.68	22.73
		Year 5	Period	12.58	17.61	22.64

			11			
		Year 5	Period 12	12.53	17.54	22.55
		Year 5	Period 13	12.48	17.47	22.46
		Year 6	Period 01	12.43	17.40	22.37
		Year 6	Period 02	12.38	17.33	22.28
		Year 6	Period 03	12.33	17.26	22.19
		Year 6	Period 04	12.29	17.21	22.12
		Year 6	Period 05	12.24	17.14	22.03
		Year 6	Period 06	12.19	17.07	21.94
		Year 6	Period 07	12.14	17.00	21.85
		Year 6	Period 08	12.10	16.94	21.78
		Year 6	Period 09	12.05	16.87	21.69
		Year 6	Period 10	12.00	16.80	21.60
		Year 6	Period 11	11.95	16.73	21.51
		Year 6	Period 12	11.91	16.67	21.44
		Year 6	Period 13	11.86	16.60	21.35
		Year 7	Period 01	11.81	16.53	21.26
		Year 7	Period 02	11.79	16.51	21.22
		Year 7	Period 03	11.77	16.48	21.19
		Year 7	Period 04	11.74	16.44	21.13
		Year 7	Period 05	11.72	16.41	21.10
		Year 7	Period 06	11.70	16.38	21.06
Subsequent Reporting Stage		Year 7	Period 07	11.68	16.35	21.02
		Year 7	Period 08	11.65	16.31	20.97
		Year 7	Period 09	11.63	16.28	20.93

		Year 7	Period 10	11.61	16.25	20.90
		Year 7	Period 11	11.59	16.23	20.86
		Year 7	Period 12	11.56	16.18	20.81
		Year 7	Period 13	11.54	16.16	20.77
		Year 8	Period 01	11.52	16.13	20.74
		Year 8	Period 02	11.50	16.10	20.70
		Year 8	Period 03	11.48	16.07	20.66
		Year 8	Period 04	11.46	16.04	20.63
		Year 8	Period 05	11.43	16.00	20.57
		Year 8	Period 06	11.41	15.97	20.54
		Year 8	Period 07	11.39	15.95	20.50
		Year 8	Period 08	11.37	15.92	20.47
		Year 8	Period 09	11.35	15.89	20.43
		Year 8	Period 10	11.33	15.86	20.39
		Year 8	Period 11	11.30	15.82	20.34
		Year 8	Period 12	11.28	15.79	20.30
		Year 8	Period 13	11.26	15.76	20.27
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension						
Subsequent Reporting Stage		Year 9	Period 01	11.24	15.74	20.23
		Year 9	Period 02	11.23	15.72	20.21
		Year 9	Period 03	11.21	15.69	20.18
		Year 9	Period 04	11.20	15.68	20.16
		Year 9	Period 05	11.19	15.67	20.14
		Year 9	Period 06	11.17	15.64	20.11
		Year 9	Period 07	11.16	15.62	20.09
		Year 9	Period	11.15	15.61	20.07

			08			
		Year 9	Period 09	11.14	15.60	20.05
		Year 9	Period 10	11.12	15.57	20.02
		Year 9	Period 11	11.11	15.55	20.00
		Year 9	Period 12	11.10	15.54	19.98
		Year 9	Period 13	11.08	15.51	19.94

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PART 2 - ANNUAL TOC MINUTE DELAY BENCHMARK TABLE

Year	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
(e.g. 2026/2027)	Franchisee Year			
	(e.g. Year 1)	Annual Cap Performance Level (relevant Minutes Delay per 1000 Actual Train Miles)	Annual Target Performance Level (relevant Minutes Delay per 1000 Actual Train Miles)	Annual Floor Performance Level (relevant Minutes Delay per 1000 Actual Train Miles)
	Year 1	13.00	15.50	18.00
	Year 2	12.65	15.15	17.65
	Year 3	11.63	14.13	16.63
	Year 4	10.65	13.15	15.65
	Year 5	9.98	12.48	14.98
	Year 6	9.36	11.86	14.36
	Year 7	9.04	11.54	14.04
	Year 8	8.76	11.26	13.76
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension				
	Year 9	8.58	11.08	13.58

WITHDRAWN - SUPPLEMENTARY 2026

PART 3 - ANNUAL TOC MINUTE DELAY PAYMENT TABLE

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PBP _{MD}	65
PDP _{MD}	66

Provided that in respect of any Franchisee Year of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then **PBP_{MD}** and/or **PDP_{MD}** shall be multiplied by the number of whole Reporting Periods in the relevant Franchisee Year and then divided by thirteen (13).

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APPENDIX 3 TO SCHEDULE 7.1

Short Formation Benchmarks and Annual Short Formation Benchmarks

PART 1 - SHORT FORMATION BENCHMARK TABLE

1. Start of the Franchise

The Reporting Period in the cells entitled **“Year 1, Period 10”** shall be the first Reporting Period of the first Franchisee Year of the Franchise Period.

	Column 1		Column 2		Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
	Year		Franchisee Year	Period	Target Performance Level	Breach Performance Level	Default Performance Level
	From	To			(% Short Formed)	(% Short Formed)	(% Short Formed)
Initial Reporting Stage			Year 1	Period 01	0.00	N/A	
			Year 1	Period 02	0.00		
			Year 1	Period 03	0.00		
			Year 1	Period 04	0.00		
			Year 1	Period 05	0.00		
			Year 1	Period 06	0.00		
			Year 1	Period 07	0.00		
Breach Reporting Stage			Year 1	Period 08	0.00	2.16	2.81
			Year 1	Period 09	0.00	2.16	2.81
			Year 1	Period 10	0.00	2.16	2.81
			Year 1	Period 11	0.00	2.16	2.81
			Year 1	Period 12	0.00	2.16	2.81

Subsequent Reporting Stage						
Subsequent Reporting Stage		Year 1	Period 13	0.00	2.16	2.81
		Year 2	Period 01	0.00	2.16	2.81
		Year 2	Period 02	0.00	2.16	2.81
		Year 2	Period 03	0.00	2.16	2.81
		Year 2	Period 04	0.00	2.15	2.80
		Year 2	Period 05	0.00	2.15	2.80
		Year 2	Period 06	0.00	2.15	2.80
		Year 2	Period 07	0.00	2.14	2.78
		Year 2	Period 08	0.00	2.13	2.77
		Year 2	Period 09	0.00	2.12	2.76
		Year 2	Period 10	0.00	2.11	2.74
		Year 2	Period 11	0.00	2.10	2.73
		Year 2	Period 12	0.00	2.09	2.72
		Year 2	Period 13	0.00	2.08	2.70
		Year 3	Period 01	0.00	2.08	2.70
		Year 3	Period 02	0.00	2.07	2.69
		Year 3	Period 03	0.00	2.06	2.68
		Year 3	Period 04	0.00	2.05	2.67
		Year 3	Period 05	0.00	2.04	2.65
		Year 3	Period 06	0.00	2.03	2.64
	Year 3	Period 07	0.00	2.02	2.63	
	Year 3	Period 08	0.00	2.01	2.61	
	Year 3	Period 09	0.00	2.00	2.60	
	Year 3	Period 10	0.00	2.00	2.60	

Subsequent Reporting Stage		Year 3	Period 11	0.00	1.99	2.59
		Year 3	Period 12	0.00	1.98	2.57
		Year 3	Period 13	0.00	1.97	2.56
		Year 4	Period 01	0.00	1.97	2.56
		Year 4	Period 02	0.00	1.96	2.55
		Year 4	Period 03	0.00	1.95	2.54
		Year 4	Period 04	0.00	1.94	2.52
		Year 4	Period 05	0.00	1.94	2.52
		Year 4	Period 06	0.00	1.93	2.51
		Year 4	Period 07	0.00	1.92	2.50
		Year 4	Period 08	0.00	1.91	2.48
		Year 4	Period 09	0.00	1.91	2.48
		Year 4	Period 10	0.00	1.90	2.47
		Year 4	Period 11	0.00	1.90	2.47
		Year 4	Period 12	0.00	1.89	2.46
		Year 4	Period 13	0.00	1.89	2.46
		Year 5	Period 01	0.00	1.88	2.44
		Year 5	Period 02	0.00	1.88	2.44
		Year 5	Period 03	0.00	1.87	2.43
		Year 5	Period 04	0.00	1.87	2.43
		Year 5	Period 05	0.00	1.86	2.42
		Year 5	Period 06	0.00	1.86	2.42
		Year 5	Period 07	0.00	1.85	2.41
		Year 5	Period 08	0.00	1.84	2.39
		Year 5	Period 09	0.00	1.84	2.39
	Re	nd	Year 5	Period	0.00	1.83

			10			
		Year 5	Period 11	0.00	1.83	2.38
		Year 5	Period 12	0.00	1.82	2.37
		Year 5	Period 13	0.00	1.82	2.37
		Year 6	Period 01	0.00	1.81	2.35
		Year 6	Period 02	0.00	1.81	2.35
		Year 6	Period 03	0.00	1.80	2.34
		Year 6	Period 04	0.00	1.80	2.34
		Year 6	Period 05	0.00	1.79	2.33
		Year 6	Period 06	0.00	1.79	2.33
		Year 6	Period 07	0.00	1.78	2.31
		Year 6	Period 08	0.00	1.78	2.31
		Year 6	Period 09	0.00	1.78	2.31
		Year 6	Period 10	0.00	1.77	2.30
		Year 6	Period 11	0.00	1.77	2.30
		Year 6	Period 12	0.00	1.77	2.30
		Year 6	Period 13	0.00	1.77	2.30
		Year 7	Period 01	0.00	1.76	2.29
		Year 7	Period 02	0.00	1.76	2.29
		Year 7	Period 03	0.00	1.76	2.29
		Year 7	Period 04	0.00	1.76	2.29
		Year 7	Period 05	0.00	1.75	2.28
		Year 7	Period 06	0.00	1.75	2.28
		Year 7	Period 07	0.00	1.75	2.28
nt	Renartin	Year 7	Period 08	0.00	1.75	2.28
		Year 7	Period	0.00	1.75	2.28

			09			
		Year 7	Period 10	0.00	1.74	2.26
		Year 7	Period 11	0.00	1.74	2.26
		Year 7	Period 12	0.00	1.74	2.26
		Year 7	Period 13	0.00	1.74	2.26
		Year 8	Period 01	0.00	1.73	2.25
		Year 8	Period 02	0.00	1.73	2.25
		Year 8	Period 03	0.00	1.73	2.25
		Year 8	Period 04	0.00	1.73	2.25
		Year 8	Period 05	0.00	1.72	2.24
		Year 8	Period 06	0.00	1.72	2.24
		Year 8	Period 07	0.00	1.72	2.24
		Year 8	Period 08	0.00	1.72	2.24
		Year 8	Period 09	0.00	1.72	2.24
		Year 8	Period 10	0.00	1.72	2.24
		Year 8	Period 11	0.00	1.71	2.22
		Year 8	Period 12	0.00	1.71	2.22
		Year 8	Period 13	0.00	1.71	2.22
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension						
		Year 9	Period 01	0.00	1.71	2.22
		Year 9	Period 02	0.00	1.71	2.22
		Year 9	Period 03	0.00	1.71	2.22
		Year 9	Period 04	0.00	1.70	2.21
		Year 9	Period 05	0.00	1.70	2.21
nt	Renartin	Year 9	Period 06	0.00	1.70	2.21
		Year 9	Period 07	0.00	1.70	2.21

		Year 9	Period 08	0.00	1.70	2.21
		Year 9	Period 09	0.00	1.70	2.21
		Year 9	Period 10	0.00	1.70	2.21
		Year 9	Period 11	0.00	1.70	2.21
		Year 9	Period 12	0.00	1.70	2.21
		Year 9	Period 13	0.00	1.70	2.21

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PART 2 - ANNUAL SHORT FORMATION BENCHMARK TABLE

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Year	Franchisee Year	Annual Target Performance Level (% Short Formed)	Annual Floor Performance Level (% Short Formed)
	Year 1	0.00	1.64
	Year 2	0.00	1.52
	Year 3	0.00	1.42
	Year 4	0.00	1.35
	Year 5	0.00	1.28
	Year 6	0.00	1.25
	Year 7	0.00	1.22
	Year 8	0.00	1.20
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension			
	Year 9	0.00	1.19

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PART 3 - ANNUAL SHORT FORMATION PAYMENT TABLE

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PDP _{SF}	⁶⁷

Provided that in respect of any Franchisee Year of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods, then **PDP_{SF}** (as applicable) shall be multiplied by the number of whole Reporting Periods in the relevant Franchisee Year and then divided by thirteen (13).

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APPENDIX 4 TO SCHEDULE 7.1

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APPENDIX 5 TO SCHEDULE 7.1

NOT USED

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APPENDIX 6 TO SCHEDULE 7.1

T-3 Measure

PART 1(A) - ANNUAL T-3 TABLE (FINANCIAL REGIME)

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Year	Franchisee Year	Annual Cap Performance Level (% T-3)	Annual Target Performance Level (% T-3)	Annual Floor Performance Level (% T-3)
	Year 1	86.77	83.77	80.77
	Year 2	86.77	83.77	80.77
	Year 3	87.42	84.42	81.42
	Year 4	88.08	85.08	82.08
	Year 5	88.73	85.73	82.73
	Year 6	89.38	86.38	83.38
	Year 7	90.03	87.03	84.03
	Year 8	90.03	87.03	84.03
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension				
	Year 9	90.03	87.03	84.03

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PART 1(B) - ANNUAL T-3 PAYMENT TABLE (FINANCIAL REGIME)

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PBP _{T-3}	68
PDP _{T-3}	69

Provided that in respect of any Franchisee Year of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then **PBP_{T-3}** and/or **PDP_{T-3}** shall be multiplied by the number of whole Reporting Periods in the relevant Franchisee Year and then divided by thirteen (13).

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APPENDIX 7 TO SCHEDULE 7.1

T-15 Measure

PART 1(A) - ANNUAL T-15 TABLE (FINANCIAL REGIME)

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Year	Franchisee Year	Annual Cap Performance Level (% T-15)	Annual Target Performance Level (% T-15)	Annual Floor Performance Level (% T-15)
	Year 1	98.37	97.87	97.37
	Year 2	98.37	97.87	97.37
	Year 3	98.49	97.99	97.49
	Year 4	98.61	98.11	97.61
	Year 5	98.73	98.23	97.73
	Year 6	98.84	98.34	97.84
	Year 7	98.96	98.46	97.96
	Year 8	98.96	98.46	97.96
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension				
	Year 9	98.96	98.46	97.96

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PART 1(B) - ANNUAL T-15 PAYMENT TABLE (FINANCIAL REGIME)

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PBP _{T-15}	70
PDP _{T-15}	71

Provided that in respect of any Franchisee Year of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then **PBP_{T-15}** and/or **PDP_{T-15}** shall be multiplied by the number of whole Reporting Periods in the relevant Franchisee Year and then divided by thirteen (13).

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APPENDIX 8 TO SCHEDULE 7.1

All Cancellations Measure

PART 1(A) - ANNUAL ALL CANCELLATIONS TABLE (FINANCIAL REGIME)

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Year	Franchisee Year	Annual Cap Performance Level (% All Cancelled)	Annual Target Performance Level (% All Cancelled)	Annual Floor Performance Level (% All Cancelled)
	Year 1	1.87	2.37	2.87
	Year 2	1.87	2.37	2.87
	Year 3	1.79	2.29	2.79
	Year 4	1.71	2.21	2.71
	Year 5	1.63	2.13	2.63
	Year 6	1.55	2.05	2.55
	Year 7	1.47	1.97	2.47
	Year 8	1.47	1.97	2.47
Up to [7 or 13] Reporting Periods Extension				
	Year 9	1.47	1.97	2.47

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PART 1(B) - ANNUAL ALL CANCELLATIONS PAYMENT TABLE (FINANCIAL REGIME)

Column 1	Column 2
Payment	Amount (£)
PBP _{AC}	⁷²
PDP _{AC}	⁷³

Provided that in respect of any Franchisee Year of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods but six (6) Reporting Periods or more, then **PBP_{AC}** and/or **PDP_{AC}** shall be multiplied by the number of whole Reporting Periods in the relevant Franchisee Year and then divided by thirteen (13).

⁷² Where text has been omitted from the document, this is because the Director General Rail or Secretary of State has decided to exclude the text in accordance with the provisions within the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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Schedule 7.2

Customer Experience and Engagement

1. Definitions

1.1 For the purposes of this Schedule 7.2:

"Additional Expenditure" or "AD" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1 of this Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"Alternative NRPS" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2.6 of this Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"Existing Expenditure" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.2(a) of this Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"First Additional Expenditure Year" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.2(a) of this Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"NRPS Action Plan" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.1 of this Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"NRPS Benchmark" means, in respect of a relevant Franchisee Year, the benchmark for each NRPS Measure and for each NRPS Service Group as set out in the NRPS Benchmark Table;

"NRPS Benchmark Table" means each of tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);

"NRPS Measure" means each of the factors more particularly described in the Passenger Survey Methodology and grouped as "Stations (S)", "Trains (T)", "Customer Service (C)" and "Dealing With Delays (D)";

"NRPS Service Group" means each of the service groups set out in the Passenger Survey Methodology and more particularly described as:

(a) High Speed;

(b) Main Line; and

(c) Metro;

"Required Improvement" means an improvement in the level of customer satisfaction for the relevant NRPS Measure as measured by a National Rail Passenger Survey so that such level is equal to or higher than the related NRPS Benchmark; and

"RPIX" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.2(a) of this Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*).

2. Conduct of National Rail Passenger Surveys

2.1 The Franchisee agrees with the Secretary of State that:

(a) the Passengers' Council may measure the level of passenger satisfaction with the Franchise Services through National Rail Passenger Surveys;

(b) the Passengers' Council shall determine how, when (normally twice per annum) and where National Rail Passenger Surveys are to be carried out;

- (c) the Franchisee shall grant access on trains or at stations to the Passengers' Council (or its representatives and agents) to carry out National Rail Passenger Surveys;
- (d) the Franchisee shall co-operate with the Passengers' Council (in such manner as the Passengers' Council may reasonably request or as the Secretary of State may reasonably direct) in order to enable the Passengers' Council to carry out National Rail Passenger Surveys; and
- (e) the Passengers' Council and/or the Secretary of State may, from time to time, publish the results of each National Rail Passenger Survey.

2.2 The Secretary of State shall ensure or shall procure that:

- (a) the findings of any National Rail Passenger Survey are made available by the Passengers' Council to the Franchisee within a reasonable period of time after the completion of each such survey and shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that those findings are made available in a timely manner to enable the Franchisee to comply with its obligations under paragraph 2.3; and
- (b) if any such survey includes a comparison between its findings and the findings of any equivalent earlier survey, such comparison forms a reasonable basis for monitoring the trends of passenger satisfaction over time.

2.3 The Franchisee shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after such information is made available to the Franchisee in accordance with paragraph 2.2, publicise its performance against the NRPS Benchmarks by including such information in its Customer Report and displaying such information at all of the Stations and on its website.

2.4 It is agreed by the Franchisee that, subject to paragraph 2.5, the methodology to be adopted by the Passengers' Council in conducting any such National Rail Passenger Survey shall be as described in the document in the agreed terms marked **PSM** (the "**Passenger Survey Methodology**");

2.5 If:

- (a) at any time during the Franchise Term the methodology adopted in conducting any National Rail Passenger Survey is, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, materially inconsistent with the Passenger Survey Methodology; and
- (b) the Secretary of State reasonably determines that in consequence a revision to the NRPS Benchmark is required in order to hold constant the risk of the Franchisee failing to satisfy the NRPS Benchmark,

then the Secretary of State shall make such revisions to such NRPS Benchmarks as he reasonably considers appropriate to hold constant such risk.

2.6 If the Passengers' Council ceases to undertake National Rail Passenger Surveys then the relevant National Rail Passenger Survey for the purposes of this Schedule 7.2 shall be such other passenger survey as the Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Franchisee, reasonably determine to be appropriate in the circumstances (the "**Alternative NRPS**"). The provisions of this Schedule 7.2 shall apply in respect of any Alternative NRPS and for these purposes Passengers' Council shall be replaced with such other entity that is responsible for conducting such Alternative NRPS.

3. **NRPS Benchmarks**

3.1 It is agreed by the Secretary of State and the Franchisee that, subject to paragraph 2.6, the results of the National Rail Passenger Survey(s) published by the Passengers' Council in any Franchisee Year should be used to determine the Franchisee's performance against the NRPS

Benchmarks for that Franchisee Year. If in any Franchisee Year the Passengers' Council has published:

- (a) only one (1) National Rail Passenger Survey in that Franchisee Year then the performance of the Franchisee against the NRPS Benchmarks shall be measured against the results of such National Rail Passenger Survey; or
- (b) more than one (1) National Rail Passenger Survey in that Franchisee Year then the performance of the Franchisee against the NRPS Benchmarks shall be measured against the average of the results of all of the National Rail Passenger Surveys published by the Passengers' Council in that Franchisee Year.

4. **Performance Review**

4.1 For each Franchisee Year the Secretary of State shall determine the Franchisee's performance against each NRPS Benchmark by comparing:

- (a) if only one (1) National Rail Passenger Survey has been published by Passengers' Council in that Franchisee Year, the results of such National Rail Passenger Survey against the NRPS Benchmarks applicable in respect of that Franchisee Year; or
- (b) if more than one (1) National Rail Passenger Survey has been published by Passengers' Council in that Franchisee Year, the average of the results of all of the National Rail Passenger Surveys published by the Passengers' Council in that Franchisee Year against the NRPS Benchmarks applicable in respect of that Franchisee Year.

4.2 For the purposes of undertaking the comparison pursuant to paragraph 4.1, the results referred to in paragraph 4.1(a) or paragraph 4.1(b) (as the case may be) shall be rounded up to one (1) decimal place with the midpoint (that is, 4.45) rounded upwards (that is, 4.5).

4.3 If, following the Secretary of State's determination pursuant to any of paragraphs 4.1(a) or 4.1(b) (as the case may be), the results show that the level of customer satisfaction in respect of any NRPS Measure is below the NRPS Benchmark for such measure then the Franchisee shall, unless the Secretary of State shall otherwise direct, incur Additional Expenditure in order to secure the Required Improvement.

5. **Required Improvement and NRPS Action Plans**

5.1 Without limiting paragraph 4.3, on each occasion that the Franchisee becomes obliged to incur Additional Expenditure to secure a Required Improvement, the Franchisee shall produce a plan (the "**NRPS Action Plan**") which is consistent with its obligations under paragraph 4.3 and in compliance with the following provisions:

- (a) the Franchisee shall (i) produce; (ii) obtain the Secretary of State's approval of; and (iii) commence the implementation of the NRPS Action Plan within three (3) months after the date on which the results of such National Rail Passenger Survey which triggered the requirement for the Required Improvement were published or otherwise made available to the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 2.2;
- (b) the NRPS Action Plan will contain specific tangible action points and indicate in the case of each action point:
 - (i) how that action will contribute to meeting the NRPS Measure;
 - (ii) where the action is to be implemented;
 - (iii) when the action is to be commenced and by when it is to be implemented provided always that where any action is expressed to be ongoing the plan shall include specific review dates; and

(iv) how performance of the action is to be measured; and

(c) the NRPS Action Plan will identify the Additional Expenditure associated with each action.

5.2 The Franchisee shall, except to the extent otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State in advance, implement each NRPS Action Plan referred to in paragraph 5.1 in accordance with its terms.

5.3 It is acknowledged by the Franchisee that the approval or lack of approval by the Secretary of State of each NRPS Action Plan as contemplated in paragraph 5.1(a) shall not relieve the Franchisee of its obligations under this Schedule 7.2 or any other provisions of the Franchise Agreement.

6. Additional Expenditure

6.1 For the purposes of paragraphs 4, 5 and 7 of this Schedule 7.2 **"Additional Expenditure"** or **"AD"** means:

(a) for each NRPS Service Group and in respect of a single NRPS Measure relating to Stations, Trains or Customer Services, the amount calculated in accordance with the table below:

Percentage points below Benchmark in relation to NRPS Measure	Additional Expenditure
0 to 1.9% below Benchmark	Core Amount x 1
2.0 to 4.9% below Benchmark	Core Amount x 2
5.0 to 7.9% below Benchmark	Core Amount x 3
8.0 to 9.9% below Benchmark	Core Amount x 4
10% or more below Benchmark	Core Amount x 5

Where **"Core Amount"** means sixty thousand pounds sterling (£60,000); and

(b) in respect of a single NRPS Measure relating to Dealing with Delays, the amount calculated in accordance with the table below:

Percentage points below Benchmark in relation to NRPS Measure	Additional Expenditure
0 to 4.9% below Benchmark	Core Amount x 1
5.0 to 9.9% below Benchmark	Core Amount x 2
10.0 to 14.9% below Benchmark	Core Amount x 3
15.0 to 15.9% below Benchmark	Core Amount x 4
20% or more below Benchmark	Core Amount x 5

Where **"Core Amount"** means one hundred and eighty thousand pounds sterling (£180,000);

provided that:

- (i) for any Franchisee Year which is shorter than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods, AD for that Franchisee Year shall be reduced pro rata; and
- (ii) Core Amount shall be adjusted at the beginning of each Franchisee Year in accordance with the following formula:

Core Amount x RPI	
where:	
Core Amount	has the meaning given to it in this paragraph 6.1; and
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);

6.2 For the purposes of paragraph 4.3, the Additional Expenditure shall be:

- (a) in addition to any sums provided for expenditure in respect of the same or similar commitments as those to be specified in an NRPS Action Plan in the Business Plan for the Franchisee Year (the "**First Additional Expenditure Year**") in which the obligation to incur Additional Expenditure under paragraph 4.3 first arises (the "**Existing Expenditure**") and, in respect of any subsequent Franchisee Year, shall be in addition to the Existing Expenditure increased by an amount equivalent to RPIX. For the purpose of this paragraph 6.2(a) "**RPIX**" means the increase in the Retail Prices Index between the beginning of the First Additional Expenditure Year and the beginning of that subsequent Franchisee Year; and
- (b) in addition to and without limiting paragraph 6.2(a), any expenditure made, or to be made, by the Franchisee for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Schedule 1 (*Passenger Service Obligations*), Schedule 4 (*Accessibility and Inclusivity*), Part 1 (Committed Obligations) of Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) and Schedule 7 (*Performance Benchmarks*).

7. **Payments on Termination or Expiry**

Upon the termination or expiry of this Agreement the Franchisee shall pay to the Secretary of State, an amount equivalent to the amount of any Additional Expenditure that the Franchisee is committed to incur pursuant to paragraph 4.3, such payment to be made by way of adjustment to Franchise Payments (or, where no Franchise Payment(s) remain due and payable as at the date of expiry or termination of this Franchise Agreement, such payment to be made to the Secretary of State within thirty (30) days of the end of the Franchise Period).

8. **Consultations**

The Franchisee shall undertake consultations from time to time as required with:

- (a) passengers, potential passengers, Stakeholders and other users of the rail network; and
- (b) persons who are protected by a Disabled People's Protection Policy; and
- (c) persons with other protected characteristics within the meaning of the EA,

for the purposes of the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy, the Customer Report and the CCI Scheme.

9. **Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy**

- 9.1 The Franchisee shall comply with the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy from the Start Date.
- 9.2 The Franchisee shall:
- (a) undertake and complete a review of the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy during each of the fourth (4th) and seventh (7th) Franchisee Years; and
 - (b) provide the Secretary of State with any proposed revisions to the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy arising out of such review by no later than the end of each such Franchisee Year.
- 9.3 The aim of such review shall be to update the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy to reflect lessons learned in the period since the Start Date or the previous review of the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (as applicable) and to ensure that the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy achieves effective passenger engagement. Any revisions to the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy shall require the consent of the Secretary of State (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

10. **Customer Report**

- 10.1 The Franchisee shall, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 10.2 and paragraph 10.3 below, publish a Customer Report in such readily accessible formats as the Secretary of State may reasonably require (including in booklet or other similar hard copy formats, in electronic formats (such as on the Franchisee's website, through social media channels and by email)), in each case in accordance with the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and the provisions of paragraph 8 (*Publication of Performance Data*) and paragraph 9 (*Publication of Complaints and Faults Handling Data*) of Schedule 1.4 (*Passenger Facing Obligations*) and paragraph 16 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*).
- 10.2 The Franchisee shall publish a Customer Report at least twice in each Franchisee Year provided that where any such Franchisee Year is less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods the Franchisee shall be required to publish a Customer Report only once in respect of that Franchisee Year.
- 10.3 Without prejudice to the obligations of the Franchisee as specified in each of paragraphs 12.1 and 12.3 of this Schedule 7.2, paragraphs 8.3 and 9 of Schedule 1.4 (*Passenger Facing Obligations*) and paragraph 16 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), the Secretary of State and the Franchisee acknowledge and agree that in respect of each Franchisee Year to which the provisions of paragraph 10.2(b) apply, the first Customer Report to be published for that Franchisee Year shall be prepared in respect of the first six (6) Reporting Periods of that Franchisee Year and the second Customer Report to be published for that Franchisee Year shall be prepared in respect of the last seven (7) Reporting Periods of that Franchisee Year.

11. **Customer and Communities Investment (CCI) Scheme**

- 11.1 No later than three (3) months prior to the start of each CCI Period the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State details of those initiatives, works or proposals (each a "**CCI Scheme**") which the Franchisee proposes to undertake in that CCI Period in order to resolve or mitigate issues raised with the Franchisee through the consultations as carried out pursuant to paragraph 8. The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to propose, in respect of each CCI Period, CCI Schemes with an aggregate projected CCI Scheme Shortfall of not less than the aggregate of the CCI Amount for each Franchisee Year in the relevant CCI Period.
- 11.2 In relation to each CCI Scheme proposed by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 11.1 the Franchisee shall provide:

- (a) details of the specific issues which that CCI Scheme is intended to resolve or mitigate (including how those issues have been identified) and how that CCI Scheme will resolve or mitigate those issues; and
- (b) fully worked up details of the CCI Scheme sufficient to enable the Secretary of State to evaluate the same, including:
- (i) a timetable for the implementation of that CCI Scheme, setting out the proposed commencement and completion date of such CCI Scheme and any other key dates and milestones;
 - (ii) details of the projected CCI Scheme Cost; and
 - (iii) details of the projected CCI Scheme Revenue.
- 11.3 The Franchisee shall provide the Secretary of State with such further information in relation to any CCI Scheme proposed by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 11.1 as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.
- 11.4 A CCI Scheme proposed by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 11.1 shall not be an Approved CCI Scheme unless and until approved by the Secretary of State pursuant to this paragraph 11.4. Without limitation, the Secretary of State may withhold his approval to any proposed CCI Scheme which:
- (a) has not been identified and/or developed in accordance with the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy;
 - (b) is not designed to resolve or mitigate issues raised with the Franchisee through the consultations referred to in paragraph 8;
 - (c) has a completion date falling later than the end of the relevant CCI Period;
 - (d) is projected to generate a Commercial Return or in relation to which the Secretary of State considers the CCI Scheme Costs (or any part of them) to be too high or disproportionate to the benefits accruing from the CCI Scheme;
 - (e) the Franchisee is otherwise funded to undertake; or
 - (f) in the opinion of the Secretary of State, amounts to actions or steps which the Franchisee is otherwise obliged to take or which any competent train operator should be taking in relation to the operation of the Franchise.
- 11.5 Approved CCI Schemes shall be deemed to be, and treated for the purposes of this Agreement as, Committed Obligations and the provisions of Part 2 of Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) shall apply.
- 11.6 Paragraph 11.8 will apply if:
- (a) the aggregate projected CCI Scheme Shortfall in respect of all Approved CCI Schemes for any CCI Period is less than the aggregate of the CCI Amount for each Franchisee Year in that CCI Period; or
 - (b) subject to paragraph 11.7 in any CCI Period, in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion, the aggregate of the actual CCI Scheme Shortfall incurred by the Franchisee during that CCI Period upon Approved CCI Schemes is less than the aggregate of the CCI Amount for each Franchisee Year in that CCI Period,

in each case the underspend against the aggregate CCI Amount being the **"CCI Scheme Underspend"**.

11.7 If:

- (a) the amount of the CCI Scheme Costs actually incurred by the Franchisee in relation to any Approved CCI Scheme exceed the projected CCI Scheme Costs notified to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 11.2 for such Approved CCI Scheme, then the amount of the excess shall not amount to CCI Scheme Cost; or
- (b) in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion, the amount of the CCI Scheme Revenue actually earned by the Franchisee in relation to any Approved CCI Scheme is less than the projected CCI Scheme Revenue notified to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 11.2 for such Approved CCI Scheme then, for the purposes of paragraph 11.6(b) the actual CCI Scheme Revenue shall be deemed to be the projected CCI Scheme Revenue.

11.8 Where this paragraph 11.8 applies the Secretary of State may require:

- (a) all or part of the CCI Scheme Underspend to be added to the CCI Amount for the first Franchisee Year in the subsequent CCI Period;
- (b) the Franchisee to propose further CCI Schemes using all or part of the CCI Scheme Underspend by such new deadline as the Secretary of State may specify;
- (c) the Franchisee to spend all or part of the CCI Scheme Underspend in such manner as the Secretary of State may direct; and/or
- (d) the Franchisee to pay all or part of the CCI Scheme Underspend to the Secretary of State,

provided that paragraph 11.8(d) shall automatically apply in respect of the last CCI Period unless the Secretary of State specifies otherwise.

11.9 Any Franchise Asset arising as a result of an Approved CCI Scheme shall be designated as a Primary Franchise Asset and shall not be de-designated as such. Any such Primary Franchise Asset which falls to be valued in accordance with the Supplemental Agreement shall be valued at nil.

12. Customer Service and Satisfaction Data

12.1 As part of each Customer Report to be provided by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 10.1 of this Schedule 7.2, the Franchisee shall publish (in such format as the Secretary of State may reasonably require) details of the Franchisee's:

- (a) level of adherence to scheduled ticket office opening hours at Stations (so that the Customer Report shows, as a percentage, the proportion of scheduled ticket office opening hours not delivered aggregated across all ticket offices at all Stations); and
- (b) performance by reference to such benchmarks as may be agreed between the Franchisee and the ORR as part of the Franchisee's Disabled People's Protection Policy in respect of the Passenger Assistance service operated by the Franchisee,

in each case in relation to the Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the last Reporting Period reported on in the previous Customer Report or, in the case of the first Customer Report, since the Start Date, along with (from the third (3rd) Customer Report onwards) a comparison with the relevant statistics or results (as applicable) provided for the same Reporting Periods in the previous Franchisee Year.

12.2 The Franchisee shall publish on its website (in such format as the Secretary of State may reasonably require):

- (a) within twenty (20) Weekdays of the publication of each National Rail Passenger Survey carried out by the Passengers' Council during the Franchise Term, details of the scores achieved by the Franchisee in such National Rail Passenger Survey, including the scores achieved in respect of passengers' 'overall satisfaction'; and
- (b) within twenty (20) Weekdays of the publication of the last National Rail Passenger Survey to be carried out by the Passengers' Council during any Franchisee Year, details of the scores achieved by the Franchisee in respect of each NRPS Benchmark, as calculated in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Schedule 7.2.

12.3 The Franchisee shall ensure that the scores achieved in relation to the NRPS Benchmarks, published by it pursuant to paragraph 12.2, are also recorded in the subsequent Customer Report which relates to the Reporting Periods during which the applicable NRPS Benchmarks were achieved, along with:

- (a) from the third (3rd) Customer Report onwards, a comparison with the scores that were achieved against the NRPS Benchmarks for the same Reporting Periods in the previous Franchisee Year, accompanied by a supporting narrative describing the outcomes and implications of the results of such comparison exercise;
- (b) details of any remedial work either:
 - (i) planned by the Franchisee to occur in the period in relation to which the next Customer Report will report to improve the Franchisee's performance in relation to achieving and exceeding the NRPS Benchmarks (for instance, the planned application of Additional Expenditure); or
 - (ii) undertaken by the Franchisee during the Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the last Reporting Period reported on in the previous Customer Report or, in the case of the first (1st) Customer Report, since the Start Date, for the purposes of improving the Franchisee's performance in relation to achieving and exceeding the NRPS Benchmarks (for instance, the planned application of Additional Expenditure); and
- (c) details of any other initiatives planned to be implemented by the Franchisee to improve passenger experience.

12.4 The Franchisee shall ensure that a summary of the then current Customer Report is made available at all staffed Stations (in such format as the Secretary of State may reasonably require) and that such summary includes instructions to enable passengers to locate and obtain a full copy of the applicable Customer Report.

**APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 7.2
NRPS Benchmark Table**

Table 1					
NRPS SERVICE GROUP - High Speed					
"High Speed" means being journeys on HS1 to/from London St Pancras International.					
Year		Franchisee Year	NRPS BENCHMARKS		
From	To		NRPS MEASURE STATION (S) (%)	NRPS MEASURE TRAINS (T) (%)	NRPS MEASURE CUSTOMER SERVICES (C) (%)
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	73	84	77
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	74	85	78
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	74	85	79
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	75	86	80
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	76	87	82
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	78	89	84
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	79	90	85
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	80	91	87
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	80	91	87

Table 2
NRPS SERVICE GROUP - Main line
"Main Line" means being journeys on main line routes from London to Kent.

Year		Franchisee Year	NRPS BENCHMARKS		
			NRPS MEASURE STATION (S) (%)	NRPS MEASURE TRAINS (T) (%)	NRPS MEASURE CUSTOMER SERVICES (C) (%)
From	To				
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	67	67	65
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	68	68	66
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	69	68	67
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	69	69	67
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	70	69	69
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	71	70	70
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	72	71	72
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	74	72	73
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	74	72	73

Table 3					
NRPS SERVICE GROUP - Metro					
"Metro" means being journeys on Routes within London.					
Year		Franchisee Year	NRPS BENCHMARKS		
From	To		NRPS MEASURE STATION (S) (%)	NRPS MEASURE TRAINS (T) (%)	NRPS MEASURE CUSTOMER SERVICES (C) (%)
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	70	60	62
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	70	61	63
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	71	62	64
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	71	63	65
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	73	65	67
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	74	66	69
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	75	68	71
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	76	70	73
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	76	70	73

Table 4			
NRPS Benchmarks (measured at TOC level)			
Year		Franchisee Year	NRPS MEASURE
From	To		DEALING WITH DELAYS (D) (%)
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	38
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	39
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	41
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	42
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	45
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	48
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	51
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	54
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	54

Schedule 7.3

Service Quality Regime

1. Purpose

1.1 This Schedule 7.3 sets out the following:

- (a) Part A – Service Quality Management Process;
- (b) Part B – Inspections and Audits;
- (c) Part C – Calculation of Pass Rates and Service Quality Payments;
- (d) Part D – Publication and Reporting Requirements;
- (e) Part E – Remedies.

1.2 NOT USED

1.3 NOT USED

2. Definitions

2.1 For the purposes of this Schedule 7.3 only, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings unless otherwise set out in clause 3 (*Definitions*):

“Affected Service Quality Indicator” has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 20.1 of this Schedule 7.3;

“Affected Service Quality Area” has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 20.1(c) of this Schedule 7.3;

“Customer Service Quality Inspection” means an inspection (and provision of reports as specified) of the Franchisee's customer facing systems and procedures against each Service Quality Indicator in the manner specified in the Service Quality Schedules and in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 7.3;

“Independent Service Quality Audits” has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 7.1 of this Schedule 7.3;

“Material Discrepancies” has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 18.1 of this Schedule 7.3;

“New Facilities” has the meaning given to such term in paragraph (3.3)(a)(ii) of this Schedule 7.3;

“New Services” has the meaning given to such term in paragraph (3.3)(a)(i) of this Schedule 7.3;

“Pass Rate”	<p>means:</p> <p>(a) in respect of a Reporting Period and for each Service Quality Schedule, the pass rate (<i>i.e the number of Service Quality Indicators that have passed rather than failed</i>) for a Service Quality Area comprised in such Service Quality Schedule as calculated in accordance with paragraph 10 of this Schedule 7.3; and</p> <p>(b) in respect of each Service Quality Schedule and for each Franchisee Year, the pass rate (<i>i.e the number of Service Quality Indicators that have passed rather than failed</i>) for a Service Quality Area comprised in such Service Quality Schedule calculated in accordance with paragraph 10 of Schedule 7.3,</p> <p>both expressed as a percentage;</p>
“Re-inspection Failure”	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 6.3 of this Schedule 7.3;
“Revised Proposal”	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 20.2 of this Schedule 7.3;
“Service Quality Area”	means each of the service quality areas for SQR Trains, SQR Stations and SQR Customer Service as set out in Column 1 of the table in Appendix 2 of this Schedule 7.3;
“Service Quality Failure”	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 6.1 of this Schedule 7.3;
“Service Quality Indicator”	means each of the indicators for SQR Trains, SQR Stations and SQR Customer Service comprised in a Service Quality Area as specifically specified in Column 3 of the table in Appendix 2 of this Schedule 7.3;
“Service Quality Inspection”	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 4.1 of this Schedule 7.3;
“Service Quality Payment”	means the payment to be made by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State as such payment is calculated pursuant to paragraph 11 (<i>Calculation of the Service Quality Payment</i>) of this Schedule 7.3;
“Service Quality Regime” or “SQR”	means the regime for the measurement of standards at SQR Stations, on SQR Trains and SQR Customer Services as set out in this Schedule 7.3;
“Service Quality Re-inspection”	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 6.1 of this Schedule 7.3;
“Service Quality Schedules”	means each of the service schedules for SQR Trains, SQR Stations and SQR Customer Service contained in Appendix 1 of Schedule 7.3;
“SoS Audits”	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 8.1 of this Schedule 7.3;

"SoS Nominee"	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 7.6 of this Schedule 7.3;
"SoS Service Quality Inspection"	means inspections undertaken by the Secretary of State or his agents in place of the Franchisee;
"SoS Service Quality Inspection Period"	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 17.2(b)(iii) of this Schedule 7.3;
"SQR Benchmark"	means any SQR Train Benchmark, SQR Station Benchmark, or SQR Customer Service Benchmark (as the context may require);
"SQR Customer Service"	means the services measured by the indicators set out in Appendix 2 to this Schedule 7.3;
"SQR Customer Service Benchmark"	means the benchmark for each Service Quality Area relating to SQR Customer Service as set out in Column 2 of the table in Appendix 2 to Schedule 7.3;
"SQR Management System"	has the meaning given to such term in paragraph 3.1 of this Schedule 7.3;
"SQR Register"	means the register of the facilities and services which exist on a SQR Train or at a SQR Station which is to be used for carrying out Service Quality Inspections, Independent Service Quality Audits, SoS Audits or SoS Service Inspections, as such register is required pursuant to paragraph 3.2 of this Schedule 7.3;
"SQR Station"	means the Stations and the Managed Stations;
"SQR Station Benchmark"	means the benchmark for each Service Quality Area relating to SQR Stations as set out in Column 2 of the table in Appendix 2 to this Schedule 7.3;
"SQR Train"	means a train engaged in the provision of Passenger Services;
"SQR Train Benchmark"	means, in relation to a SQR Train, the benchmark for each Service Quality Area as set out in Column 2 of the table in Appendix 2 to this Schedule 7.3;
"Station Service Quality Inspection"	means an inspection of the facilities and services at a station in the manner specified in the Service Quality Schedules and in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 7.3; and
"Train Service Quality Inspection"	means an inspection of the facilities and services on a vehicle comprised within a SQR Train in the manner specified in the Service Quality Schedules and in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 7.3.

Part A - Service Quality Management Process

3. Service Quality Management

3.1 SQR Management System

- (a) The Franchisee shall put in place service quality management arrangements and processes (including the collection of relevant data) which shall (as a minimum):
- (i) be capable of measuring and reporting the Franchisee's performance against each Service Quality Indicator comprised in a Service Quality Area; and
 - (ii) set out procedures for:
 - (A) ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Schedule 7.3 including the obligation to conduct Service Quality Inspections as required pursuant to this paragraph 3; and
 - (B) identifying and rectifying failures identified during each Service Quality Inspection (including processes which ensure that corrective actions identified during any Service Quality Inspection are undertaken in a diligent and prompt manner),
- (the "**SQR Management System**").
- (b) The SQR Management System shall be implemented and fully operational by no later than the first day of the Reporting Period commencing on 15 September 2019.

3.2 SQR Register

- (a) The Franchisee shall prepare and complete the SQR Register by no later than the last day of the Reporting Period which ends on 14 September 2019 so as to include the facilities and services which exist at every SQR Train and at every SQR Station.
- (b) The form and content of the SQR Register shall include as a minimum the following content:
- (i) description, purpose and quantity of each facility or service;
 - (ii) photographic evidence of each facility or service;
 - (iii) individual serial number and asset tracking number (where applicable) for each facility or service;
 - (iv) details of the applicable Service Quality Indicators against which the facility or service will be measured and reported against as set out in Appendix 2 of this Schedule 7.3; and
 - (v) map of each SQR Station, setting out the location of each facility or service located at such SQR Station.
- (c) The Franchisee shall maintain the SQR Register and update such SQR Register at such regular intervals as is reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with its obligations under this Schedule 7.3.
- (d) The Franchisee shall provide an up to date copy of the SQR Register to the Secretary of State (when requested to do so from time to time) or to any person carrying out an SoS Audit or SoS Service Quality Inspection on behalf of the Secretary of State.

3.3 Changes to Franchise Services

- (a) If at any time during the Franchise Term, the Franchisee:

- (i) operates additional railway passenger services or operates additional stations (including any Managed Stations) which are not part of the SQR Trains or SQR Stations (as the case may be) at the Start Date (including where such are transferred from another Train Operator) ("**New Services**"); and/or
- (ii) introduces new facilities or services on a SQR Train and/or on a SQR Station (including Managed Stations) which were not in existence at the Start Date (including where such are transferred from another Train Operator) ("**New Facilities**"),

then it shall update its SQR Management System and the SQR Register to include such New Services and New Facilities by no later than the first day of the first Reporting Period which commences after the date upon which the Franchisee begins to operate such New Services or such New Facilities are introduced (as the case may be).

- (b) The requirements of this Schedule 7.3 shall begin to apply in relation to such New Services and such New Facilities from the first day of the first Reporting Period which commences after the date on which the Franchisee commences the operation of such New Services or New Facilities are introduced (as the case may be).
- (c) If at any time during the Franchise Term, the Secretary of State directs the Franchisee to permanently stop operating certain railway passenger services or permanently stop operating stations which are part of the SQR Trains or SQR Stations (as the case may be) at the Start Date ("**Ceased Services**"), then the Franchisee shall update the SQR Management System and the SQR Register to remove such Ceased Services by no later than the first day of the first Reporting Period which commences after the date upon which the Franchisee stopped operating such Ceased Services.
- (d) The requirements of this Schedule 7.3 shall cease to apply in relation to such Ceased Services from the first day of the first Reporting Period which commences after the date on which the Franchisee stops the operation of such Ceased Services are introduced.

Part B – Inspections and Audits

4. Franchisee Service Quality Inspections

- 4.1 In each Reporting Period commencing from the first day of the Reporting Period commencing on 15 September 2019 the Franchisee shall, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4.3, undertake or procure the undertaking of Station Service Quality Inspections, and Train Service Quality Inspections and Customer Service Quality Inspections (together to be known as the "**Service Quality Inspections**").
- 4.2 For the purposes of this Part B of Schedule 7.3 the definition of "SQR Station" shall refer to the Stations and Managed Stations except for any areas that are exclusively utilised by operators other than the Franchisee.
- 4.3 The Franchisee shall (as a minimum):
 - (a) ensure that each Service Quality Inspection is carried out so as to determine whether any Service Quality Indicator has been passed or failed in accordance with the failure criteria specified in the Service Quality Schedules;
 - (b) ensure that each Service Quality Inspection (except in relation to the Customer Service Quality Inspections, where the principles of paragraph 5 apply) is carried out accurately and impartially by independent persons (who for the purposes of this paragraph 4.3 only can be Franchise Employees dedicated to delivering the Service Quality Regime);
 - (c) if the Franchisee elects for Service Quality Inspections to be carried out by Franchise Employees then any such Franchise Employees must not be persons:

- (i) who are responsible for customer service or the management or operation of any of the SQR Stations or SQR Trains which are the subject of the Service Quality Inspection; or
 - (ii) whose base salary payment or provision of any benefit (whether contractual or otherwise) are dependent on the result of any Service Quality Inspection;
- (d) ensure that any Franchise Employee who is a member of the customer relations team or who is involved in the operation of any SQR Stations or SQR Train (including any person who is responsible for the management and operation of any such SQR Stations or SQR Train) in respect of which a Service Quality Inspection is to be undertaken is not notified or otherwise made aware of the date or time of any proposed or actual Service Quality Inspection;
- (e) ensure that:
- (i) each SQR Station (which is not a Managed Station) is the subject of a Station Service Quality Inspection at least six (6) times in each Franchisee Year; and
 - (ii) each Station Service Quality Inspection is carried out in respect of each Reporting Period at eighty-six (86) different SQR Stations (which are not Managed Stations) with such Station Service Quality Inspection being distributed across the day and between the days of the week in proportion to typical passenger use of the SQR Station across the day and the days of the week in each such Reporting Period; and
 - (iii) each SQR Station (which is a Managed Station) is the subject of a Station Service Quality Inspection six (6) times in each Franchisee Year with such Station Service Quality Inspection being distributed across the day and between the days of the week in proportion to typical passenger use of the SQR Station across the day and the days of the week; and
- (f) ensure that:
- (i) in respect of each Reporting Period, the Franchisee shall undertake 196 (one hundred and ninety six) Train Service Quality Inspections in respect of different vehicles comprised within SQR Trains with such Train Service Quality Inspection being distributed across the day and between the days of the week in proportion to the typical distribution of passenger journeys across the day and between the days of the week; and
 - (ii) the Franchisee shall undertake a Train Service Quality Inspection of vehicles operated on each Route once every other Reporting Period. Such Train Service Quality Inspections shall not be unduly concentrated on vehicles that operate on a particular Route and in accordance with this requirement; and
- (g) ensure that:
- (i) at least 100 (one hundred) Customer Service Quality Inspections are conducted in each Reporting Period; and
 - (ii) Customer Service Quality Inspections relating to SQR Stations are distributed across the day and between the days of the week in proportion to typical passenger use of the SQR Station across the day and the days of the week in each such Reporting Period.

4.4 For any Reporting Period which is longer than thirty-two (32) days or shorter than twenty-five (25) days the minimum number of:

- (a) Station Service Quality Inspections as specified in paragraph 4.3(e); and

- (b) Train Service Quality Inspections as specified in paragraph 4.3(f); and
- (c) Customer Service Quality Inspections as specified in paragraph 4.3(g),

shall be increased or reduced pro rata based on a normal Reporting Period of twenty-eight (28) days.

4.5 For the period from 15 September 2019 to 31 March 2020 (inclusive) and for any Franchisee Year which has less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods:

- (a) Station Service Quality Inspections as specified in paragraph 4.3(e); and
- (b) Train Service Quality Inspections as specified in paragraph 4.3(f); and
- (c) Customer Service Quality Inspections as specified in paragraph 4.3(g),

shall be reduced pro rata based on a normal Franchisee Year of thirteen (13) Reporting Periods.

5. Mystery Shopper Inspection

5.1 The Franchisee shall (at its cost) procure the carrying out the Customer Service Quality Inspections by an independent person ("**Mystery Shopper Inspection**").

5.2 The Franchisee shall agree that the terms of reference for the procurement of any Mystery Shopper Inspection and the identity of any independent person proposed to undertake such Mystery Shopper Inspection with the Secretary of State prior to any procurement by the Franchisee of any such Mystery Shopper Inspection.

6. Service Quality Re-Inspection

6.1 If in any Reporting Period a "fail" is recorded against any Service Quality Indicator set out in any Service Quality Schedule ("**Service Quality Failure**") then, in relation to SQR Trains and SQR Stations (except, for the purposes of this paragraph 6, Managed Stations) the Franchisee shall within the relevant time period specified in the Service Quality Schedule rectify such specific Service Quality Failure and undertake an inspection of the relevant facility or service which resulted in the occurrence of such Service Quality Failure ("**Service Quality Re-inspection**").

6.2 The provisions of this paragraph 6 shall continue to apply until such a time as the relevant facility or service which has resulted in the occurrence of a Service Quality Failure is rectified and a Service Quality Re-inspection in respect of that facility or service has not resulted in a Service Quality Failure.

6.3 If following two (2) Service Quality Re-inspections a Service Quality Failure is recorded against the same facility or service which resulted in the occurrence of a Service Quality Failure ("**Re-inspection Failure**") then the Franchisee shall within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence of such Re-inspection Failure notify the Secretary of State of such failure.

6.4 The Franchisee shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of State together with such notice a plan which sets out the steps the Franchisee proposes to implement to ensure that the Re-inspection Failure is rectified before the next Service Quality Inspection and the Re-inspection Failure does not reoccur. The Franchisee shall implement such plan in accordance with its terms.

6.5 Where a Service Quality Re-inspection results in a Service Quality Failure being recorded against a facility or service, the scores for that Service Quality Re-inspection shall be included for the purposes of calculating the Pass Rates under this paragraph 6 and paragraph 20 (*Consequences of Performance falling below the SQR Benchmark*) and determining the Service Quality Payment under paragraph 11 (*Calculation of the Service Quality Payments*).

- 6.6 The provisions of this paragraph 6 shall not apply to Managed Stations or Customer Service Inspections.
7. **Independent Service Quality Audit**
- 7.1 In respect of each Franchisee Year the Franchisee shall (at its cost) procure the carrying out of an independent audit ("**Independent Service Quality Audit**").
- 7.2 The Franchisee shall agree the terms of reference for the procurement of any Independent Service Quality Audit and the identity of any independent person proposed to undertake such Independent Service Quality Audit with the Secretary of State prior to any procurement by the Franchisee of any such Independent Service Quality Audit.
- 7.3 The Independent Service Quality Audit shall be undertaken a minimum of once per year to verify and confirm that the:
- (a) SQR Management System complies with the requirements of paragraph 3.1 (*SQR Management System*) and has been implemented as required pursuant to this Schedule 7.3;
 - (b) Service Quality Inspections undertaken in that Franchisee Year comply with the requirements of paragraph 4.3 (*Franchisee Service Quality Inspections*);
 - (c) SQR Register has been maintained and updated as required pursuant to paragraph 3.2 (*SQR Register*);
 - (d) Pass Rates reported by the Franchisee for Reporting Periods within that Franchisee Year have been calculated in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 10.1 (*Calculation of Pass Rates*);
 - (e) Pass Rates reported by the Franchisee for that Franchisee Year have been calculated in accordance with paragraph 10.2 (*Calculation of Pass Rates*).
- 7.4 Any Independent Service Quality Audit shall either:
- (a) confirm that, after having regard to the findings of such inspections, its assessment of the matters referred to in paragraphs 7.3(a) to 7.3(e) and any other relevant information at the disposal of any person conducting such Independent Service Quality Audit, it can reasonably be concluded that the Pass Rates reported by the Franchisee for that Reporting Periods within that Franchisee Year and/or for that Franchisee Year are a fair, accurate and impartial reflection of the Franchisee's performance against each Service Quality Specification; or
 - (b) state that such confirmation cannot be provided and proceed to comply with paragraph 7.9 below.
- 7.5 Any Independent Service Quality Audit carried out on behalf of the Franchisee as required under this paragraph 7 shall be for the benefit of the Secretary of State.
- 7.6 The Secretary of State (and any of his employees, agents, representatives and/or advisers, and any of its advisers, representatives and employees (each such person to be referred to as a "**SoS Nominee**")) shall have the right to witness any inspection carried out as part of an Independent Service Quality Audit.
- 7.7 The Franchisee shall co-operate in good faith with the Secretary of State in permitting the Secretary of State (including a SoS Nominee) to exercise his rights under paragraph 7.6 and this paragraph 7.7 including by promptly providing to him the details of how and when any Independent Service Quality Audit will be conducted a reasonable time (and in any event not less than two (2) weeks) prior to the commencement of any such Independent Service Quality Audit.

7.8 The Franchisee shall provide the report together with all data produced as a consequence of any Independent Service Quality Audit to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable after the completion of the Independent Service Quality Audit to which it relates and in any event by no later than the date that is three (3) Reporting Periods after the completion of the Independent Service Quality Audit.

7.9 To the extent that the confirmation specified in paragraph 7.4(b) cannot be provided in respect of any Independent Service Quality Audit, the Franchisee shall procure that any such audit report specifies in detail the reasons why such confirmation cannot be provided (including details of any Material Discrepancies between any Pass Rate reported by the Franchisee in accordance with paragraph 14 (*Reporting Requirements*) and a comparable Pass Rate derived from the inspections carried out as part of the Independent Service Quality Audit (and in particular where any such Material Discrepancies are in favour of the Franchisee)).

8. **Secretary of State's Right of Audit**

8.1 Without prejudice to any other audit rights the Secretary of State may have under the Franchise Agreement, the Secretary of State (and a SoS Nominee on his behalf), shall have the right to carry out audits (the "**SoS Audits**") for the purposes of verifying, as a minimum, the matters referred to in paragraph 4.1 (*Franchisee Service Quality Inspections*).

8.2 The Secretary of State shall use his reasonable endeavours to procure that any inspections carried out as part of any SoS Audits undertaken pursuant to this paragraph 8 are conducted on a basis that is, as far as reasonable practicable, consistent with the Service Quality Inspections undertaken in respect of the Franchisee Year to which the SoS Audit relates.

9. **Access Rights**

9.1 The Franchisee shall grant such access to information, individuals and facilities including:

- (a) access to the SQR Trains and SQR Stations;
- (b) access to schedules of the locations and times of any actual or planned Independent Service Quality Audits or Service Quality Inspections (as the case may be); and
- (c) access to the relevant Franchise Employees, records and information (including access to relevant third parties and information, records and other materials kept by such third parties on behalf of the Franchisee),

as is reasonably necessary to enable the Secretary of State and/or the SoS Nominees to carry out SoS Audits or SoS Service Quality Inspections (as the case may be) or to witness any Service Quality Inspections or Independent Service Quality Audits.

9.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that it has necessary arrangements in place with any relevant third parties for the purposes of ensuring that it can comply with its obligations under this paragraph 9.

9.3 The Secretary of State shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the persons employed in undertaking any SoS Service Quality Inspections or SoS Audits carry out such audits diligently and objectively.

9.4 The Secretary of State shall use reasonable endeavours to notify the Franchisee of the result of any SoS Service Quality Inspection or SoS Audit that is undertaken.

9.5 In carrying out any SoS Service Quality Inspection or SoS Audit (as the case may be) or witnessing any Service Quality Inspections or Independent Service Quality Audits, the Secretary of State shall, subject to paragraph 9.6, be responsible for ensuring that the SoS Nominees:

- (a) are appropriately trained and briefed with respect to such reasonable location-specific safety rules and regulations; and

- (b) obey such reasonable location-specific rules and regulations in respect of security and access,

in each case, as have been notified to the Secretary of State under paragraph 9.6.

- 9.6 The Franchisee shall provide reasonable prior notice from time to time of current location-specific access, security and safety rules and regulations to the Secretary of State for the purpose of ensuring that the Secretary of State (and the SoS Nominees) can carry out their respective inspection and auditing rights in an efficient, secure and safe manner.

Part C – Calculations of Pass Rates and Service Quality Payments

10. Calculation of Pass Rates

- 10.1 The Franchisee shall calculate the Pass Rates for the Train Service Quality Inspections, and the Station Service Quality Inspections and the Customer Service Quality Inspections for the relevant Reporting Period as follows:

SQA_{rp} = Σ IPR_{rp}	
where:	
SQA_{rp}	is the Pass Rate for each Service Quality Area comprised in such Service Quality Schedule for that Reporting Period;
IPR_{rp}	is ascertained as follows:
	$p \times w$
	where:
	p is ascertained as follows:
	$P = \left(\frac{SQ_i - SQ_f}{SQ_i} \right) \times 100$
	where:
SQ_i	is in respect of each Service Quality Indicator relevant to a Service Quality Area, the total number of Service Quality Inspections (and where applicable Service Quality Re-inspections), carried out in respect of that Service Quality Indicator for that Reporting Period; and
SQ_f	is in respect of each Service Quality Indicator relevant to a Service Quality Area, the total number of Service Quality Inspections (and where applicable Service Quality Re-inspections) carried out in respect of that Service Quality Indicator for that Reporting Period where a "fail" was recorded; and
w	is the weighting as specified in Column 4 of the table in Appendix 2 of the table of this Schedule 7.3 in respect of the relevant Service Quality Indicator comprised in that Service Quality Area.

- 10.2 Within fourteen (14) days after the end of each Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State its calculation of the Pass Rate for the relevant Franchisee Year in respect of each Service Quality Area comprised in each Service Quality Schedule, such Pass Rate to be separately calculated for the Train Service Quality Inspections, and the Station Service Quality Inspections and the Customer Service Quality Inspections carried out in that Franchisee Year as follows:

SQA_{yr} = Σ IPR_{yr}				
where:				
SQA_{yr}	is the Pass Rate for each Service Quality Area comprised in such Service Quality Schedule for that Franchisee Year;			
IPR_{yr}	is ascertained as follows:			
	$p \times w$			
	where:			
	p is ascertained as follows:			
	$P = \left(\frac{SQ_i - SQ_f}{SQ_i} \right) \times 100$			
	where:			
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w	is the weighting as specified in Column 4 of the table in Appendix 2 of this Schedule 7.3 in respect of the Service Quality Indicator comprised in that Service Quality Area.			

10.3 The Franchisee shall perform the calculations referred to in paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2 rounded to two (2) decimal places with the midpoint (that is, 0.115) rounded upwards (that is, 0.12).

11. Calculation of the Service Quality Payments

11.1 For each Franchisee Year the Franchisee shall calculate the sum of the Franchisee's performance payments in respect of each Service Quality Area and for each Service Quality Schedule as follows:

SQP = TSQP + SSQP + SQA_{LD} + CSQP	
where:	
SQP	is the Service Quality Payment payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State for that Franchisee Year;
TSQP	= Σ SAP _T
	where:

	SAP _T	<p>is the amount which is payable by the Franchisee in respect of a Service Quality Area relating to SQR Trains (save that the maximum amount which the Franchisee shall be liable to pay in respect of any such Service Quality Area in any Franchisee Year shall not exceed £450,000) and which is calculated as follows:</p> <p>$(TBM - SQAT_{yr}) \times \text{£PR}$</p> <p>where:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="759 439 906 521">TBM</td> <td data-bbox="906 439 1514 521">is the SQR Train Benchmark for each Service Quality Area;</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="759 521 906 730">SQAT_{yr}</td> <td data-bbox="906 521 1514 730">is the value for SQAYr ascertained as specified in paragraph 10.2 (<i>Calculation of Pass Rates</i>) but only in so far as such value relates to the Train Service Quality Inspections carried out in that Franchisee Year; and</td> </tr> </table> <p>£PR is:</p> <p>(i) in respect of the second Franchisee Year, £36,000 x RPI; and</p> <p>(ii) in respect of any subsequent Franchisee Year £36,000 x RPI,</p> <p>provided that in the event that a Franchisee Year has fewer than 13 Reporting Periods or this Schedule 7.3 applies to fewer than 13 Reporting Periods in a Franchisee Year, the value of £PR shall be reduced pro rata based on a normal Franchisee Year of thirteen (13) Reporting Periods.</p>	TBM	is the SQR Train Benchmark for each Service Quality Area;	SQAT _{yr}	is the value for SQAYr ascertained as specified in paragraph 10.2 (<i>Calculation of Pass Rates</i>) but only in so far as such value relates to the Train Service Quality Inspections carried out in that Franchisee Year; and		
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		<p>£36,000 x RPI, provided that in the event that a Franchisee Year has fewer than 13 Reporting Periods or this Schedule 7.3 applies to fewer than 13 Reporting Periods in a Franchisee Year, the value of £PR shall be reduced pro rata based on a normal Franchisee Year of thirteen (13) Reporting Periods;</p>		
SQA_{Ld}	is the amount determined pursuant to paragraph 18 (<i>Material Discrepancies</i>) and payable by the Franchisee in that Franchisee Year; and			
CSQP	= $\sum SAP_{CS}$			
	where:			
	SAP_{CS}	<p>is the amount payable by the Franchisee in respect of a Service Quality Area relating to Customer Service (save that the maximum amount which the Franchisee shall be liable to pay in respect of such Service Quality Area shall not exceed £450,000 x RPI) and which is calculated as follows:</p> <p>$(CBM - SQAC_{yr}) \times \text{£PR}$</p> <p>where:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>CBM</td> <td>is the SQR Customer Service Benchmark for each Service Quality Area;</td> </tr> </table>	CBM	is the SQR Customer Service Benchmark for each Service Quality Area;
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11.2 For each Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall by the date that is no later than twenty-eight (28) days after the end of that Franchisee Year calculate and notify to the Secretary of State the value of SQA_{yr} (as determined pursuant to paragraph 10.2 and disaggregated by reference to the Train Service Quality Inspections, and the Station Service Quality Inspections, and the Customer Quality Service Inspection undertaken in that Franchisee Year) and the Service Quality Payment (calculated in accordance with this paragraph 11) for that Franchisee Year.

11.3 On the later of receipt of the:

- (a) notification referred to in paragraph 11.2 by the Secretary of State in respect of a Franchisee Year; and

- (b) any audit report relating to any Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit (as the case may be) undertaken in respect of that Franchisee Year:

the Secretary of State shall:

- (i) confirm to the Franchisee that he agrees with the calculation of **SQA_{yr}** and the Service Quality Payment for that Franchisee Year, in which case, the Service Quality Payment for that Franchisee Year shall be paid in accordance with paragraph 12 (*Payment of Service Quality Payments*); and
- (ii) where any Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit (as the case may be) reveals that there were Material Discrepancies in the calculation of the Pass Rate (and so the Service Quality Payment) in favour of the Franchisee for that Franchisee Year (including where any such Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit (as the case may be) fails to confirm or verify any of the matters specified in paragraph 7.1 (*Independent Service Quality Audits*), notify the Franchisee of that fact and the provisions of paragraph 18 (*Material Discrepancies*) shall apply.

12. Payment of Service Quality Payments

- 12.1 Any Service Quality Payment to be made in respect of any Franchisee Year shall be made by way of adjustment to Franchise Payments on the next Payment Date which falls more than seven (7) days following the receipt of the confirmation pursuant to paragraph 11.3(b)(i) (*Calculation of the Service Quality Payments*) and, where applicable, notification from the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 11.3(b)(ii) provided that any Service Quality Payment to be made in respect of the Final Franchisee Year shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph 11 but shall be paid by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the confirmation from the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 11.3(b)(i) and, where applicable, notification from the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 11.3(b)(ii).

Part D – Publication and Reporting Requirements

13. Publication of Pass Rates

- 13.1 The Franchisee shall publish (as a minimum) on its web site (in such format as the Secretary of State may reasonably require) details of:

- (a) within one (1) week of the end of each Reporting Period the Pass Rate for SQR Stations and SQR Trains and SQR Customer Service for that Reporting Period alongside the SQR Benchmark for such Service Quality Area; and
- (b) within two (2) weeks of receipt of the confirmation from the Secretary of State provided in accordance with paragraph 11.3(b) (ii) (*Calculation of the Service Quality Payments*), the Pass Rate for each Service Quality Area for each Franchisee Year alongside the applicable SQR Benchmark for such Service Quality Area.

- 13.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that the Pass Rates published by it pursuant to paragraph 13.1 are also recorded in the subsequent Customer Report which relates to the Reporting Periods during which the applicable Pass Rates were achieved, along with:

- (a) a comparison with the Pass Rates achieved for the same Reporting Periods in the previous Franchisee Year accompanied by a supporting narrative describing the outcomes and implications of the results of such comparison exercise from the third Customer Report to be published after the commencement of the Service Quality Inspections onwards;
- (b) details of any remedial work either:

- (A) planned by the Franchisee to occur in the period in relation to which the next Customer Report will report to improve the Franchisee's performance in relation to achieving and exceeding the SQR Benchmarks in respect of any Service Quality Area where performance is below the applicable SQR Benchmark; or
- (B) undertaken by the Franchisee during the Reporting Periods that have elapsed since the previous Customer Report or, in the case of the first Customer Report, since the Start Date, for the purposes of improving the Franchisee's performance in relation to achieving and exceeding the SQR Benchmarks for any Service Quality Area where performance was below the applicable SQR Benchmark; and
- (c) details of any other initiatives planned to be implemented by the Franchisee to improve the Franchisee's performance against the SQR Benchmarks.

14. Reporting Requirements

14.1 Within fourteen (14) days after the end of each Reporting Period, the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State:

- (a) a statement (disaggregated to separately show the total number of Train Service Quality Inspections, Station Service Quality Inspections, and Customer Service Quality Inspections carried out in that Reporting Period) setting out the following:
 - (i) the raw data produced by any Service Quality Inspection and Service Quality Re-Inspection (where applicable) including the reports provided as part of the Mystery Shopper Inspections;
 - (ii) the number of Service Quality Inspections (and where applicable Service Quality Re-inspections) carried out in respect of each Service Quality Schedule in that Reporting Period;
 - (iii) the number of Service Quality Inspections (and where applicable Service Quality Re-inspections) where a "fail" was recorded in respect of a Service Quality Indicator in that Reporting Period and setting out (to the extent known) the reasons why such failures occurred for each Service Quality Schedule;
 - (iv) the number of Service Quality Inspections (and where applicable Service Quality Re-inspections) where a "pass" was recorded in respect of a Service Quality Indicator in that Reporting Period for each Service Quality Schedule; and
 - (v) the total number of "passes" and "fails" recorded in respect of each Service Quality Indicator comprised in such Service Quality Area for each Service Quality Schedule and in respect of a Service Quality Area,; and
- (b) in respect of that Reporting Period, the Franchisee's calculation of the Pass Rate for each Service Quality Area comprised in the relevant Service Quality Schedule.

14.2 The Pass Rate shall be separately calculated for the Train Service Quality Inspections, the Station Service Quality Inspections and the Customer Service Quality Inspections in that Reporting Period determined as set out in paragraph 10 (*Calculation of Pass Rates*).

15. Additional Information Requirements for Service Quality Re-inspections

15.1 In addition to the information to be provided by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 14 (*Reporting Requirements*), the Franchisee shall at the end of each Reporting Period provide to the Secretary of State a list of each facility or service or train comprised in a SQR Train and SQR Station (on a Station by Station basis) against which a "fail" was recorded during any Service Quality Inspections or Service Quality Re-inspection (as the case may be).

16. **Maintenance of Records**

- 16.1 Without limiting the obligations of the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 5 (*Maintenance of Records*) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), the Franchisee shall maintain true, up to date and complete records of the results of each Service Quality Inspection, its calculations of the Pass Rates in relation to such Service Quality Inspections, the results of each Independent Service Quality Audit and Mystery Shopper Inspection.
- 16.2 The Franchisee shall, immediately at the request of the Secretary of State make any records required under this Schedule 7.3 available to the Secretary of State.

Part E – Remedies

17. **Consequences of a Failed Audit**

17.1 If:

- (a) following an Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit (as the case may be) any such audit cannot verify or confirm any of the matters referred to in paragraph 7 (*Independent Service Quality Audits*) or any confirmation required by paragraph 7.3(a) (*Independent Service Quality Audits*) cannot be provided; or
- (b) the Franchisee fails to:
 - (i) carry out a Service Quality Inspection as required by paragraph 4.1 (*Franchisee Service Quality Inspections*); or
 - (ii) calculate the Pass Rates and/or report to the Secretary of State the Pass Rates as required pursuant to paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2 (*Calculation of the Pass Rates*); or
 - (iii) procure that an Independent Service Quality Audit is carried out or fails to provide an audit report as required pursuant to paragraph 7.9 (*Independent Service Quality Audits*).

then the provisions of this paragraph 17 shall apply.

17.2 If any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 17.1 occur then:

- (a) the Secretary of State may in the case of an SoS Audit, require the Franchisee to reimburse to him the reasonable and proper costs incurred in undertaking any such SoS Audit; and
- (b) the Secretary of State may in all cases:
 - (i) require the Franchisee to carry out additional Service Quality Inspections at the Franchisee's cost (that is, in excess of those required pursuant to paragraph 4.1 (*Franchisee Service Quality Inspections*));
 - (ii) require the Franchisee to procure a further Independent Service Quality Audit (or the Secretary of State may carry out a further SoS Audit) for the purposes of verifying whether any deficiencies in the SQR Management System have led or contributed to the failure of any Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit or to confirm or verify whether any of the matters referred to in paragraph 7 (*Independent Service Quality Audits*) have been subsequently rectified by the Franchisee; or
 - (iii) elect to step in and carry out SoS Service Quality Inspections in place of the Service Quality Inspections for the duration of the remaining Franchise Term or such other period as the Secretary of State may specify (the "**SoS Service Quality Inspection Period**") and in these circumstances:

- (A) the results of each SoS Service Quality Inspection shall be used for the purposes of calculating the Pass Rates and the Service Quality Payments in accordance with paragraph 10 (*Calculation of Pass Rates*) and paragraph 11 (*Calculation of the Service Quality Payments*) (respectively);
- (B) the Franchisee's obligations to undertake Service Quality Inspections and procure an Independent Service Quality Audit shall cease to apply for the duration of the SoS Service Quality Inspection Period; and
- (C) the Secretary of State may require the Franchisee to reimburse to him the reasonable and proper costs incurred by him in undertaking any such SoS Service Quality Inspection during the SoS Service Quality Inspection Period.

18. Material Discrepancies

18.1 For the purposes of this Schedule 7.3, "**Material Discrepancies**" means:

- (a) discrepancies in the Franchisee's calculation of the Pass Rate which in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State are considered to be material; or
- (b) where an Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit fails to confirm or verify any of the matters specified in paragraph 7.3 (*Independent Service Quality Audits*) in circumstances where the Pass Rate has been calculated wrongly; or
- (c) where an Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit confirms that there would have been a different Pass Rate if the Franchisee had complied with the requirements of paragraph 7.3 (*Independent Service Quality Audits*).

18.2 On the first occasion that any Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit (as the case may be) reveals that any such Material Discrepancies have resulted in the Franchisee paying less Service Quality Payment than it should have done had the Material Discrepancies not occurred, then the Franchisee shall include in the calculation of the Service Quality Payment that it makes for that Franchisee Year pursuant to paragraph 6 (*Service Quality Re-Inspections*) and paragraph 20 (*Consequences of performance falling behind the SQR Benchmark*) an amount determined as follows:

SQA_{LD} = (SQA_{actual} - SQA_{paid}) x 2	
where:	
SQA_{LD}	means the amount to be added to the Service Quality Payment where the circumstances contemplated in this paragraph 18 apply;
SQA_{actual}	means the Service Quality Payment that should have been made in that Franchisee Year but for the Material Discrepancies in the Franchisee's calculation of the Pass Rate; and
SQA_{paid}	means the actual Service Quality Payment made in that Franchisee Year.

19. Contravention of the Franchise Agreement in respect of Material Discrepancies

19.1 On the second occasion that any Independent Service Quality Audit or SoS Audit (as the case may be) identifies any Material Discrepancies (irrespective of the nature or type of such Material Discrepancy) then this shall constitute a contravention of the Franchise Agreement in addition to the provisions of paragraph 18.2 of this Schedule 7.3 applying.

20. **Consequences of Performance falling below the SQR Benchmark**

- 20.1 If the Pass Rate of any individual Service Quality Indicator falls below the SQR Benchmark for the applicable Service Quality Area ("**Affected Service Quality Indicator**") for:
- (a) any three (3) consecutive Reporting Periods; or
 - (b) any four (4) Reporting Periods within any period of thirteen (13) consecutive Reporting Periods; or
 - (c) the Pass Rate as calculated in accordance with paragraph 10 (*Calculation of the Pass Rates*) in respect of any Service Quality Area is below any SQR Benchmark for that Service Quality Area ("**Affected Service Quality Area**") for:
 - (i) any three (3) consecutive Reporting Periods; or
 - (ii) any four (4) Reporting Periods within any period of thirteen (13) consecutive Reporting Periods; or
 - (iii) any Franchisee Year,

then the Franchisee shall immediately notify the Secretary of State of such fact and, if requested to do so by the Secretary of State, within twenty-eight (28) days (or such longer period as the Secretary of State may specify) of such request submit to the Secretary of State (for his approval) the Franchisee's proposals (including proposed timescales for the implementation of any such proposals) for ensuring that the Affected Service Quality Area or Affected Service Quality Indicator (as applicable) will, as soon as reasonably practicable, be provided at a level that is equal to or above the SQR Benchmark.

- 20.2 If the Secretary of State is not reasonably satisfied that any proposal submitted to him by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 20.1 will ensure that the Affected Service Quality Area or Affected Service Quality Indicator (as applicable) will, as soon as reasonably practicable, be provided at a level that is equal to or above the SQR Benchmark for each such Affected Service Quality Area or Affected Service Quality Indicator then the Secretary of State will notify the Franchisee of such fact (including his reasons for not being so reasonably satisfied) and the Franchisee shall within two (2) weeks (or such longer period as the Secretary of State may specify) from receipt of any such notice from the Secretary of State submit a revised proposal which seeks to address any of the Secretary of State's concerns as notified to the Franchisee (the "**Revised Proposal**").
- 20.3 Following receipt of any proposal pursuant to paragraph 20.1 or (where applicable) receipt of a Revised Proposal the Secretary of State may require the Franchisee to implement any such proposal within such timescales as the Secretary of State may reasonably determine having regard to any timescales proposed by the Franchisee in any such Revised Proposal.
- 20.4 If following receipt of any Revised Proposal the Secretary of State is still not satisfied that such Revised Proposal will ensure that the Franchisee's performance in relation to the Affected Service Quality Area or Affected Service Quality Indicator will, as soon as reasonably practicable be provided at a level that is equal to or above the SQR Benchmark then the Secretary of State may require the Franchisee to implement such alternative proposals or measures as the Secretary of State may reasonably determine, within such timescales as he may reasonably determine having regard to any timescales proposed by the Franchisee in such Revised Proposal.
- 20.5 If:
- (a) the Franchisee fails to implement any proposal as required pursuant to this paragraph 20 within the required timescales; or

- (b) the Franchisee's performance in relation to the Affected Service Quality Area is not at a level that is equal to or above the SQR Benchmark within the period specified in such proposal (or the period reasonably determined by the Secretary of State in exercise of his rights under paragraph 20.3 or 20.4 (as the case may be),

then this shall constitute a contravention of the Franchise Agreement the Secretary of State may (except as he may otherwise agree including by agreeing a variation pursuant to paragraph 21 (*Variations to the Service Quality Regime*), and without prejudice to his other rights consequent upon the relevant contravention, serve a Remedial Plan Notice pursuant to paragraph 2 (*Remedies for Contraventions of the Franchise Agreement*) of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*).

21. Variations to the Service Quality Regime

- 21.1 Without prejudice to paragraph 21.2, the Secretary of State and the Franchisee may from time to time agree to vary the contents of the Service Quality Schedules, any SQR Benchmark and/or any of the payment rates in respect of any Service Quality Area as specified in paragraph 11.1 (*Calculation of the Service Quality Payments*) (including by reducing the SQR Benchmark in respect of certain Service Quality Areas and at the same time increasing others). Any variation agreed by the Secretary of State and the Franchisee pursuant to this paragraph 21.1 shall be effective from the date agreed by the parties for this purpose. Any such variation as agreed by the Secretary of State and the Franchisee shall not constitute a Change.
- 21.2 The Parties agree that the Secretary of State shall have the right at any time to vary the provisions of this Schedule 7.3 (including in respect of any of the matters referred to in paragraph 21.1) without the approval of the Franchisee. The exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights under this paragraph 21.2 shall be a Change.

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Appendix 1 to Schedule 7.3

Service Quality Schedules

PART 1 – SQR STATIONS

Please note that a Service Quality Indicator should only be subject to a Service Quality Inspection if the relevant facility or service is included in the SQR Register for that SQR Station or SQR Train.

Table 1			
Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
Ambience & Assets	Lighting	(a) 10% or more of lighting is missing or broken within the customer facing areas of the Station, or if there are any areas of blackout. (b) Running in boards are not covered by sufficient lighting that they are legible to people from a distance of 4m.	Within 7 days
	Seating	(a) Seats are not present where they are intended to be as specified in the SQR Register. (b) Seats are damaged or unsuitable for use by the public including torn upholstery, splinters, wood or metal likely to cause injury or damage to clothing. (c) Seats are dirty (includes rust stains and dirt likely to soil clothing). (d) Seats are unsecure and/or unstable. (e) Paint work is flaking or damaged to a point which is immediately noticeable from a distance of 1 metre.	(a), (b), (d) or (e) within 28 days (c) within 48 hours
	Shelters/Canopies/Waiting Areas	(a) Any shelters, waiting areas or canopies are not present where they are intended to be as specified in the SQR Register. (b) Any shelters, waiting area or canopy is not fit	Within 28 days

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		<p>for purpose or damaged in any way that restricts its use (e.g. holes in panels, missing panels, broken windows, clouded or unclear polycarbonate which significantly restricts visibility, burn marks).</p> <p>(c) Any shelters, waiting rooms and canopies have leaks or are not waterproof where designed to be waterproof.</p> <p>(d) Any shelters and waiting areas are closed when they are advertised to be open.</p>	
	Lifts & Escalators	<p>(a) Any lift or escalator to enter/exit station is not working.</p> <p>(b) Any lift or escalator serving the platform level is not working.</p> <p>(c) Any lift or escalator serving core station facilities (ticket office, toilet) is not working.</p> <p>(d) Lifts and escalators are not accessible and operational from 15 minutes before the scheduled departure of the first train and ten minutes after the actual arrival of the last train.</p>	Within 48 hours
	Toilet Operation	<p>(a) The toilet is not open as specified in the SQR Register.</p> <p>(b) Any cubicles are out of use.</p> <p>(c) Any lavatories or urinals are blocked.</p> <p>(d) Any flush system is not functioning correctly.</p> <p>(e) Any lavatory seats are missing or broken.</p> <p>(f) Disabled toilet facilities are not operational.</p> <p>(g) Baby change facilities are not operational.</p> <p>(h) Hand wash facilities are not operational.</p> <p>(i) Any door locks are not operational.</p>	All failure criteria apart from (d) within 24 hours (d) within 48 hours

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (j) There is no toilet paper available. (k) Soap is not available. (l) Facilities to dry hands are not operational or available i.e. hand dryers should be present and working and/or paper towels provided. 	
	Car Parking/Cycle Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Any car parking or waiting bays are not clearly marked (including disabled bays). (b) There is inconsiderate parking and no evidence of management of the issue e.g. cars parked out of bays, across bays, blocking access routes to the car park or station. (c) Information and signage informing customers about who may park in the car park/terms & conditions of use and payment is not available as specified in the SQR Register, is illegible or is obscured. (d) Car park ticket machines are not working (where present) or there is no clear instruction about charges and/or payment methods. (e) Car park ticket barriers are left open. (f) Potholes are present. (g) There are apparent issues with drainage and standing water is present. (h) Help points are not operational (where present). (i) Help points (where present) are not answered within 30 seconds. (j) Cycle racks/lockers/hoops are broken or damaged to the extent that they cannot be used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (j), (k), (l) within 28 days (h), (i) within 7 days

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (k) Cycle racks/lockers/hoops are not present as specified in the SQR Register. (l) Cycles are parked outside of designated areas/there is evidence of abandoned bicycles and there is no evidence that this is being managed. 	
Cleanliness	General Cleanliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Any area or facility that a customer may come into contact with appears unclean (such that a customer would not wish to touch it). (b) There is staining to the floor or walls, or fluid on the floor. (c) There is evidence of bird roosting which is not being managed. (d) There is noticeable dirt on glass surfaces. (e) Any area has a prolonged/lingering bad smell (which is not perceived to be temporary). (f) There is evidence of recent chewing gum. (g) There is evidence of unhygienic substances e.g. vomit. (h) Bins are not present in line with the SQR Register. (i) There is no space in litter bins to place items. 	(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (i) within 48 hours (c) within 14 days (h) within 28 days
	Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Any lavatory is soiled. (b) Any urinal is soiled. (c) Any sinks are soiled. (d) The baby change facilities are soiled. (e) Floors, doors or walls are stained. (f) There are fluids on the floor (not to include 	Within 24 hours

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		mild splashing). (g) There are no litter bins, or bins for sanitary products in cubicles or there is no space in them to place items. (h) There is a prolonged/lingering unpleasant smell which is not perceived to be temporary.	
	Litter	(a) There are more than ten items of litter each item being equivalent to or larger than the size of a credit card found within any public area of the station (including any station car park). (b) There is evidence of fly tipping within the station area. (c) The track bed has more than ten items of litter present that is credit card sized or larger, or has effluent discharge. (d) There is evidence of fly posting/unauthorised posters or fliers.	(a), (b), (d) within 48 hours (c) within 28 days
	Graffiti & Etching	(a) There is any surface based graffiti e.g. painted/pen graffiti that would be immediately evident to a customer. (b) There is any etching or " <i>structural</i> " graffiti that would be immediately evident to a customer (graffiti which is ingrained and cannot be cleaned off without replacing the item on which the graffiti is administered/without undertaking constructional work).	Offensive surface-based graffiti – within 24 hours Non-offensive surface-based graffiti – within 7 days Offensive structural graffiti – within 7 days Non-offensive structural graffiti – within 28 days
Information	Customer Information Screens	(a) Any customer information screen is not present as specified in the SQR Register. (b) Any customer information screen is not	(a) within 14 days (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) within 48 hours

Table 1

Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
		functioning correctly. (c) Any customer information screen is functional but displaying illegible information. (d) Any customer information screen is showing incorrect information at the time of audit including the expected time of arrival and the destination of services. (e) Any clocks are inaccurate or there are no clocks. (f) Any additional information messages are out of date.	
	Help Points	(a) Any help point is not present if shown on the SQR Register. (b) Any help point is out of operation, faulty or has poor reception. (c) Any help point is not answered within 30 seconds. (d) Any help point is inaudible and/or unclear.	Within 7 days
	Posters/Frames	(a) Any poster or frame is not present where specified in the SQR Register. (b) Any poster frame is damaged, rusting or unsecure. (c) Any Information on the poster is not fully visible. (d) Any poster is not in the correct location as specified in the SQR Register. (e) Any poster is showing incorrect or out of date information. (f) Any poster is torn, damaged or slipped in the case. (g) Any poster is visibly faded from a distance	(a), (b) within 7 days (c), (d),(e), (f),(g) within 48 hours

Table 1

Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
	Public Address System	<p>of one metre.</p> <p>(a) A public address system is not present or not operational where intended to be.</p> <p>(b) The public address system is inaudible or unclear.</p> <p>(c) Announcements are not made when required e.g. on approach of the arrival of services and during disruption.</p> <p>(d) Information is not provided in a timely way or is incorrect at time of audit.</p>	<p>(a),(b) within 14 days</p> <p>(c), (d) within 48 hours</p>
	Signage & Information (including running in boards)	<p>(a) Any signs are not easy to read from 4m.</p> <p>(b) Any signs are missing from those specified in the SQR Register.</p> <p>(c) Any signs are damaged, defaced or illegible.</p> <p>(d) Any signs provide incorrect information.</p> <p>(e) A map or poster is not available showing up to date information on the location and times of onward transport services.</p> <p>(f) Timetables are not available for onward transport services (bus/tram).</p> <p>(g) Staff do not have access to information on onward travel information including services and ticketing.</p> <p>(h) There is no wayfinding to onward transport services.</p> <p>(i) Any out of date leaflets are present.</p> <p>(j) Up to date "Delay Repay" forms, timetables relevant to the station and customer complaint forms are not available.</p>	<p>(a),(b),(c) within 14 days</p> <p>(d)-(l) inclusive within 7 days</p>

Table 1

Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
	Information During Disruption	<p>(k) Passenger's Charter is not available from staffed stations.</p> <p>(l) Leaflets are kept in an untidy manner.</p> <p>(a) A passenger announcement is not made within 3 minutes where there is a delay of more than 5 minutes, detailing the nature of the delay and anticipated length of delay (or, if any information about the delay is not known the announcement should detail steps being taken to obtain this information).</p> <p>(b) Information provided through announcements is inconsistent with that provided through social media, the websites and the Smartphone application.</p> <p>(c) Where a delay of over 15 minutes is announced, accurate information is not provided on alternative journey options / next steps.</p> <p>(d) Where a delay occurs, an apology for this delay is not provided.</p> <p>(e) Where a delay of over 15 minutes occurs, no information is given about right to claim compensation.</p>	Within 7 days
Ticketing & Staffing	Ticket Vending Machines	<p>(a) Any ticket machines are not present as specified in the SQR Register.</p> <p>(b) Any ticket machines are not operational.</p> <p>(c) The full functionality of any ticket machine is not available.</p> <p>(d) Any of the following information is missing: brand, name, address of operator, range of fares available, what process passengers</p>	Within 48 hours

Table 1

Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
		should follow in the event of a problem or to obtain a refund and contact details.	
	Ticket Office	(a) The ticket office is not open when it is advertised to be so at the station as set out in the SQR Register.	Within 48 hours
	Staff Presence	(a) Staff are not available at the station as required pursuant to the SQR Register. (b) Staff are not in full uniform. (c) A member of staff cannot be contacted (either face to face or remotely) by passengers of any train service using that station (regardless of train operator).	Within 48 hours
	Ticket Gates	(a) Any ticket gates are out of use due to a fault or are not functioning correctly. (b) Where an excess fares window is available at a station, the excess fares window is not open whilst ticket barriers are in use.	Within 7 days

PART 2 – SQR TRAINS

Please note that a Service Quality Indicator should only be subject to a Service Quality Inspection if the relevant facility or service is included in the SQR Register for that SQR Station or SQR Train.

Table 2			
Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
Ambience and Assets	Lighting	(a) Any light bulb or lighting tube does not illuminate when the power is on (except during load shedding). (b) Any light cover is cracked or broken, is loose or is otherwise unfit for purpose or missing.	Within 7 days
	Vehicle Interior Condition	(a) There are any unsightly damaged panels or damaged panel trims. (b) There are any seat tears in the fabric. (c) Seat covers are worn, visible from 1 m. (d) There is heavy wear on floor coverings or seat coverings visible from 1m. (e) Any window seals are loose, torn or missing. (f) Any windows are broken, cracked or scratched (not to include etching). (g) There are any holes in the floor vinyl/ carpet. (h) Luggage racks are broken, cracked or damaged. (i) There are any broken or missing door buttons. (j) The temperature is excessively hot or cold.	Within 28 days
	Toilet Operation	(a) Any general toilet is out of use. (b) Any disabled toilet is out of use. (c) The door handle or locking mechanism is not operating correctly. (d) Any lavatory seat is not in place. (e) Any lavatory is blocked.	Within 24 hours

Table 2			
Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (f) Any lavatory flush system is not in working order. (g) The hand wash system is not operating correctly, including water and soap dispensers. (h) The baby change facilities (if present) are not in working order. (i) The disabled access facilities (if present) are not in working order. (j) There is no toilet tissue available. (k) There is no room in litter or disposal bins for additional items. (l) A mirror is not provided. (m) There is no means of hand drying available i.e. the hand dryer is not operational/there are no paper towels. (n) The air freshener is not in place/working. (o) There are prolonged, lingering smells that are not perceived to be temporary. 	
Cleanliness	Exterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) There are apparent stains or ingrained dirt on the front, rear and/or sides of the vehicle. (b) The windows are evidently dirty. 	Within 7 days except where the temperature is below 4 degrees centigrade for prolonged periods
	Interior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Any surface in the interior of the vehicle is subject to excessive dust, dirt (that a letter can be written in the dirt or dust and is legible) staining or recent chewing gum. (b) The floor has ingrained dirt excepting recent tracked dirt from people's shoes. (c) There is any fly posting or stickers. (d) There are fluids on the floor (not mild splashing). 	Within 24 hours

Table 2			
Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
	Graffiti & Etching	<p>(a) There is any surface based graffiti e.g. paint or pen graffiti that would be immediately evident to a customer.</p> <p>(b) There is any etching or "<i>structural</i>" graffiti that would be immediately evident to a customer (graffiti which is ingrained and cannot be cleaned off without replacing the item on which the graffiti is administered/without undertaking constructional work).</p>	<p>Offensive surface-based graffiti – within 24 hours</p> <p>Non-offensive surface-based graffiti – within 7 days</p> <p>Offensive structural graffiti – within 7 days</p> <p>Non-offensive structural graffiti – within 28 days</p>
	Litter	<p>(a) There are more than six items of litter each the same or greater in size than a credit card in the interior of each vehicle.</p> <p>(b) There is no space to place rubbish in the bins.</p>	Within 24 hours
	Toilets	<p>(a) Any lavatory is soiled.</p> <p>(b) Any sink is soiled.</p> <p>(c) Any baby change facility is soiled.</p> <p>(d) There is staining on the floor or walls.</p> <p>(e) There are fluids on the floor (not mild splashing).</p> <p>(f) Any fixtures or fittings are unclean</p> <p>(g) There are no litter bins, or bins for sanitary products in cubicles or there is no space in them to place items.</p>	Within 24 hours
Information	Customer Information Screens/Public Announcement	<p>(a) Any customer information display is not working.</p> <p>(b) Any customer information display is working but not legible.</p> <p>(c) Any customer information display is showing incorrect information.</p> <p>(d) Any customer information display is not showing next stop information (internal) and</p>	Within 48 hours

Table 2			
Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
		<p>major/final destinations (internal and external).</p> <p>(e) Any announcement is not audible or capable of being understood.</p> <p>(f) An announcement of the train destination and major destinations is not made prior to departure of any station allowing sufficient time for people who have boarded an incorrect train to alight.</p> <p>(g) An announcement of the next station is not made between one and five minutes before arrival at the next station.</p> <p>(h) An announcement is not made requesting passengers to move down the train or free up seats from bags, etc. during crowding.</p> <p>(i) Where selective door operation is in operation, passengers are not informed before arrival at each station of the section of the train where doors will not be operational at that station.</p>	
	Wi-Fi	(a) A Wi-Fi connection to the internet is not possible.	Within 7 days
	Catering	<p>(a) The facility is unavailable when it should be available in accordance with the on-board information.</p> <p>(b) There is no announcement advising of the location of the catering, the opening times and what is offered.</p>	Within 14 days
	Posters, Frames & Signs	<p>(a) Any poster or frame is missing, in line with the SQR Register.</p> <p>(b) Any poster frame is damaged, rusting or unsecure.</p>	<p>(a) within 7 days</p> <p>(b), (c), (d),(e),(f), (g),(h) within 48 hours</p>

Table 2

Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) Any information on the poster is not visible. (d) Any poster is showing incorrect or out of date information. (e) Any poster is torn, damaged or slipped in the case. (f) Any poster is faded, evident from 1m. (g) Any signs fixed to the interior of the train are damaged or illegible (h) Route diagrams are not available showing train routes and key connection information. 	
	Information During Disruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Where a delay has occurred, an announcement was not made following the delay or was made more than two minutes after the delay commenced. (b) Where a delay has occurred, information was not provided about the nature of the delay and expected duration (or if this is not known, an update on the action being taken to establish the nature of the delay is not provided). (c) Where disruption has occurred, ongoing updates are not provided every three minutes or less for the duration of the disruption. (d) If the train is to terminate before its destination, fails to stop or is going to skip a stop due to disruption, or for delays of over 15 minutes, information on next steps, alternatives and passenger ticket validity on other operators' services is not provided. (e) Where a delay has occurred and is resolved, an update on scheduled arrival times is not provided. (f) Information provided by on train 	Within 48 hours

Table 2			
Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria	Rectification Timescales
		<p>announcement is not consistent with the information provided through social media, the websites and the Smartphone application.</p> <p>(g) Where a delay has occurred, an apology for the delay is not received.</p>	

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PART 3 – SQR CUSTOMER SERVICE

Please note that a Service Quality Indicator should only be subject to a Service Quality Inspection if the relevant facility or service is included in the SQR Register for that SQR Station or SQR Train.

Table 3		
Service Quality Area	Service Quality Indicator	Failure Criteria
Information & Customer Contact	Social Media Mystery Shopper Question	(a) No response within 30 minutes. (b) The response did not answer the question or advise to where additional information could be found.
	Helpfulness of Staff at Stations	(a) Staff member does not provide a friendly interaction with the mystery shopper. (b) Staff member does not have the correct information to hand when responding to a mystery shopper question. (c) Staff member gives incorrect information in response to a Mystery Shopper Inspection. (d) The staff member's behaviour and/or body language reflects poorly on the Franchisee.
	Helpfulness of Staff On Trains	(a) Staff member does not provide a friendly interaction with the mystery shopper. (b) Staff member does not have the correct information to hand when responding to a mystery shopper question. (c) Staff member gives incorrect information in response to a Mystery Shopper Inspection. (d) The staff member's behaviour and/or body language reflects poorly on the Franchisee.

Appendix 2 to Schedule 7.3

Service Quality Areas/SQR Benchmarks/Service Quality Indicators/Weightings

PART 1 – SQR STATIONS

Table 1												
Column 1	Column 2									Column 3	Column 4	
	SQR Station Benchmarks											
Service Quality Area	Franchisee Years									Service Quality Indicators	Weighting	
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28			
SQA 1. Ambience & Assets	95	95	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	Lighting	18%
											Seating	18%
											Shelters/Canopies/Waiting Areas	18%
											Lifts & Escalators	18%
											Toilet Operation	15%
											Car Parking/Cycle Parking	15%
SQA 2. Cleanliness	89	90	91	92	93	94	94	94	94	94	General Cleanliness	30%
											Toilets	20%
											Litter	30%
											Graffiti & Etching	20%
SQA 3. Information	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	Customer Information Screens	25%
											Help Points	20%
											Posters/Frames	10%
											Public Address System	15%
											Signage & Information (including running in	10%

Table 1												
Column 1	Column 2									Column 3	Column 4	
	SQR Station Benchmarks											
Service Quality Area	Franchisee Years									Service Quality Indicators	Weighting	
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28			
											boards)	
											Information During Disruption	20%
SQA 4. Ticketing & Staffing	88	90	92	94	95	95	95	95	95	95	Ticket Vending Machines	25%
											Ticket Office	25%
											Staff Presence	25%
											Ticket Gates	25%

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PART 2 – SQR TRAINS

Table 2												
Column 1	Column 2									Column 3	Column 4	
	SQR Train Benchmarks											
Service Quality Area	Franchisee Years									Service Quality Indicators	Weighting	
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28			
SQA 5. Ambience	95	95	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	Lighting	33%
											Vehicle Interior Condition	33%
											Toilet Operation	34%
SQA 6. Cleanliness	90	91	92	93	94	94	94	94	94	94	Exterior	10%
											Interior	30%
											Graffiti & Etching	20%
											Litter	20%
											Toilets	20%
SQA 7. Information	89	90	91	92	93	94	94	94	94	94	Customer Information Screens/Public Announcement	35%
											Wi-Fi	15%
											Posters, Frames & Signs	15%
											Information During Disruption	35%

PART 3 – SQR CUSTOMER SERVICE

Table 3												
Column 1	Column 2									Column 3	Column 4	
	SQR Customer Service Benchmarks											
Service Quality Area	Franchisee Year									Service Quality Indicators	Weighting	
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28			
SQA 8. Information & Customer Contact	95	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	Social Media Mystery Shopper Question	33%
											Helpfulness of Staff at Stations	34%
											Helpfulness of Staff on Trains	33%

SCHEDULE 8

PAYMENTS

Schedule 8.1:	Franchise Payments
	Appendix 1: Annual Franchise Payments
	Appendix 2: Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments
Schedule 8.2:	Profit Share Mechanism
	Appendix 1: Profit Share Thresholds
	Appendix 2: Components of AFA and DFR
Schedule 8.3:	Track Access Adjustments and Station Charge Adjustments
Schedule 8.4:	NOT USED
Schedule 8.5:	NOT USED
Schedule 8.6:	Forecast Revenue Mechanism
	Appendix 1: Target Revenue

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Franchise Payments**1. Franchise Payments**

1.1 The Franchise Payment for any Reporting Period shall be an amount equal to:

£FP =	PFP + TAA + SCA + HTAAQ - HTAAP + CPS ⁷⁴ + TMDPS ⁷⁵ + T-3PS + T-15PS + ACPS + SFPS ⁷⁶ + RShA + RShRA + RSuA + RSuRA ⁷⁷ + PS + SQP + BTPA
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where:

PFP (Periodic Franchise Payment)	means that part of the Annual Franchise Payment which is to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date being calculated in accordance with the following formula:	
	$\left(\frac{RPD}{FYD} \times AFP \right)$	
	PFP may be a positive or negative number. PFP may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee;	
	where:	
	RPD	means the number of days in that Reporting Period;
	FYD	means the number of days in the Franchisee Year in which that Reporting Period occurs being three hundred and sixty five (365), or if February 29 falls during that Franchisee Year, three hundred and sixty six (366) days for every Franchisee Year; and

⁷⁴ **Note to Bidders:** This refers to the Cancellations Performance Sum in Schedule 7.1 (Operational Performance). Until the Final Franchisee Year, where the Franchisee has incurred a "performance deduction", the Franchisee will spend the performance deduction as expenditure within the relevant Franchise. In the Final Franchisee Year, the Franchisee will pay the "performance deduction" directly to the Secretary of State.

⁷⁵ **Note to Bidders:** This refers to the TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum in Schedule 7.1 (Operational Performance). Until the Final Franchisee Year, where the Franchisee has incurred a "performance deduction", the Franchisee will spend the performance deduction as expenditure within the relevant Franchise. In the Final Franchisee Year, the Franchisee will pay the "performance deduction" directly to the Secretary of State.

⁷⁶ **Note to Bidders:** This refers to the Short Formation Performance Sum in Schedule 7.1 (Operational Performance). Until the Final Franchisee Year, where the Franchisee has incurred a "performance deduction", the Franchisee will spend the performance deduction as expenditure within the relevant Franchise. In the Final Franchisee Year, the Franchisee will pay the "performance deduction" directly to the Secretary of State.

⁷⁷ **Note to Bidders:** All four RS components are used where the Forecast Revenue Mechanism is selected.

	AFP	means the Annual Franchise Payment for the Franchisee Year in which that Reporting Period occurs, as determined in accordance with Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).
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TAA	means any Track Access Adjustment to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. TAA may be a positive or negative number. TAA may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee;
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SCA	means any Station Charge Adjustment to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. SCA may be a positive or negative number. SCA may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee;
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HTAAQ	<p>means the amount payable in respect of the track access charge due in respect of the "IRC", the "OMRC" and the "Capacity Reservation Charge" (as such are defined under the High Speed 1 Passenger Access Terms) (the "Advance Payments") and payable in the Track Charge Advance Period commencing in the following Reporting Period pursuant to the terms of the Track Access Agreement between the Franchisee and HS1 Limited in respect of the Passenger Services which shall be calculated as follows in the third (3rd), sixth (6th), ninth (9th) and thirteenth (13th) Reporting Periods in each Franchisee Year, and shall be zero (0) in all other Reporting Periods:</p> $HTAAQ = HTAA \times QF \times RPI_{AP}$ <p>where:</p> <p>HTAA means the annual unindexed value of Advance Payments which shall be calculated as:</p> $HTAA = IRC + Additional\ IRC + OMRC + CRC$ <p>where:</p> <p>IRC means the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 1 (IRC) of Table 1 set out in Appendix 3 (Figures for Calculation of Advance Payments in respect of HS1 access charges) to this Schedule 8.1 (Franchise Payments);</p> <p>AdditionalIRC means the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 2 (Additional IRC) of Table 1 set out in Appendix 3 (Figures for Calculation of Advance Payments in respect of HS1 access charges) to this Schedule 8.1 (Franchise Payments);</p> <p>OMRC means the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 3 (OMRC) of Table 1 set out in Appendix 3 (Figures for Calculation of Advance Payments in respect of HS1 access charges) to this Schedule 8.1 (Franchise Payments);</p> <p>CRC means the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 4 (Capacity Reservation Charge) of Table 1 set out in Appendix 3 (Figures for Calculation of Advance Payments in respect of HS1 access charges) to this Schedule 8.1 (Franchisee Payments);</p>
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	<p>Payments); and</p> <p>QF means the quarterly factor which shall be calculated as follows:</p> $QF = \frac{QD}{FYD}$ <p>where:</p> <p>QD means the number of days in the Track Charge Advance Period immediately following the Reporting Period in which HTAAQ is calculated, provided that where the Expiry Date falls within a Track Charge Advance Period, OD shall be the number of days from the start of such Track Charge Advance Period up to and including the Expiry Date⁷⁸; and</p> <p>Track Charge Advance Period means any of the following periods:</p> <p>(a) the first three (3) Reporting Periods in a Franchisee Year;</p> <p>(b) the three (3) Reporting Periods comprising the fourth (4th), fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) Reporting Periods in a Franchisee Year;</p> <p>(c) the three (3) Reporting Periods comprising the seventh (7th), eighth (8th) and ninth (9th) Reporting Periods in a Franchisee Year;</p> <p>(d) the four (4) Reporting Periods comprising the tenth (10th), eleventh (11th), twelfth (12th) and thirteenth (13th) Reporting Periods in a Franchisee Year; and</p> <p>RPI_{AP} means the value of RPI applicable to the Franchisee Year in which the relevant Track Charge Advance Period falls.</p> <p>HTAAQ shall always be a positive number.</p>
HTAAP	<p>means the value of the Advance Payments which relate to that Reporting Period, which shall be calculated as:</p> $HTAAP = HTAA \times \frac{RPD}{FYD} \times RPI$ <p>HTAAP shall always be a positive number.</p>
CPS	<p>means any Cancellations Performance Sum to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. CPS will be a positive number except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be</p>

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Note to Bidders: For HS1 advance payments made to HS1 Limited prior to the franchise start date but relating (either in part or fully) to a Track Access Advance Period of the new franchise, it is assumed that these payments will be made to HS1 Limited on behalf of the Franchisee by either the DfT or the current operator, but these will be recovered from the Franchisee, in accordance with the instructions in section 6.3 of the ITT, by DfT through franchise payments in line with the "HTAAP" element of the formula above. Where any Advance Payment prior to the Start Date but relating to the Franchise differs from the amount assumed by the bidder relating to that period in the table at Appendix 3 to Schedule 8.1, the Department requires that all parties enter into a side letter to ensure the Franchisee is not over or under paid compared to the track access charges payable to HS1 Limited.

	positive or negative or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be negative. CPS will be payable by the Secretary of State except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be payable by the Franchisee;
TMDPS	means any TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. TMDPS will be a positive number except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be positive or negative or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be negative. TMDPS will be payable by the Secretary of State except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be payable by the Franchisee;
T-3PS	means any T Performance Sum to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. T-3PS will be a positive number except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be positive or negative or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be negative. T-3PS will be payable by the Secretary of State except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be payable by the Franchisee;
T-15PS	means any Time to 15 Minutes Performance Sum to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. T-15PS will be a positive number except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be positive or negative or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be negative. T-15PS will be payable by the Secretary of State except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be payable by the Franchisee;
ACPS	means any All Cancellations Performance Sum to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. ACPS will be a positive number except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be positive or negative or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be negative. ACPS will be payable by the Secretary of State except in respect of the Final Franchisee Year when it may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>) when it will be payable by the Franchisee;
SFPS	means any Short Formation Performance Sum to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date in respect of the Final Franchisee Year and/or when due pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>). SFPS will be a negative number. SFPS will be payable by the Franchisee;

RShA	means any Revenue Share Adjustment determined in accordance with paragraph 3.7 (<i>Amount of Revenue Share Adjustments</i>) of Schedule 8.6 to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. RShA may be a positive or negative number. RShA may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee;
RShRA	means the amount of any Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount to be paid on that Reporting Period's Payment Date in accordance with paragraph 4.1 (<i>Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount</i>) of Schedule 8.6. RShRA may be a positive or negative number. RShRA may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee;
RSuA	means the amount of any Revenue Support Adjustment determined in accordance with paragraph 5.4 (<i>Amount of Revenue Support Adjustments</i>) of Schedule 8.6 to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. RSuA may be a positive or negative number. RSuA may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee;
RSuRA	means the amount of any Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount to be paid on that Reporting Period's Payment Date in accordance with paragraph 6.1 (<i>Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount</i>) of Schedule 8.6. RSuRA may be a positive or negative number. RSuRA may be payable by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee;
PS	means the amount of any payment determined in accordance with paragraph 1.5 of Schedule 8.2 (<i>Profit Share Mechanism</i>) to be made on that Reporting Period's Payment Date. PS shall be a negative number for the purposes of this formula notwithstanding that paragraph 1.5 of Schedule 8.2 (<i>Profit Share Mechanism</i>) generates a positive number. PS is payable by the Franchisee;
SQP	means the amount of any Service Quality Payment determined in accordance with paragraph 11.1 of Schedule 7.3 (<i>Service Quality Regime</i>). SQP shall be a negative number for the purposes of this formula notwithstanding that paragraph 11.1 generates a positive number. SQP is payable by the Franchisee.
BTPA	means the amount of any Bespoke Trackside Provision Adjustment determined in accordance with paragraph 19.4 of Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>). BTPA shall be a negative number for the purposes of this formula. BTPA is payable by the Franchisee.

1.2 **NOT USED.**

1.3 The Parties agree that:

- (a) where **£FP is a positive number**, the Secretary of State shall pay that amount to the Franchisee on the Payment Date for that Reporting Period;
- (b) where **£FP is a negative number**, the Franchisee shall pay the corresponding positive amount to the Secretary of State on the Payment Date for that Reporting Period;

- (c) the following components of the formula at paragraph 1.1 of this Schedule 8.1 shall, for the purposes of that formula, be expressed as a negative number notwithstanding that Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) calculates the same as a positive number:
- (i) any Cancellations Performance Sum calculated by reference to **Table 14 or Table 15** of paragraph 22.3 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);
 - (ii) any TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum calculated by reference to **Table 20 or Table 21** of paragraph 22.4 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);
 - (iii) any Short Formation Performance Sum calculated by reference to paragraph 22.5 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);
 - (iv) **NOT USED**;
 - (v) **NOT USED**;
 - (vi) any T-3 Performance Sum calculated by reference to **Table UT3-E or Table UT3-F** of paragraph 22.7A of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*); and
 - (vii) any T-15 Performance Sum calculated by reference to **Table UT15-E or Table UT15-F** of paragraph 22.7B of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*); and
 - (viii) any All Cancellations Performance Sum calculated by reference to **Table UAC-E or Table UAC-F** of paragraph 22.7C of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*); and
- (d) paragraph 26.1 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*) applies in respect of the Cancellations Performance Sum, TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, Short Formation Performance Sum, T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum and All Cancellations Performance Sum and which accordingly shall only be payable to the Secretary of State as part of the Franchise Payments in the circumstances set out in paragraph 29 of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*).

2. **Payment of Franchise Payments**

- 2.1 The Secretary of State shall notify the Franchisee, no less than seven (7) days prior to the end of each Reporting Period, of the amount of the Franchise Payment payable in respect of that Reporting Period.
- 2.2 Each such notification shall set out in reasonable detail how the Franchise Payment has been calculated.
- 2.3 The Payment Date for a Reporting Period shall be the last Weekday of that Reporting Period.
- 2.4 Each Franchise Payment shall be payable by the Franchisee or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State in the amount notified by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 2.1 on the Payment Date of the Reporting Period to which it relates.
- 2.5 Each Franchise Payment shall be made:
- (a) by automatic electronic funds transfer in pounds sterling to such bank account in the United Kingdom as the payee of such payment may have previously specified to the payer in writing; and
 - (b) so that cleared funds are received in that account on or before the due date for payment.

3. **Interest**

- 3.1 If either Party fails to pay any amount to the other Party on its due date, it shall in addition pay interest on such amount at the Interest Rate, calculated on a daily basis, from the due date for payment to the date on which payment is made.
- 3.2 If the amount of any Franchise Payment is agreed or determined to be incorrect and:
- (a) either Party has made a payment to the other Party which is greater than it would have made if the amount of the Franchise Payment had been correct, then the recipient shall repay the excess within three (3) Weekdays of the agreement or determination; or
 - (b) either Party has made a payment to the other Party which is less than it would have made if the amount of the Franchise Payment had been correct, then the payer shall pay the amount of any shortfall to the payee within three (3) Weekdays of the agreement or determination,

together, in each case, with interest on the amount payable at the Interest Rate, calculated on a daily basis from the date on which the Franchise Payment was paid until the date on which such excess amount or shortfall is paid.

4. **Disputes under Schedule 8**

If either Party disputes the amount of a Franchise Payment, the dispute shall, unless the Parties otherwise agree, be resolved in accordance with the provisions of clause 17 (*Governing Law and Jurisdiction*) of the Franchise Agreement. Any such dispute shall not affect the obligation of either Party to pay a Franchise Payment notified in accordance with this Schedule 8.1.

5. **Industrial Action**

The Secretary of State, in his discretion, may at any time decide to reimburse or ameliorate net losses of the Franchisee arising from Industrial Action (however caused and of whatever nature) in circumstances where the Franchisee has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that it has taken all reasonable steps to avoid the Industrial Action and that, Industrial Action having nevertheless occurred, the Franchisee has taken all reasonable steps to mitigate its effects.

6. **No Double Recovery**

The Franchisee shall not be entitled to recover (by way of a Change or otherwise) more than once in respect of the same loss suffered by it.

7. **Force Majeure and Payments**

Following the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the payment of Franchise Payments shall continue unaffected.

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 8.1

Annual Franchise Payments

The Annual Franchise Payment for any Franchisee Year is an amount equal to:

£AFP =	$FXD + (VCRPI \times RPI) + (VCAWE \times AWE) + (PRPI \times RPI) + (ORRPI \times RPI) + (PRRPI \times RPI)$
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where:

"FXD"	means the Franchisee's costs which are not to be subject to indexation for the purpose of calculating AFP being the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 2 of Table 1 set out in Appendix 2 (<i>Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to this Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>) (and which shall always be expressed as a positive number);
"VCRPI"	means the Franchisee's costs which are to be subject to indexation by reference to the Retail Prices Index for the purpose of calculating AFP being the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 3 of Table 1 set out in Appendix 2 (<i>Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to this Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>) (and which shall always be expressed as a positive number);
"RPI"	is the quotient of the Retail Prices Index for the January which immediately precedes the commencement of the relevant Franchisee Year divided by the Retail Prices Index for January 2018;
"VCAWE"	means the Franchisee's costs which are to be subject to indexation by reference to the Average Weekly Earnings for the purpose of calculating AFP being the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 4 of Table 1 set out in Appendix 2 (<i>Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to this Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>) (and which shall always be expressed as a positive number);
"AWE"	is the quotient of the Average Weekly Earnings for the January which immediately precedes the commencement of the relevant Franchisee Year divided by the Average Weekly Earnings for January 2018;
"PRPI"	means the Franchisee's profit figure before tax which is to be subject to indexation by reference to the Retail Prices Index for the purpose of calculating AFP being the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 5 of Table 1 set out in Appendix 2 (<i>Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to this Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>) (and which shall always be expressed as a positive number);
"ORRPI"	means the Franchisee's non passenger revenue which is to be subject to indexation by reference to the Retail Prices Index for the purpose of calculating AFP being the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 6 of Table 1 set out in Appendix 2 (<i>Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to this Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>) (and which shall always be expressed as a negative number); and

<p>"PRRPI"⁷⁹</p>	<p>means the Franchisee's passenger fares revenue (including other fares revenue) which is to be subject to indexation by reference to the Retail Prices Index for the purpose of calculating AFP being the figure shown in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year in Column 7 of Table 1 set out in Appendix 2 (<i>Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to this Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>) (and which shall always be expressed as a negative number)</p>
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⁷⁹ **Note to Bidders:** Please see ITT (Section 6) for further information.

APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 8.1⁸⁰

Figures for Calculation of Annual Franchise Payments

Table 1		Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7
Year		Franchisee Year	FXD	VCRPI	VCAWE	PRPI	ORRPI	PRRPI
From	To							
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1						
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2						
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3						
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4						
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5						
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6						
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7						
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8						
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year (extension) ⁸¹						

⁸⁰ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate table and submit as part of the Bid.

⁸¹ **Note to Bidders:** The amounts in this row will apply for the purpose of this Schedule 8.1 if an extension is called under clause 5 (Duration of the Franchise Agreement) but not otherwise.

APPENDIX 3 TO SCHEDULE 8.1⁸²

Figures for Calculation of Advance Payments in respect of HS1 access charges

Table 1			Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Year						
From	To	Franchisee Year	IRC	Additional IRC	OMRC	Capacity Reservation Charge
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1				
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2				
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3				
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4				
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5				
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6				
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7				
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8				
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension) ⁸³				

⁸² **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate table and submit as part of the Bid.

⁸³ **Note to Bidders:** The amounts in this row will apply for the purpose of this Schedule 8.1 if an extension is called under clause 5 (Duration of the Franchise Agreement) but not otherwise.

Schedule 8.2

Profit Share Mechanism

1. **Profit Share**

1.1 For the purposes of this Schedule 8.2:

(a) **First Profit Share Threshold**

"First Profit Share Threshold" means an amount in respect of any Franchisee Year determined as follows:

FPST x RPI x (FYDA/FYD)

where:

FPST	is (as the case may be): (a) if no Net Revenue Support is payable in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year, the amount prescribed for these purposes in column 4 of the table set out at paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 (<i>Profit Share Thresholds</i>) to this Schedule 8.2 in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year; or (b) if Net Revenue Support is payable in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year, the amount prescribed for these purposes in column 5 of the table set out at paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 (<i>Profit Share Thresholds</i>) to this Schedule 8.2 in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year;
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
FYDA	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year; and
FYD	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year being three hundred and sixty five (365), or if February 29 falls during that Franchisee Year, three hundred and sixty six (366) days for every Franchisee Year.

(b) **Second Profit Share Threshold**

"Second Profit Share Threshold" means an amount in respect of any Franchisee Year determined as follows:

SPST x RPI x (FYDA/FYD)

where:

SPST	is (as the case may be): (a) if no Net Revenue Support is payable in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year, the amount prescribed for these purposes in column 4 of the table set out at paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 (<i>Profit Share Thresholds</i>) to this Schedule 8.2 in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year; or (b) if Net Revenue Support is payable in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year, the amount prescribed for these purposes in column 5 of the table set out at paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 (<i>Profit</i>
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	<i>Share Thresholds</i>) to this Schedule 8.2 in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year;
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
FYDA	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year; and
FYD	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year being three hundred and sixty five (365), or if February 29 falls during that Franchisee Year, three hundred and sixty six (366) days for every Franchisee Year.

(c) **Third Profit Share Threshold**

“Third Profit Share Threshold” means an amount in respect of any Franchisee Year determined as follows:

$$\text{TPST} \times \text{RPI} \times (\text{FYDA}/\text{FYD})$$

where:

TPST	is (as the case may be): (a) if no Net Revenue Support is payable in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year, the amount prescribed for these purposes in column 4 of the table set out at paragraph 3 of Appendix 1 (<i>Profit Share Thresholds</i>) to this Schedule 8.2 in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year; (b) if Net Revenue Support is payable in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year, the amount prescribed for these purposes in column 5 of the table set out at paragraph 3 of Appendix 1 (<i>Profit Share Thresholds</i>) to this Schedule 8.2 in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year;
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) to Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
FYDA	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year; and
FYD	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year being three hundred and sixty five (365), or if February 29 falls during that Franchisee Year, three hundred and sixty six (366) days for every Franchisee Year.

1.2 **Relevant Profit**

“Relevant Profit” means, subject to paragraph 2, in respect of any Franchisee Year, the total profit of the Franchisee for that Franchisee Year calculated by applying the accounting policies and standards set out in the Record of Assumptions and applied through the Financial Model;

- (a) after taking into account in respect of that Franchisee Year:
- (i) interest, finance income and finance charges (other than finance items recognised in respect of retirement benefits);
 - (ii) Franchise Payments including true and fair estimates of RShA, RShRA, RSuA or RSuRA payable or receivable pursuant to Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*) (as the case may be) calculated in accordance with the accounting

policies and standards set out in the Record of Assumptions and applied through the Financial Model;

- (iii) all extraordinary and exceptional items, as defined under the accounting policies and standards set out in the Record of Assumptions and applied through the Financial Model;
 - (iv) contributions payable by the Franchisee into (i) the Franchise Sections; and (ii) any other pension scheme(s) to the extent connected with the Franchise, in each case as required under such schemes' rules and schedule of contributions;
 - (v) any payments to Affiliates of the Franchisee (including management fees and royalty fees) except to the extent that such payments exceed an amount to be determined as set out in paragraph 1.3;
 - (vi) any sums payable by or to the Franchisee pursuant to the terms of the Supplemental Agreement; and
 - (vii) any capital expenditure to the extent that it is recognised as an operating cost in the Annual Audited Accounts and any depreciation on capital expenditure that is recognised as an expense in the Annual Audited Accounts, unless the depreciation policy and assumptions used in the Annual Audited Accounts are different to those set out in the Record of Assumptions and applied through the Financial Model, in which case an adjustment should be made to take account of the depreciation which would have been charged had the policy and assumptions set out in the Record of Assumptions been applied for the relevant Franchisee Year; and
- (b) before taking into account in respect of that Franchisee Year:
- (i) any taxation on profits including corporation tax;
 - (ii) shares of the profit of any Affiliate of the Franchisee, except dividends received in cash;
 - (iii) non cash entries in respect of the Franchise Sections and any other pension scheme(s) to the extent connected with the Franchise (excluding accruals or prepayments of any contributions payable by the Franchisee into (i) the Franchise Sections; and (ii) any other pension scheme(s) to the extent connected with the Franchise, in each case as required under such schemes' rules and schedule of contributions);
 - (iv) any payment made by the Franchisee consequent upon any breach or contravention of the Franchise Agreement and/or its Licences (including as a consequence of any penalty payment paid or payable pursuant to section 57A of the Railways Act 1993);
 - (v) any profit share payments payable to the Secretary of State in relation to any Franchisee Year; and
 - (vi) fees, remuneration and pension contributions in respect of any director and officer of the Franchisee in excess of an amount to be determined as set out in paragraph 1.4.

1.3 Payments to Affiliates

AFA x RPI x (FYD_A/FYD)	
where:	
AFA	is the amount prescribed for these purposes in the table set out in paragraph 1 of Appendix 2 (<i>Components of AFA and DFR</i>) to this Schedule 8.2 in respect of the relevant Franchisee

	Year;
RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) of Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
FYDA	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year;
FYD	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year being three hundred and sixty five (365), or if February 29 falls during that Franchisee Year, three hundred and sixty six (366) days for every Franchisee Year.

1.4 Payments to Directors and Officers

DFR x [RPI OR AWE⁸⁴] x (FYDA/FYD)	
where:	
DFR	is the amount prescribed for these purposes in the table set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 2 (<i>Components of AFA and DFR</i>) to this Schedule 8.2 in respect of the relevant Franchisee Year;
FYDA	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year
FYD	means the number of days in that Franchisee Year being three hundred and sixty five (365), or if February 29 falls during that Franchisee Year, three hundred and sixty six (366) days for every Franchisee Year;
[Option A⁸⁵] RPI	has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) of Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>);
[Option B⁸⁶] AWE	$\frac{CAWE}{OAW}$ where: CAWE means the Average Weekly Earnings published in the January immediately preceding the commencement of that Franchisee Year; and OAW means the Average Weekly Earnings for January 2018.

1.5 Payment Obligations

- (a) If the Annual Audited Accounts in respect of any Franchisee Year show that the Relevant Profit for that Franchisee Year exceeds the First Profit Share Threshold then, subject to paragraph 2 (*Additional Compensation or Settlement Payments*), the Franchisee shall pay to the Secretary of State:
- (i) 20% of Relevant Profit in excess of the First Profit Share Threshold but less than or equal to the Second Profit Share Threshold;
 - (ii) 60% of Relevant Profit in excess of the Second Profit Share Threshold but less than or equal to the Third Profit Share Threshold; and
 - (iii) 100% of Relevant Profit in excess of the Third Profit Share Threshold.
- (b) Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4 below, payments due under paragraph 1.5(a) shall be paid as part of the Franchise Payment for the first Reporting Period that falls thirty (30) or more days after delivery of the Annual Audited Accounts by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State under

⁸⁴ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to select RPI or AWE as appropriate.

⁸⁵ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to select Option A or Option B as appropriate.

⁸⁶ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to select Option A or Option B as appropriate.

paragraph 9.4 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) or if there is no such Reporting Period, within thirty (30) days of the date of such delivery.

2. Additional Compensation or Settlement Payments

- 2.1 If in any Franchisee Year (or any period of twelve (12) consecutive months after the end of the Franchise Period) (the "**Current Franchisee Year**") the Franchisee receives a compensation or other settlement payment of at least:

two hundred thousand pounds (£200,000) x RPI

arising from a single claim or series of related claims which relate wholly or partly to costs, losses or expenses (including loss of revenue) arising in any other Franchisee Year or Franchisee Years, then the Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State of such payment as soon as reasonably practicable and for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 and notwithstanding its other terms:

- (a) the payment which relates to such other Franchisee Year shall be attributed to that other Franchisee Year and not treated as received in the Current Franchisee Year;
- (b) where and to the extent any payments under paragraphs 1 and 2 in respect of any other Franchisee Year would have been made or would have been higher had that amount actually been received in that other Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall pay a reconciliation amount to the Secretary of State within thirty (30) days after delivery of the Annual Audited Accounts that relate to the Current Franchisee Year by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State under paragraph 9.4 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) or, if there is no further requirement on the Franchisee to deliver Annual Audited Accounts following the end of the Franchise Period, within thirty (30) days of the Franchisee receiving the relevant payment; and
- (c) **RPI** has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*).
- 2.2 Where the Secretary of State reasonably considers that in calculating Relevant Profit any particular item or transaction has not been accounted for on a reasonable basis (including where the accounting treatment looks to the form rather than the substance, of the item or transaction) he shall be entitled to require it to be accounted for on such other basis as he may reasonably determine and notify to the Franchisee provided that the Secretary of State shall not be entitled pursuant to this paragraph to alter the accounting policies of the Franchisee from those set out in the Record of Assumptions and applied through the Financial Model.
- 2.3 Without prejudice to paragraph 2.1 where the Annual Audited Accounts in relation to any previous Franchisee Year are subject to adjustment or restatement the Secretary of State shall have a discretion to require the recalculation of Relevant Profit for the relevant Franchisee Year and to require that the Franchisee shall pay to the Secretary of State the amount which is the difference between the profit share actually paid to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.5(a) and the amount that would have been paid had the Relevant Profit been originally calculated on the basis that such adjustment or revision was included in the Annual Audited Accounts.
- 2.4 Any payment due to the Secretary of State shall be paid by the Franchisee within thirty (30) days of the Secretary of State notifying the Franchisee that he requires a payment to be made pursuant to this paragraph.

3. **Relevant Profit Report**

3.1 The Franchisee shall, at the same time as the Annual Audited Accounts are delivered under paragraph 9.4 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), deliver to the Secretary of State a report (the "**Relevant Profit Report**") identifying:

- (a) the amount of total profit and the adjustments made in the calculation of Relevant Profit pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2;
- (b) any items falling under paragraph 2.1, including details of the allocation across Franchisee Years of such items; and
- (c) any adjustments or restatements made in relation to the Annual Audited Accounts in respect of any previous Franchisee Year,

and shall provide such additional information, records or documents as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in relation to such matters.

3.2 The Franchisee and/or the Franchisee's auditors shall include a statement referring to the Relevant Profit in the Annual Audited Accounts. The format of such statement shall be agreed with the Secretary of State.

3.3 If required, the Franchisee's auditors shall provide additional written confirmation to the Secretary of State that the Relevant Profit Report gives a true and fair view of the matters contained within it including the amount of total profit and the adjustments made in the calculation of Relevant Profit.

3.4 The Franchisee and/or the Franchisee's auditors shall provide a reconciliation between:

- (a) profit as set out in its Annual Audited Accounts determined by applying GAAP applicable to the accounting period for which the accounts are prepared; and
- (b) Relevant Profit determined by applying the accounting policies, as set out in the Record of Assumptions at the time of bidding.

3.5 The Franchisee's auditors shall provide a statement in a format to be agreed with the Secretary of State, confirming that the Franchisee's auditors have undertaken review procedures on the Relevant Profit figures and associated accounting policies ("**Review Procedures**"). The nature and scope of the Review Procedures shall be agreed between the Secretary of State, the Franchisee and the Franchisee's auditor.

3.6 The statement referred to in paragraph 3.5 may be used by the Secretary of State in considering whether the Relevant Profit has been determined consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and the accounting policies as set out in the Record of Assumptions.

4. **Payment of Profit Share and Determination by the Secretary of State**

4.1 Any profit share payment pursuant to paragraph 1.5(a) to be made in respect of the Final Franchisee Year shall be determined in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 but shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the Secretary of State giving written notice to the Franchisee of the amount of such profit share payment.

4.2 If the Franchisee fails to provide the Annual Audited Accounts for the Final Franchisee Year within four (4) Reporting Periods of the expiry of the Final Franchisee Year pursuant to paragraph 9.4 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), the Secretary of State shall be entitled (but not obliged) to determine any Profit Share Adjustment in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 but by reference to any relevant information available to the Secretary of State at the time of such determination, including any information contained in the latest cumulative, year-to-date Management Accounts or in the Annual Management Accounts.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 8.2

Profit Share Thresholds

1. First Profit Share Threshold

The prescribed amounts for the component of FPST for the relevant Franchisee Year and for the purposes of the definition of First Profit Share Threshold are as set out in the table below:

Table 1 [Note to Bidders: Bidders to Populate]				
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Year		Franchisee Year	First Profit Share Threshold Amount or FPST⁸⁷ (if no Net Revenue Support payable)	First Profit Share Threshold Amount or FPST⁸⁸(if Net Revenue Support payable)
From	To			
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]

2. Second Profit Share Threshold

⁸⁷ **Note to Bidders:** The maximum amount to be specified in this Column will be 7.5% of total revenue, as provided in the Financial Templates in the ITT.

⁸⁸ **Note to Bidders:** The maximum amount to be specified in this Column will be 1.5% of total revenue, as provided in the Financial Templates in the ITT.

The prescribed amounts for the component of SPST for the relevant Franchisee Year and for the purposes of the definition of Second Profit Share Threshold are as set out in the table below:

Table 2 [Note to Bidders: Bidders to Populate]				
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Year		Franchisee Year	Second Profit Share Threshold Amount or SPST ⁸⁹ (if no Net Revenue Support payable)	Second Profit Share Threshold Amount or SPST ⁹⁰ (if Net Revenue Support payable)
From	To			
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]

3. Third Profit Share Threshold

⁸⁹ **Note to Bidders:** The maximum amount to be specified in this Column will be 9.0% of total revenue, as provided in the Financial Templates in the ITT.

⁹⁰ **Note to Bidders:** The maximum amount to be specified in this Column will be 2.5% of total revenue, as provided in the Financial Templates in the ITT.

The prescribed amounts for the component of TPST for the relevant Franchisee Year and for the purposes of the definition of Third Profit Share Threshold are as set out in the table below:

Table 3 [Note to Bidders: Bidders to Populate]				
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Year		Franchisee Year	Third Profit Share Threshold Amount or TPST ⁹¹ (if no Net Revenue Support payable)	Third Profit Share Threshold Amount or SPST ⁹² (if Net Revenue Support payable)
From	To			
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	£[Insert Amount]	£[Insert Amount]

⁹¹ **Note to Bidders:** The maximum amount to be specified in this Column will be 13.0% of total revenue, as provided in the Financial Templates in the ITT.

⁹² **Note to Bidders:** The maximum amount to be specified in this Column will be 5.0% of total revenue, as provided in the Financial Templates in the ITT.

APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 8.2

Components of AFA and DFR

1. **AFA**

The amounts for the purposes of the component of AFA in paragraph 1.3 of Schedule 8.2 are set out in the table below:

Table 1 [Note to Bidders: Bidders to Populate]			
Year		Franchisee Year	Component of AFA
From	To		
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	£[Insert Amount]

2. **DFR**

The amounts for the purposes of the component of DFR in paragraph 1.4 of Schedule 8.2 are set out in the table below:

Table 2 [Note to Bidders: Bidders to Populate]			
Year		Franchisee Year	Component of DFR
From	To		
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	£[Insert Amount]

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Schedule 8.3

TRACK ACCESS ADJUSTMENTS AND STATION CHARGE ADJUSTMENTS

1. Track Access Adjustments

1.1 The Track Access Adjustment to be made in respect of any Reporting Period shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$TAA = (GCA - W) \times \frac{RPD}{FYD}$	
Where:	
TAA	means the Track Access Adjustment to be made in that Reporting Period;
GCA	is the value of " GC " for the Franchisee Year in which the Reporting Period falls under Part 3A of Schedule 7 of the Track Access Agreement;
W	is the value of " Wt " for the Franchisee Year in which the Reporting Period falls under Part 2 of Schedule 7 of the Track Access Agreement;
RPD	means the number of days in that Reporting Period; and
FYD	means the number of days in the Franchisee Year in which that Reporting Period falls,
	except that, where a Reporting Period falls during two (2) Franchisee Years, TAA shall be determined as if the references to Reporting Period were to each of the two periods within such Reporting Period which fall wholly within one (1) of such Franchisee Years and the Track Access Adjustment to be made in that Reporting Period shall reflect the sum of TAA as determined for each such period.

- 1.2 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State upon becoming aware that any Track Access Adjustment is to be made and shall supply such information as the Secretary of State may require in relation thereto. The Franchisee shall exercise its rights under the Track Access Agreement in such manner and take such other action as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in connection with any related payment thereunder (including in relation to any agreement of the amount of any such payment and including submitting any relevant dispute to any relevant dispute resolution procedures). The Franchisee shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of State, agree or propose to agree a value for "**Wt**" or "**GC**" under Parts 2 or 3A of Schedule 7 of the Track Access Agreement.
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall provide such evidence of payment as the Secretary of State may require (including any certificates) for the purpose of determining the value of **W** and **GCA** under paragraph 1.1.
- 1.4 If no value is ascertained for **W** or **GCA** prior to the date on which the Franchise Payment for the relevant Reporting Period is determined, then a Track Access Adjustment shall only be determined to the extent such values can be ascertained at such time and, when such values are subsequently ascertained, adjustment shall be made to reflect the full Track Access Adjustment for such Reporting Period.
- 1.5 The values of **W** and **GCA** when used in the computation in paragraph 1.1 shall be taken to exclude any input Value Added Tax which is recoverable in respect of the payments they represent by the Franchisee under sections 24 to 26 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- 1.6 References in this paragraph 1 to "**Wt**" and "**GC**" and Parts 2 and 3A of Schedule 7 of the Track Access Agreement shall be deemed also to be references to such other provisions, and such other algebra under any such other provisions, of any Track Access Agreement as the Secretary of State may reasonably consider have an equivalent effect, or are intended to fulfil

the same function, as "Wt" or "GC" and Parts 2 or 3A of Schedule 7 of the Track Access Agreement to which the Franchisee is a party on the Start Date.

2. **Station Charge Adjustment**

2.1 **NOT USED.**

2.2 The Station Charge Adjustment to be made in respect of any Reporting Period shall be the aggregate of the Individual Station Charge Adjustments as determined in accordance with the following formula for each Station and each other Franchisee Access Station:

$ISCA = L \times \frac{RPD}{FYD}$	
where:	
ISCA	means the Individual Station Charge Adjustment for the relevant station for that Reporting Period;
L	is the value of "Lt" for the Franchisee Year in which the Reporting Period falls under: (a) if the relevant station is not an Independent Station, Condition F11.2 of the Station Access Conditions entitled " National Station Access Conditions 2013 (England and Wales) (incorporating amendments with effect from 1 April 2014) " relating to such station; or (b) if the relevant station is an Independent Station, Condition 42.3 of the Independent Station Access Conditions relating to that Independent Station, in each case, to the extent that value represents an amount payable to or by Network Rail or any other relevant Facility Owner by or to the Franchisee on its own behalf under the relevant Access Agreement (excluding any amount payable to Network Rail by the Franchisee in its capacity as Facility Owner of a station on behalf of a beneficiary which is party to an Access Agreement in respect of a Station);
RPD	means the number of days in that Reporting Period; and
FYD	means the number of days in the Franchisee Year in which that Reporting Period falls except that, where a Reporting Period falls during two (2) Franchisee Years, the Station Charge Adjustment shall be determined as if the references to Reporting Period were to each of the two (2) periods within such Reporting Period which fall wholly within one of such Franchisee Years and the Station Charge Adjustment for such Reporting Period shall be the sum of the Station Charge Adjustment as determined for each such period.

2.3 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State upon becoming aware that any Station Charge Adjustment is to be made and shall supply such information as the Secretary of State may require in relation thereto. The Franchisee shall exercise such rights as it may have under any Access Agreement in such manner and take such other action as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in connection with any related payment thereunder (including in relation to any agreement of the amount of any such payment and including submitting any relevant dispute to any relevant dispute resolution procedures). The Franchisee shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of State, agree or propose to agree a value for "Lt" under any relevant Access Agreement.

2.4 The Franchisee shall provide such evidence of payment as the Secretary of State may require (including any certificates) for the purpose of determining the **value of L** under paragraph 2.2.

- 2.5 If no value is ascertained for "L" prior to the date on which the Franchise Payment for the relevant Reporting Period is determined, then a Station Charge Adjustment shall only be determined to the extent such values can be ascertained at such time and, when such values are subsequently ascertained, an adjustment shall be made to reflect the full Station Charge Adjustment for such Reporting Period.
- 2.6 The value of "L" when used in the computation in paragraph 2.2 shall be taken to exclude any input Value Added Tax which is recoverable in respect of the payments they represent by the Franchisee under sections 24 to 26 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- 2.7 For the purposes of this paragraph 2, "Independent Station" shall mean, at any time, any station of which the Infrastructure Managers (or any other person other than a Train Operator) are the Facility Owner at that time.
- 2.8 References in this paragraph 2 to "Lt", Condition F11.2 of the Station Access Conditions entitled "National Station Access Conditions 2013 (England and Wales) (incorporating amendments with effect from 1 April 2014)" and Condition 42.3 of the Independent Station Access Conditions shall be deemed also to be references to such other provisions, and such other algebra under any such other provisions, of any relevant station access conditions as the Secretary of State may reasonably consider have an equivalent effect, or are intended to fulfil the same function as, "Lt" and Condition F11.2 of the Station Access Conditions entitled "National Station Access Conditions 2013 (England and Wales) (incorporating amendments with effect from 1 April 2014)" and Condition 42.3 of the Independent Station Access Conditions which are in effect on the Start Date.

3. Additional IRC

3.1 If and to the extent the Franchisee:

- (a) is required to pay any Additional IRC pursuant to the terms of the Track Access Agreement between the Franchisee and HS1 Limited as a result of a Specified Upgrade;
- (b) any Additional IRC is varied in accordance with paragraph 2.3(c) of Section 7 of the High Speed 1 Passenger Access Terms; or
- (c) any Additional IRC is adjusted in accordance with paragraph 2.3(d) of Section 7 of the High Speed 1 Passenger Access Terms,

then provided that the Franchisee:

- (A) notifies the Secretary of State within seven (7) days of becoming aware of any proposal for such Specified Upgrade, or such new, varied or adjusted Additional IRC; and
- (B) complies with the Secretary of State's reasonable directions regarding the exercise of any rights the Franchisee may have in respect thereof,

the imposition of the Additional IRC shall be a Change.

3.2 For the purposes of this paragraph "Additional IRC" shall mean the "Additional IRC" as defined in Section 7 of the High Speed 1 Passenger Access Terms, provided that such term shall exclude any Additional IRC:

- (a) which has been taken into account in calculating the figures specified in Column 2 (Additional IRC) of Table 1 set out in Appendix 3 (Figures for Calculation of Advance Payments in respect of HS1 access charges) to Schedule 8.1 (Franchise Payments) prior to the date of such Change; or
- (b) in respect of any Specified Upgrade which arises (either directly or indirectly):

- (i) from the provision of Passenger Services in accordance with the Franchise Agreement;
- (ii) from the implementation of any Committed Obligation; or
- (iii) from any other requirement relating to the performance of any obligation of the Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement; or
- (iv) from a scheme promoted by or on behalf of the Franchisee.

3.3 For the purposes of this paragraph "**Specified Upgrade**" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 7 of the High Speed 1 Passenger Access Terms.

3.4 References in this paragraph 3 to "**Specified Upgrade**" and "**Additional IRC**" shall be deemed also to be references to such other provisions under any such other provisions, of any relevant track access conditions as the Secretary of State may reasonably consider have an equivalent effect, or are intended to fulfil the same function as, "**Specified Upgrade**" and "**Additional IRC**" under the High Speed 1 Passenger Access Terms which are in effect on the Start Date.

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Schedule 8.6

Forecast Revenue Mechanism

1. Purpose and Application

- 1.1 This Schedule 8.6 sets out the basis of calculation of the components **RS_hA**, **RS_hRA**, **RS_uA**, and **RS_uRA** for the purposes of paragraph 1 of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*).
- 1.2 The provisions of this Schedule 8.6 shall survive the expiry or earlier termination of the Franchise Agreement, in the case of an early termination irrespective of the reason for such termination.

2. Definitions

"First FRM Franchisee Year" means the Franchisee Year beginning on 1 April 2020;

"FRM Revenue" means the gross revenue (without any deduction for operating costs or charges except for commission charged to revenue in the normal course of business) of the Franchisee, as stated in the FRM Revenue Report submitted to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 9.1 of this Schedule 8.6 or Management Accounts submitted to the Secretary of State in accordance with Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), relating to:

- (a) the sale of tickets of any type for the carriage of passengers by railway or otherwise arising out of the Franchisee permitting any person to be carried on the Passenger Services (including revenue allocated to the Franchisee through the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement and pursuant to any multi modal fares scheme, local authority concessionary travel scheme, inter operator scheme, discount fares scheme, the Pay As You Go Agreement, the CPay Agreement or otherwise);
- (b) any compensation for loss of revenue payable to the Franchisee by (i) Network Rail under Schedule 4 (Engineering Access Statement, Timetable Planning Rules and Restrictions of Use) to the Track Access Agreement; and (ii) HS1 Limited pursuant to section 4 of the HS1 Passenger Access Terms of the HS1 Network Code;
- (c) any compensation for loss of revenue payable to the Franchisee by: (i)

Network Rail pursuant to paragraph 9 (Network Rail Performance Sum) of Schedule 8 (Performance Regime) to the Track Access Agreement and (ii) HS1 Limited pursuant to paragraph 1 (HS1 Ltd Performance Sum) of Part 2 of Section 8 of the HS1 Passenger Access Terms of the HS1 Network Code; and payments from the Franchisee to: (i) Network Rail pursuant to paragraph 9 (Network Rail Performance Sum) of Schedule 8 (Performance Regime) to the relevant Track Access Agreement; and (ii) HS1 Limited pursuant to paragraph 2 (HS1 Ltd Bonus Sum) of Part 2 of Section 8 of the HS1 Passenger Access Terms of the HS1 Network Code;

- (d) the revenue element of any payments to the Franchisee by the Infrastructure Manager under Condition G (Network Change) of the relevant Network Code relating to the sale of tickets of any type for the carriage of passengers by railway (including revenue allocated to the Franchisee through the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement or otherwise);
- (e) the sale of any Discount Card;
- (f) **NOT USED;**
- (g) the imposition of any penalty upon any person making a journey on the Passenger Services without a ticket which is valid for such journey,

but shall not include any Franchise Payment. Where during the Franchise Period the Franchisee obtains gross revenue from sources not referred to in this definition of FRM Revenue and such revenue was derived from business activities in relation to the Franchise Services which were not provided by the Train Operator which provided the Passenger Services immediately prior to the Start Date, the Secretary of State may determine (acting reasonably) that such revenue will be included within the definition of FRM Revenue if it would have been included in limbs (a) to (g) of this definition of FRM Revenue had such business activities been provided by the Train Operator which provided the Passenger Services immediately prior to the Start Date;

"FRM Revenue Report"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 9.1 of this Schedule 8.6;
"FRM Review Procedures"	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 9.3 of this Schedule 8.6;
"Net Revenue Share"	means in relation to any Franchisee Year the net amount of Revenue Share Adjustments payable to the Secretary of State adjusted to reflect the amount of any Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount in respect of such Franchisee Year to give the net amount that may be payable to the Secretary of State;
"Net Revenue Support"	means in relation to any Franchisee Year the net amount of Revenue Support Adjustments payable to the Franchisee adjusted to reflect the amount of any Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount in respect of such Franchisee Year to give the net amount that may be payable to the Franchisee;
"Revenue Share Adjustment"	means an adjustment to a Franchise Payment determined pursuant to paragraph 3.7 of this Schedule 8.6;
"Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount"	means an amount determined pursuant to paragraph 4.1 of this Schedule 8.6;
"Revenue Share Reconciliation Date"	means either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in the case of a Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount calculated pursuant to paragraph 4.1 of this Schedule 8.6, the first Payment Date falling no less than seven days after the relevant determination; or (b) in the case of any Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount falling due in respect of the Final Franchisee Year and which has not been made during the Franchise Period, the date determined in accordance with paragraph 7.1 of this Schedule 8.6;
"Revenue Support Adjustment"	means an adjustment to a Franchise Payment determined pursuant to paragraph 5.4 of this Schedule 8.6;
"Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount"	means an amount determined pursuant to paragraph 6.1 of this Schedule 8.6;
"Revenue Support Reconciliation Date"	means either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in the case of a Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount calculated pursuant to paragraph 6.1 of this

Schedule 8.6, the first Payment Date falling no less than seven (7) days after the relevant determination; or

- (b) in the case of any Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount falling due in respect of the Final Franchisee Year and which has not been made during the Franchise Period, the date determined in accordance with paragraph 7.2 of this Schedule 8.6;

“Target Revenue”

means, in relation to:

- (a) any Franchisee Year, an amount equal to:

TR x RPI

where:

TR is the amount specified as Target Revenue in Appendix 1 (Target Revenue) to this Schedule 8.6 prepared consistently with the definition of FRM Revenue. If the Secretary of State reasonably determines that it has not been prepared consistently with the definition of FRM Revenue the Secretary of State shall have the right to rectify such amount so that it is consistent but the Secretary of State shall be under no obligation to so rectify; and

RPI has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*);

- (b) any Reporting Period wholly within a Franchisee Year other than the last Franchisee Year, one thirteenth of the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (a) for that Franchisee Year;
- (c) any Reporting Period wholly within the last Franchisee Year, the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (a) for that Franchisee Year divided by the number of Reporting Periods within that Franchisee Year.

3. Revenue Share

- 3.1 If the Secretary of State believes that it is likely that he will be entitled to be paid a Revenue Share Adjustment in relation to any Franchisee Year he shall have the right, by serving notice

on the Franchisee at least three (3) Reporting Periods prior to the commencement of such Franchisee Year, to require that Contractual Incentive Mitigations shall apply in relation to that Franchisee Year pursuant to Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*). Where the Franchise Term is extended pursuant to Clause 5.2 of the Franchise Agreement and the Secretary of State believes it is likely that he will be entitled to be paid a Revenue Share Adjustment in relation to any new Franchisee Year beginning in the period of extension the date by which he must serve notice to require that Contractual Mitigations shall apply in such Franchisee Year shall be 9 February 2027.

- 3.2 If, following the calculation of any Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount for any Franchisee Year in respect of which the Secretary of State has exercised his rights pursuant to paragraph 3.1, the Secretary of State receives no net amount from the Franchisee pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 in relation to such Franchisee Year, the Secretary of State shall reimburse to the Franchisee the incremental costs it reasonably and properly incurred in consequence of paragraph 11.3 of Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*) applying in relation to such Franchisee Year. The Franchisee shall provide a report with full supporting information identifying all such costs and why they were incurred within two (2) months of it being determined that no net amount was payable from the Franchisee to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 in relation to such Franchisee Year. The Franchisee shall provide such further information in relation to such report as the Secretary of State shall reasonably require.
- 3.3 The Franchisee and the Secretary of State shall seek to agree the amount of costs to be reimbursed within two (2) months of the receipt of the report. In the event that agreement cannot be reached within such timescale the Secretary of State shall have the right to reasonably determine the cost to be reimbursed to the Franchisee.
- 3.4 Any amounts payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 3.2 shall be paid by way of adjustment to the next Franchise Payment due after agreement or reasonable determination of the relevant amount or, in relation to the last Franchisee Year, paid to the Franchisee within thirty (30) days of such agreement or reasonable determination of the relevant amount.
- 3.5 All of the rights of the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 3 to be paid a Revenue Share Adjustment shall apply whether or not the Secretary of State makes the election referred to in paragraph 3.1.

3.6 **Entitlement to Revenue Share Adjustments**

A Revenue Share Adjustment shall be made in accordance with paragraphs 3.7 and 3.9 below in respect of each Reporting Period falling within the First FRM Franchisee Year or any subsequent Franchisee Year in respect of which the Management Accounts for that Reporting Period report that the cumulative year-to-date FRM Revenue for the period commencing on the first day of the Franchisee Year within which that Reporting Period starts and ending on the final day of that Reporting Period is more than 103% of Target Revenue. Where a Revenue Share Adjustment is paid for a Reporting Period in a Franchisee Year, a Revenue Share Adjustment calculation shall also be carried out for each subsequent Reporting Period in such Franchisee Year to confirm whether any further Revenue Share Adjustments shall be made.

3.7 **Amount of Revenue Share Adjustments**

- (a) Any Revenue Share Adjustment under this paragraph 3 in respect of a Reporting Period shall be paid in accordance with paragraph 3.9 below and shall be an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

RS_hA = RS_hE - PRS_hA	
where:	
RS _h A	is the Revenue Share Adjustment for that

	Reporting Period;	
RShE	is the cumulative Revenue Share Adjustment entitlement for the Franchisee Year to date, determined by reference to the following formula:	
	RShE = (A multiplied by 80%)	
	where:	
	A	is the amount by which the cumulative year-to-date FRM Revenue for the period commencing on the first day of the Franchisee Year within which that Reporting Period starts and ending on the final day of that Reporting Period, as reported in the Management Accounts for that Reporting Period and prior Reporting Periods, is more than 103% of Target Revenue for the Franchisee Year to date. Where such cumulative year-to-date FRM Revenue is not more than 103% of Target Revenue for the Franchisee Year to date, A shall equal zero. Where it is not zero the value of A shall be a positive number; and
PRShA	is the sum of the Revenue Share Adjustments (if any) made in respect of each previous Reporting Periods (if any) in the same Franchisee Year as such Reporting Period.	

3.8 If RShA is:

- (a) a positive number, RShA will be a negative number for the purposes of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*); or
- (b) a negative number, RShA will be a positive number for the purpose of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*),

and shall be payable on the date specified in paragraph 3.9.

3.9 **Payment**

A Revenue Share Adjustment in respect of any Reporting Period shall be payable by the Franchisee or the Secretary of State (as the case may be) on the next Payment Date or, in the case of any Revenue Share Adjustment falling due in respect of the Final Franchisee Year and which has not been made during the Franchise Period, the date determined in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Schedule 8.6.

4. **Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount**

4.1 Where any Revenue Share Adjustment has been made in respect of a Franchisee Year pursuant to paragraph 3 above, the Secretary of State shall, following receipt by him of the Annual Audited Accounts and FRM Revenue Report in respect of that Franchisee Year, calculate

the Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount in respect of that Franchisee Year in accordance with the following formula:

$RS_{hRA} = RS_{hA}(FS) - PRS_{hA}$	
where:	
RS _h RA	is the Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount for that Franchisee Year;
RS _h A(FS)	is the Revenue Share Adjustment for that Franchisee Year determined in accordance with the following formula:
	$RS_{hA}(FS) = (A \text{ multiplied by } 80\%)$
	where:
A	is the amount by which FRM Revenue for that Franchisee Year as reported in the FRM Revenue Report is more than 103% of Target Revenue for that Franchisee Year. Where FRM Revenue for that Franchisee Year as reported in the FRM Revenue Report is not more than 103% of Target Revenue for that Franchisee Year, A shall equal zero. Where it is not zero the value of A shall be a positive number; and
PRS _h A	is the sum of the Revenue Share Adjustment (if any) determined pursuant to paragraph 3.7 in respect of each Reporting Period in that Franchisee Year.

4.2 If RS_hRA is:

- (a) a positive number, RS_hRA will be a negative number for the purposes of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*); or
- (b) a negative number, RS_hRA will be a positive number for the purpose of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*),

and shall be payable on the Revenue Share Reconciliation Date.

5. Revenue Support

5.1 Eligibility for Revenue Support Adjustments

Subject to paragraph 5.2 below no later than six (6) Reporting Periods prior to the beginning of the First FRM Franchisee Year and every Franchisee Year thereafter, the Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State whether or not it elects that it shall be eligible to be paid Revenue Support Adjustments pursuant to this paragraph 5 in relation to such Franchisee Year. If the Franchisee does make such election, the Secretary of State shall have the right to require that Contractual Incentive Mitigations apply in relation to that Franchisee Year pursuant to Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*) and it shall notify the Franchisee of this at least three (3) Reporting Periods before the commencement of the relevant Franchisee Year. If no such election is made in relation to a relevant Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall have no right to be paid Revenue Support Adjustments in relation to such Franchisee Year. The provisions of Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*) shall be applicable if the Franchisee makes a relevant election and the Secretary of State exercises his right to require the Contractual Incentive Mitigations to apply, whether or not Revenue Support Adjustments are actually payable. All costs incurred by the Franchisee in consequence of the provisions of Schedule 6.3 (*Contractual Incentive Mitigations*) applying as a result of the Franchisee making

the election to be eligible to receive Revenue Support Adjustments shall be borne by the Franchisee.

5.2 Where the Franchise Term is extended pursuant to Clause 5.2 of the Franchise Agreement and at the date that the relevant notice of extension is served upon the Franchisee there are less than six (6) Reporting Periods before the commencement of a new Franchisee Year beginning in the period of extension the Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State whether or not it elects that it shall be eligible to be paid Revenue Support Adjustments pursuant to this paragraph 5 in relation to such Franchisee Year within one (1) month of the date of service of the notice of extension. If the Franchisee does make such election, the Secretary of State shall notify the Franchisee whether or not he will exercise his right to require that Contractual Incentive Mitigations apply in relation to such Franchisee Year within one (1) month of receipt of such notification of election from the Franchisee.

5.3 **Entitlement to Revenue Support Adjustments**

A Revenue Support Adjustment shall be made in accordance with paragraphs 5.4 and 5.6 in respect of any Reporting Period falling within a Franchisee Year in relation to which the Franchisee has elected, in accordance with paragraph 5.1, to be eligible to be paid Revenue Support Adjustments if the Management Accounts for that Reporting Period report that the cumulative year-to-date FRM Revenue for the period commencing on the first day of the Franchisee Year within which that Reporting Period starts and ending on the final day of that Reporting Period is less than 97% of Target Revenue for that same period. Where a Revenue Support Adjustment is paid for a Reporting Period in a Franchisee Year a Revenue Support Adjustment calculation shall also be carried out for each subsequent Reporting Period in such Franchisee Year to confirm whether any further Revenue Support Adjustments shall be made. If Net Revenue Support is payable in relation to any Franchisee Year, Profit Share Thresholds specified in Appendix 1 to Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*) shall be subject to the adjustments provided for in the relevant tables.

5.4 **Amount of Revenue Support Adjustments**

Any Revenue Support Adjustment under this paragraph 5 in respect of a Reporting Period shall be paid in accordance with paragraph 5.6 and calculated in accordance with the following formula:

RS_uA = RS_uE - PRS_uA	
where:	
RS _u A	is the Revenue Support Adjustment for that Reporting Period;
RS _u E	is the cumulative Revenue Support Adjustment entitlement for the Franchisee Year to date, determined by reference to the following formula:
RS _u E	= (A multiplied by 80%)
where:	
A	is the amount by which the cumulative year-to-date FRM Revenue for the period commencing on the first day of the Franchisee Year within which that Reporting Period starts and ending on the final day of that Reporting Period, as reported in the Management Accounts for that Reporting Period and prior Reporting Periods, is less than 97% of Target Revenue for the Franchisee Year to date. Where such cumulative year-to-date FRM Revenue is not less than 97% of Target Revenue for the Franchisee Year to date, A shall equal zero. Where it is not zero the value of A shall be a positive number; and
PRS _u A	is the sum of the Revenue Support Adjustments (if any) made in respect of each previous Reporting Period (if any) in the same Franchisee Year as such Reporting Period.

5.5 If RS_uA is:

- (a) a positive number, RS_uA will be a positive number for the purposes of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*); or
- (b) a negative number, RS_uA will be a negative number for the purpose of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*),

and shall be payable on the date specified in paragraph 5.6.

5.6 **Payment**

A Revenue Support Adjustment in respect of any Reporting Period shall be payable by the Franchisee or the Secretary of State (as the case may be) on the next Payment Date or in the case of any Revenue Support Adjustment falling due in respect of the Final Franchisee Year and which has not been made during the Franchise Period, the date determined in accordance with paragraph 7.2 of Schedule 8.6 (*Forecast Revenue Mechanism*).

6. **Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount**

6.1 Where any Revenue Support Adjustment has been made in respect of a Franchisee Year pursuant to paragraph 5, the Secretary of State shall, following receipt by him of the Annual Audited Accounts and FRM Revenue Report in respect of that Franchisee Year, calculate the Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount in respect of that Franchisee Year in accordance with the following formula:

RS_uRA = RS_uA(FS) - PRS_uA	
where:	
RS _u RA	is the Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount for that Franchisee Year;
RS _u A(FS)	is the Revenue Support Adjustment for that Franchisee Year determined in accordance with the following formula:
	RS _u A(FS) = (A multiplied by 80%)
	where:
A	is the amount by which FRM Revenue for that Franchisee Year as reported in the FRM Revenue Report is less than 97% of Target Revenue for that Franchisee Year. Where the FRM Revenue for that Franchisee Year as reported in the FRM Revenue Report is not less than 97% of Target Revenue for that Franchisee Year, A shall equal zero. Where it is not zero the value of A shall be a positive number; and
PRS _u A	is the sum of the Revenue Support Adjustment (if any) determined pursuant to paragraph 5.4 in respect of each Reporting Period in that Franchisee Year.

6.2 If RS_uRA is:

- (a) a positive number, RS_uRA will be a positive number for the purposes of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*); or
- (b) a negative number, RS_uRA will be a negative number for the purpose of Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*),

and shall be payable on the Revenue Support Reconciliation Date.

7. Final Franchisee Year

7.1 Revenue Share

Any Revenue Share Adjustment and/or Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount which:

- (a) is to be made in respect of the Final Franchisee Year; and
- (b) has not been made during the Franchise Period,

shall be determined in accordance with paragraphs 3.7 and 4.1 above respectively, but shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the Secretary of State giving written notice to the Franchisee of the amount of such Revenue Share Adjustment and/or Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount.

7.2 Revenue Support

Any Revenue Support Adjustment and/or Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount which:

- (a) is to be made in respect of the Final Franchisee Year; and

(b) has not been made during the Franchise Period,

shall be determined in accordance with paragraphs 5.4 and 6.1 above respectively, but shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the Secretary of State giving written notice to the Franchisee of the amount of such Revenue Support Adjustment and/or Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount.

7.3 **Failure to Provide Annual Audited Accounts and/or FRM Revenue Report**

If the Franchisee fails to provide the Annual Audited Accounts and/or the FRM Revenue Report for the Final Franchisee Year within four (4) Reporting Periods of the expiry of the Final Franchisee Year pursuant to paragraph 9.4(b) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), the Secretary of State shall be entitled (but not obliged) to determine any of:

- (a) any Revenue Share Adjustment in accordance with paragraph 3.7;
- (b) any Revenue Share Reconciliation Amount in accordance with paragraph 4.1;
- (c) any Revenue Support Adjustment in accordance with paragraph 5.4; and
- (d) any Revenue Support Reconciliation Amount in accordance with paragraph 6.1,

notwithstanding references to amounts reported in the Annual Audited Accounts, FRM Revenue Report or Management Accounts, by reference to any relevant information available to the Secretary of State at the time of such determination, including any information contained in the latest cumulative, year-to-date Management Accounts or in the Annual Management Accounts.

8. **Pro-rata Adjustment to Target Revenue at the end of the Franchise Period**

8.1 At the end of the Franchise Period, Target Revenue shall be adjusted on a pro rata basis to reflect the number of days (if any) by which the Final Franchisee Year was less than 365 days (or less than 366 days in a leap year) and the Secretary of State shall have the right to reasonably determine all final calculations and payments pursuant to this Schedule 8.6 by reference to such pro rating.

9. **FRM Revenue Report**

9.1 The Franchisee shall, at the same time as the Annual Audited Accounts are delivered under paragraph 9.4 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), deliver to the Secretary of State a report (the "**FRM Revenue Report**"):

- (a) identifying the total amount of FRM Revenue earned by the Franchisee during the relevant Franchisee Year and the amount of revenue earned in relation to each sub category of revenue included within the definition of FRM Revenue;
- (b) identifying any adjustments or restatements made in relation to the Annual Audited Accounts in respect of any previous Franchisee Year which affect the amount of FRM Revenue in such Franchisee Year; and
- (c) providing a reconciliation between:
 - (i) revenue as set out in its Audited Annual Accounts; and
 - (ii) FRM Revenue.

9.2 The Franchisee shall provide such additional information, records or documents as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in relation to such matters.

- 9.3 The Franchisee's auditors shall provide a statement in a format to be agreed with the Secretary of State, confirming that the Franchisee's auditors have undertaken review procedures on the FRM Revenue figures ("**FRM Review Procedures**"). The nature and scope of the FRM Review Procedures shall be agreed between the Secretary of State, the Franchisee and the Franchisee's auditor.
- 9.4 The statement referred to in paragraph 9.3 may be used by the Secretary of State in considering whether FRM Revenue has been determined in a manner consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and the accounting policies as set out in the Record of Assumptions.
- 9.5 Where the FRM Revenue Report identifies adjustments or restatements pursuant to paragraph 9.1(b) and materially different amounts would have been payable either to the Franchisee or to the Secretary of State pursuant to this Schedule 8.6 had such adjustments or restatements been included in the Annual Audited Accounts and been reflected in the relevant FRM Revenue Report for the relevant previous Franchisee Year, the Secretary of State shall seek to agree the amount of an appropriate payment to reflect the adjusted and restated position with the Franchisee. If the amount of such a payment cannot be agreed within forty (40) days of the Secretary of State receiving the relevant FRM Revenue Report from the Franchisee, the Secretary of State shall have the right to reasonably determine it. Any payment shall be made within forty (40) days of the date of agreement or determination of the amount. Where such agreement or determination occurs during the Franchise Term and another Franchise Payment is payable the Secretary of State may require that a payment is made by way of adjustment to a Franchise Payment which has a Payment Date within such forty (40) day period.

10. **Affiliates and Forecast Revenue Mechanism**

10.1 At any time at which:

- (a) the Franchisee is paying Revenue Share Adjustments pursuant to paragraph 3 above or it is reasonably likely that Revenue Share Adjustments shall be payable in the next twenty-four (24) months; and/or
- (b) the Franchisee has made the election pursuant to paragraph 5.1 above to be eligible to be paid Revenue Support Adjustments or it is reasonably likely that, if such an election was made, Revenue Support Adjustments would be payable in the next twenty-four (24) months,

the Franchisee shall not, without prejudice to any other provision of the Franchise Agreement and its obligations under Law, manage its business of providing the Franchise Services in a way that is intended to, or may reasonably be expected to, result in reducing the FRM Revenue of the Franchisee and increasing the revenue of another Affiliate of the Franchisee.

10.2 Where an Affiliate of the Franchisee is a Train Operator with a franchise agreement containing provisions equivalent to those in paragraph 10.1 above, the Franchisee shall act in a way consistent with such Train Operator complying with those obligations.

11. **NOT USED.**

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 8.6

Target Revenue

Table 1 [Note to Bidders: Bidders to Populate]			
Year		Franchisee Year	Target Revenue
From	To		
1 April 2019	31 March 2020	Year 1	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2020	31 March 2021	Year 2	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2021	31 March 2022	Year 3	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2022	31 March 2023	Year 4	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2023	31 March 2024	Year 5	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2024	31 March 2025	Year 6	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2025	31 March 2026	Year 7	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2026	31 March 2027	Year 8	£[Insert Amount]
1 April 2027	31 March 2028	Year 9 (extension)	£[Insert Amount]

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SCHEDULE 9

CHANGES AND VARIATIONS

Schedule 9.1:	Financial and Other Consequences of Change
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Schedule 9.4:	NOT USED
Schedule 9.5:	NOT USED

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Financial and Other Consequences of Change

1. Purpose and Application of Schedule

1.1 This Schedule 9.1 sets out:

- (a) the circumstances in which the occurrence of a Change will result in an adjustment to the Franchise Payments, the Benchmarks, the Annual Benchmarks and/or the Target Revenue Amounts and wherever in Schedule 9 reference is made to **"adjustment to Franchise Payments"** such reference shall be construed to include (unless the context otherwise requires) the restatement of the values of FPST, SPST and TPST as specified in respect of each Franchisee Year in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 (respectively) of Appendix 1 (Profit Share Thresholds) to Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*) (**"Profit Share Components"**);
- (b) the process by which that adjustment to the Franchise Payments, the Benchmarks, the Annual Benchmarks, and/or the Target Revenue Amounts will be determined and effected; and
- (c) the provisions dealing with the responsibility for costs incurred by the Franchisee in connection with any audit of the Run of the Financial Model and its results.

1.2 Schedule 9.2 (*Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)*) contains provisions dealing with the Financial Model which are relevant to the operation of this Schedule 9.1.

1.3 This Schedule 9.1 shall apply in relation to a Change where:

- (a) there are good reasons for considering that that Change will be a Qualifying Change or, with other Changes, part of an Aggregated Qualifying Change; and
- (b) the required notice(s) has/have been given in accordance with paragraph 1.4 (or the Parties have agreed that this Schedule 9.1 will apply and there should be a Run of the Financial Model and/or a review of the Benchmarks and/or the Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark even though the required notices have not been given).

1.4 The notice requirements are that:

- (a) subject to paragraph 1.4(b), a Party must have notified the other that it considers that the Change will be a Qualifying Change and that it requires a Run of the Financial Model and/or a review of the Benchmarks and/or the Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark in respect of that Change:
 - (i) within six (6) months of the notification or agreement of that Change if it is a Variation pursuant to paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*); or
 - (i) within six (6) months of becoming aware of it, if it is any other type of Change; and
- (b) in the case of an Aggregated Qualifying Change, a Party must have notified the other:
 - (i) after an individual Change occurs, within the time limits stated in paragraphs 1.4(a)(i) or 1.4(a)(ii), that it reserves the right to count that Change towards an Aggregated Qualifying Change; and
 - (ii) within six (6) months of the occurrence of the last Change which that Party considers will trigger an Aggregated Qualifying Change, that the Party requires a

Run of the Financial Model and/or a review of the Benchmarks and/or the Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark in respect of the Changes comprised in that Aggregated Qualifying Change. The notice must identify each of the Changes included in the Aggregated Qualifying Change.

1.5 References in the remainder of this Schedule 9.1 and in Schedule 9.2(*Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)*)) to a **“Change”** are to a Change in respect of which the requirements in paragraph 1.3 have been satisfied.

2. **Timescales**

2.1 Where this Schedule 9.1 applies, any resulting restatement of the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components, the Benchmarks, Annual Benchmarks, Ticketless Travel Benchmark, Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or the Target Revenue Amounts (as applicable) shall be made in accordance with this Schedule 9.1:

- (a) where it is reasonably practicable to do so, at least three (3) Reporting Periods prior to the Change; or
- (b) where the timescale in paragraph 2.1(a) is not reasonably practicable, as soon as reasonably practicable after that.

2.2 If paragraph 2.1(b) applies and it is not reasonably practicable for the restatement of the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts to be made before the Change occurs, then paragraph 10 (Estimated Revisions) shall apply.

3. **How any adjustments to Franchise Payments will be established**

3.1 The adjustments, if any, to the Franchise Payments and/or the Target Revenue Amounts to be made in respect of any Change shall be established by:

- (a) establishing those Model Changes and/or Revised Inputs required to take account of the Change; then
- (b) applying those Model Changes and/or Revised Inputs to the Financial Model before performing a Run of the Financial Model to generate the New Results; then
- (c) restating the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts, by substituting the New Results for the Old Results (so that, to the extent that the New Results and the Old Results are different, this will result in an adjustment to the Franchise Payments),

in each case, subject to and in accordance with the terms more particularly described in this Schedule 9.1.

4. **How Model Changes and/or Revised Inputs will be established**

4.1 The Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine the Revised Inputs and (if any) the Model Changes.

4.2 **“Revised Inputs”** means:

- (a) the data that the Financial Model utilised in order to produce the Old Results, as such data is recorded in the Financial Model released by the Secretary of State pursuant to either of paragraphs 2.1(d) or 2.2 of Schedule 9.2(*Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)*) for the purposes of the Run of the Financial Model; but

(b) amended, whether by way of increase, reduction or other alterations to such data, (if at all) only as the Parties may agree or the Secretary of State may reasonably determine is required by the provisions of Appendix 2 (Agreement or Determination of Revised Inputs) to this Schedule 9.1 in respect of a Change.

4.3 **“Model Changes”** means any changes that the Parties may agree or the Secretary of State may reasonably determine are required to the Financial Model and/or the Operational Model, as released by the Secretary of State pursuant to either of paragraphs 2.1(d) or 2.2 of Schedule 9.2(*Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)*)), for the purposes of the Run of the Financial Model, as a consequence of and in order to give effect to the Revised Inputs.

4.4 The Secretary of State shall provide a written statement of the Revised Inputs and any Model Changes to the Franchisee for the purposes of paragraph 7 promptly after they have been agreed or determined.

5. **Changes to Benchmarks and/or Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark**

5.1 This paragraph 5 shall apply if either Party has given notice to the other that it considers that a Change has or will have, in that Party’s reasonable opinion, a material effect on the risk of the Franchisee failing to satisfy the requirements of any Benchmark and/or Annual Benchmark and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark (whether in terms of increasing or reducing that risk).

5.2 Any notice referred to in paragraph 5.1 shall be given as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event before the Parties have agreed or the Secretary of State has reasonably determined the Revised Inputs in respect of the Change.

5.3 Where this paragraph 5 applies, the relevant Benchmarks and/or Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark shall be revised to the extent that such revision is reasonably considered to be necessary to hold constant the risk of the Franchisee failing to satisfy the requirements of that Benchmark and/or Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark. The Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine any such revision(s).

5.4 For the purposes of any revision to the Benchmarks and/or Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark under this paragraph 5, regard may be had to:

(a) any relevant assumptions in the Record of Assumptions (as proposed to be updated to reflect the relevant Change) and the contents of an Operational Model; and/or

(b) any other information,

to the extent they are relevant to the consideration of whether a revision is reasonably considered to be appropriate to take account of the Change.

6. **Run of the Financial Model following agreement or determination of the Revised Inputs and Model Changes**

6.1 When the Revised Inputs and Model Changes (if any) are agreed or determined there shall be a Run of the Financial Model.

6.2 The Run of the Financial Model shall be performed after making any Model Changes and utilising the Revised Inputs and shall be performed by:

(a) the Franchisee promptly on receiving notification of the Revised Inputs and any Model Changes from the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 4.4 or within such period of time as the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine; or

- (b) the Secretary of State if the Franchisee fails to do so. In these circumstances, the Franchisee shall reimburse to the Secretary of State the Secretary of State's costs of performing the Run of the Financial Model.
- 6.3 The Party that performs the Run of the Financial Model pursuant to paragraph 6.2 shall provide the non performing Party with a reasonable opportunity to be in attendance and shall promptly notify such other Party of the New Results.
- 6.4 Where there is more than one Change, Runs of the Financial Model in respect of such Changes shall (unless otherwise agreed or the Secretary of State reasonably determines) be undertaken in the order in which such Changes occur. For this purpose, the order of occurrence will be determined by reference to the earliest date from which the Franchise Payments are reasonably expected to require adjustment as a result of the restatement of the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts triggered by a Change. This will be as agreed between the Parties or in the absence of agreement be reasonably determined by the Secretary of State.
7. **Certification or Audit of the New Results**
- 7.1 The Secretary of State, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving or generating the New Results pursuant to paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3, shall either:
- (a) certify to the Franchisee his approval of the New Results; or
 - (b) notify the Franchisee that he requires the Run of the Financial Model and its results to be audited by an independent auditor appointed by the Secretary of State with the approval (not to be unreasonably withheld) of the Franchisee.
- 7.2 For the purposes of paragraph 7.1(b), the requirement for an audit is one that requires the auditor either to certify:
- (a) that the New Results have been produced by applying the Revised Inputs (as provided to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 4.4) to the Financial Model after making the Model Changes (as provided to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 4.4); or
 - (b) the New Results themselves, by itself applying the Revised Inputs (as provided to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 4.4) to the Financial Model after making the Model Changes (as provided to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 4.4).
- 7.3 The Parties shall procure that any auditor is, as soon as reasonably practicable after his appointment, able to discharge the audit requirements.
- 7.4 The results as certified by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 7.1 or by the auditor pursuant to paragraph 7.2 shall be final and binding on the Parties, except in the case of manifest error.
- 7.5 The Secretary of State may stipulate (on or before the date on which the Secretary of State approves or the auditor certifies the results of the Run of the Financial Model) in respect of a Change that the restated Annual Franchise Payment Components, and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts are to apply for a limited period of time only (the "**Initial Period**"), with provision thereafter, if appropriate, for a further Run of the Financial Model with new Revised Inputs and/or Model Changes based on information available at that time.
8. **Costs of Audit**
- 8.1 This paragraph deals with the costs incurred by the Franchisee in connection with any audit required by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 7.

- 8.2 The costs of any audit required under paragraph 7.1(b) shall be met by the Secretary of State subject to the following:
- (a) the costs of the audit shall be met entirely by the Franchisee in the case of a Change falling within any of the following sub-paragraphs within the definition of Change:
 - (i) a Charge Variation;
 - (ii) **NOT USED**; and
 - (b) the costs of the audit shall be met entirely by the Franchisee:
 - (i) where,
 - (A) the New Results produced by applying the Revised Inputs to the Financial Model after making the Model Changes (if any); or
 - (B) the New Results themselves,
 were incorrect as a result of manifest error by the Franchisee; and
 - (c) where paragraphs 8.2(a) and/or 8.2(b) do not apply, the Secretary of State shall only be responsible for the reasonable costs reasonably incurred of the Franchisee in connection with the audit, and the Franchisee shall comply with the Secretary of State's reasonable directions in connection with the audit which may include a requirement for a competitive tender for the appointment of the auditor.

9. **Restatement of Annual Franchise Payment Components and/or Benchmarks and/or Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts**

9.1 When the New Results have been certified by the Secretary of State or the auditor in accordance with paragraph 7 then:

- (a) if:
 - (i) there is any difference between the Old Results and the New Results; and
 - (ii) the New Results are such that the Change:
 - (A) meets the criteria for a Qualifying Change; or
 - (B) with other Changes meets the criteria for an Aggregated Qualifying Change,
 the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and the Target Revenue Amounts shall be restated in the amounts of the New Results; and
 - (b) if any changes to the Benchmarks and/or Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark have been agreed or determined in accordance with paragraph 5, the Benchmarks and/or Annual Benchmarks and/or Ticketless Travel Benchmark and/or Annual Ticketless Travel Benchmark shall be restated to give effect to those changes.

9.2 Subject to paragraph 9.3, the restatement of the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and the Target Revenue Amounts shall have effect on and from the date on which the Secretary of State or the auditor certifies the results of the Run of the Financial Model.

9.3 If and to the extent that:

- (a) the application of the New Results in respect of the then current or any earlier Franchisee Year would result in any change to the amount of any payments already made between the Secretary of State and the Franchisee; and
- (b) that change in payments is not already taken into account in any Reconciliation Amount payable pursuant to paragraph 10.11,

then a reconciliation payment shall be paid by the Franchisee or the Secretary of State (as the case may be). The payment shall be made on the first Payment Date which falls more than seven (7) days after agreement or determination of the amount of the reconciliation payment required (or if there is no such Payment Date, within fourteen (14) days after such agreement or determination).

9.4 **NOT USED**

9.5 **NOT USED**

10. **Estimated Revisions**

10.1 This paragraph 10 applies where there is or is to be a Change before there is a Run of the Financial Model in respect of it. It provides a mechanism for interim adjustments in the Franchise Payments, the Profit Share Components and the Target Revenue Amounts pending the final agreement or determination of those adjustments under this Schedule 9.1.

10.2 Where this paragraph 10 applies, the Secretary of State shall make the Estimated Revisions described in paragraph 10.3:

- (a) if the Franchisee requests the Secretary of State to do so at the same time as requesting a Run of the Financial Model in respect of the Change under paragraph 1.4; or
- (b) if the Secretary of State otherwise agrees or chooses (in his discretion) to do so.

10.3 The estimated revisions are the Secretary of State's estimates of the New Results which will apply once the process in paragraphs 4 to 9 of this Schedule 9.1 has been completed in respect of the Change (the "**Estimated Revisions**"). For the avoidance of doubt, Revised Inputs are not made in order to generate or take account of the Estimated Revisions.

10.4 The estimates referred to in paragraph 10.3 will be such estimates as the Secretary of State, acting reasonably, makes having regard to the time and the information available to him at the time the estimates fall to be made, provided always that it is acknowledged that:

- (a) the purpose of the estimates is to enable provision to be made in respect of adjustments to the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts before full information about the Change is available and/or full consideration of the nature and extent of Revised Inputs and/or Model Changes has been undertaken;
- (b) it may not be reasonably practicable in all circumstances for the Secretary of State to take into account in such an estimate all actual or potential impacts of a Change. Where the Secretary of State is aware that there are any such actual or potential impacts which he has not taken into account, he shall notify the Franchisee of them when notifying the Estimated Revisions pursuant to paragraph 10.2; and
- (c) the Secretary of State shall be entitled to adjust any Estimated Revision notified pursuant to paragraph 10.2 to the extent he reasonably considers appropriate if at any time:

- (i) the Secretary of State becomes aware of any new or revised information which would, if it had been available to him at the time he made his original estimate, have resulted in him making a different Estimated Revision; and
 - (ii) it is reasonable to revise the Estimated Revision having regard to the likely period of delay prior to the Run of the Financial Model in respect of the relevant Change.
- 10.5 In the circumstances described in paragraph 10.2 and paragraph 10.4(c), the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts shall be restated in the amounts and values of the Estimated Revisions, and Franchise Payments shall be paid accordingly until the Run of the Financial Model has taken place and its results have been put into effect.
- 10.6 The Secretary of State shall use all reasonable endeavours to notify the Franchisee of the Estimated Revisions required by paragraph 10.2 at least two (2) Reporting Periods before he considers the Change is likely to occur. If, having exercised all reasonable endeavours, the Secretary of State cannot provide two (2) Reporting Periods' notice, he shall provide such notification as soon as reasonably practicable afterwards.
- 10.7 The restatement of the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts referred to in paragraph 10.5 shall have effect on and from:
- (a) the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the Franchisee of the Estimated Revisions; or
 - (b) such other date as the Secretary of State, acting reasonably, may notify the Franchisee as the date on which the Secretary of State considers the Estimated Revisions should reasonably take effect, consistent with the matters taken into account by the Secretary of State in estimating the Estimated Revisions.
- 10.8 No estimate made by the Secretary of State pursuant to this paragraph 10 shall prejudice the Secretary of State's subsequent determination of any Revised Input or Model Change pursuant to paragraph 4.
- 10.9 Subject to paragraph 10.10, where adjustments to Franchise Payments have resulted from the operation of paragraph 10.5 then, as soon as reasonably practicable after the certification of the New Results following the related Run of the Financial Model, the Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine the difference (the "**Reconciliation Amount**") between:
- (a) the total amount of Franchise Payments paid or to be paid to which adjustments have been made pursuant to the operation of paragraph 10.5; and
 - (b) the total amount of the Franchise Payments, as determined by that Run of the Financial Model, in respect of the same period as the period over which the adjusted Franchise Payments referred to in paragraph 10.9(a) have been paid or are to be paid.
- 10.10 If a Change is agreed or determined not to be a Qualifying Change or not to be part of an Aggregated Qualifying Change with or without any Run of the Financial Model having been performed, the Reconciliation Amount shall be the total amount of the adjustments to Franchise Payments which have resulted from the operation of paragraph 10.5.
- 10.11 The Reconciliation Amount shall be paid:
- (a) by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State where the Estimated Revisions resulted in an overpayment of Franchise Payments by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or an underpayment of Franchise Payments by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State compared with:

- (i) the amount of the Franchise Payments described in paragraph 10.9(b); or
 - (ii) where paragraph 10.10 applies, the amount of the unrestated Franchise Payments over the same period; and
- (b) by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee where the Estimated Revisions resulted in an underpayment of Franchise Payments by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or an overpayment of Franchise Payments by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State compared with:
- (i) the amount of the Franchise Payments described in paragraph 10.9(b); or
 - (ii) where paragraph 10.10 applies, the amount of the unrestated Franchise Payments over the same period.

In either case, such payment shall be made on the first Payment Date which falls more than seven (7) days after agreement or determination (or if none, within fourteen (14) days after such agreement or determination).

10.12 For the purposes of paragraphs 10.9, 10.10 and 10.11, references to Franchise Payments shall include any profit share payments made under Schedule 8.2 (*Profit Share Mechanism*).

11. **Information**

The Franchisee shall promptly, having regard to the other timescales anticipated in this Schedule 9.1, provide to the Secretary of State such information as the Secretary of State may request for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of State to exercise his rights and comply with his obligations pursuant to this Schedule 9.1.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 9.1

Definition of Threshold Amount

"Threshold Amount" means ⁹³ subject to indexation as follows:

Threshold Amount x RPI	
where:	
RPI	shall have the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 (<i>Annual Franchise Payments</i>) of Schedule 8.1 (<i>Franchise Payments</i>).

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APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 9.1

Agreement or Determination of Revised Inputs

1. The Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine the Revised Inputs that are required in respect of a Change:
 - (a) on the basis of the general adjustments and/or assumptions referred to in paragraph 2;
 - (b) on the basis of the assumptions in the Record of Assumptions as added to and/or amended (if at all) in accordance with paragraph 3;
 - (c) so as to provide for Traction Electricity Charges in accordance with paragraph 4;
 - (d) so as to provide for profit in accordance with paragraph 5;
 - (e) so as to give effect to the provisions of paragraph 6 in relation to indexation;
 - (f) so as to give effect to the provisions of paragraph 8 in relation to the Cancellations Performance Sum, the TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum, the T-3 Performance Sum, the T-15 Performance Sum and the All Cancellations Performance Sum,

provided that if there is any inconsistency between the assumptions in the Record of Assumptions described in paragraph (b) above and any other of the requirements of this paragraph 1, those other requirements shall prevail, unless the Secretary of State (acting reasonably) otherwise elects.

2. General Adjustments/Assumptions

- 2.1 Revised Inputs are to be agreed between the Parties or reasonably determined by the Secretary of State on the basis that:
 - (a) any increase in costs relating to a Change; and/or
 - (b) any reduction in revenues relating to a Change,that is attributable to any activities, actions or omissions of the Franchisee which are not permitted under, or would otherwise constitute a contravention of, the terms of the Franchise Agreement, is to be disregarded.
- 2.2 Revised Inputs are to be agreed between the Parties or reasonably determined by the Secretary of State on the basis that:
 - (a) any reduction in costs relating to a Change; and/or
 - (b) any increase in revenues relating to a Change,that is attributable to any activities, actions or omissions of the Franchisee which are not permitted under, or would otherwise constitute a contravention of, the terms of the Franchise Agreement, is to be taken into account.
- 2.3 Revised Inputs are also to be agreed between the Parties or reasonably determined by the Secretary of State on the basis that:
 - (a) the Franchisee will use all reasonable endeavours to:
 - (i) reduce any costs that may arise or income that may be foregone; and
 - (ii) increase any revenue that may arise and avoid any cost that may be avoided,

as a consequence of a Change; and

- (b) any requirement for borrowing in respect of Capital Expenditure by the Franchisee is dealt with in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*).

2.4 Where and as directed to do so by the Secretary of State (acting reasonably) the Franchisee shall undertake one or more competitive tendering exercises for the purposes of ascertaining the likely level of any costs relating to a Change which are relevant to a Revised Input.

3. **Assumptions in the Record of Assumptions**

3.1 The Parties shall (unless to do so would be contrary to paragraph 2) agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine Revised Inputs that are in accordance with the assumptions that are contained in the Record of Assumptions, as added to or modified pursuant to paragraph 3.2 or paragraph 3.3.

3.2 Where the Secretary of State reasonably considers that the assumptions contained in the Record of Assumptions are ambiguous or that additional assumptions are required in relation to circumstances not dealt with by the assumptions in the Record of Assumptions, the Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine the assumptions or additional assumptions to be utilised for this purpose.

3.3 Where the Secretary of State reasonably considers that:

- (a) a Change is likely to result in an increase in either or both of the costs of the Franchisee and the revenues of the Franchisee; and
- (b) an assumption relevant to the Change contained in the Record of Assumptions does not accord with what would be achievable by, or experienced by, an economic and efficient Franchisee,

then the Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine a modification to the assumption so that, as modified, it does accord with what would be achievable by, or experienced by, an economic and efficient franchisee.

4. **Traction Electricity Charges**

4.1 This paragraph 4 applies only in relation to Charge Variations.

4.2 In agreeing or determining Revised Inputs, no adjustment shall be made in respect of a Charge Variation to the extent that Charge Variation relates, directly or indirectly and however it may be effected, to the Traction Electricity Charge payable by the Franchisee pursuant to any Track Access Agreement. For this purpose (and subject to clause 1.1(k) of this Agreement), the Traction Electricity Charge is the component of the Track Charges (as defined in the Track Access Agreement) identified as such in any Track Access Agreement or any similar arrangement under which the Franchisee pays for traction current consumed by rolling stock vehicles operated by or on behalf of the Franchisee.

5. **Revised Input for Profit**

- 5.1
- (a) Where a Change is forecast to result in an increase to the Franchisee's revenue in a Franchisee Year, the Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably

determine Revised Inputs in relation to profit that provide for an increase in the amount of profit in any Franchisee Year equal to **[Note to Bidders: INSERT AGREED PROFIT MARGIN]**⁹⁴ of the forecast increase in revenue for that Franchisee Year; and/or

- (b) Where a Change is forecast to result in a reduction in the Franchisee's revenue in a Franchisee Year, the Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine Revised Inputs in relation to profit that provide for a decrease in the amount of profit in any Franchisee Year equal to the lower of:
 - (i) the percentage specified in paragraph 5.1(a); or
 - (ii) the average profit margin in the current Business Plan for the remaining Franchise Term,

of the forecast reduction in revenue for that Franchisee Year.

5.2 In agreeing or determining Revised Inputs in relation to profit in respect of any Change, the Parties or the Secretary of State shall effect such change (if any) in the amount attributable to profit in paragraph 5.1 as they agree or the Secretary of State reasonably determines to reflect:

- (a) the risk for the Franchisee in continuing to operate the Franchise on the terms of the Franchise Agreement after and as a result of the Change; and
- (b) the likelihood of:
 - (i) material benefit from such Change arising after expiry of the Franchise Term; and
 - (ii) material detriment from such Change arising prior to the expiry of the Franchise Term.

5.3 In agreeing or determining Revised Inputs for the purposes of any Protected Proposal, the Parties or the Secretary of State shall effect such change (if any) to the amount attributable to profit as they agree or the Secretary of State reasonably determines:

- (a) fairly rewards the Franchisee for proposing the Protected Proposal; and
- (b) reasonably incentivises the Franchisee to propose further Protected Proposals,

by sharing with the Franchisee a reasonable amount of the additional profit that is expected to arise from implementing the Protected Proposal.

⁹⁴ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate so that paragraph 5.1(a) is consistent with the percentage profit margin stated in your financial model and explained in your Record of Assumptions for each Franchisee Year.

5.4 Schedule 14.7 (*Incentivising Long Term Investment*) sets out the Secretary of State's guidance on how he approaches incentivising long term investment.

6. **Indexation**

6.1 In agreeing or determining Revised Inputs, the Parties shall apply the following principles in connection with indexation. For each relevant item of data in the Financial Model in respect of which a Revised Input is agreed or determined to be required:

- (a) the Parties shall agree or the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine, having regard to the particular facts of the Change, the base date at which that item is priced; and
- (b) that item shall be deflated by reference to the original base date and index (if any) relevant to that item in the Financial Model.

7. **Route Efficiency Benefit Share Mechanism**

7.1 No Revised Inputs shall be made to reflect:

- (a) any amount payable by or to the Franchisee in respect of Route Efficiency Benefit Share Mechanism or REBS Mechanism; or
- (b) any change in the basis on which Route Efficiency Benefit Share Mechanism or REBS Mechanism is calculated or is to be paid (including any change which may require amounts in respect of Route Efficiency Benefit Share Mechanism to be payable by as well as payable to the Franchisee).

8. **Cancellations Performance Sum, TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum T-3 Performance Sum, T-15 Performance Sum and All Cancellations Performance Sum**

8.1 In agreeing or determining Revised Inputs, no adjustment shall be made to the Financial Model to reflect any change in the amount of the Cancellations Performance Sum, or the TOC Minute Delay Performance Sum or T-3 Performance Sum or the T-15 Performance Sum or the All Cancellations Performance Sum payable either by the Secretary of State or the Franchisee and arising from the exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights pursuant to paragraph 1.11 (*Charging Review*) of Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*). *For example if prior to such exercise the Franchisee would have been entitled to receive a Cancellations Performance Sum of one hundred pounds (£100) for a particular level of performance against the Annual Cancellations Benchmark and after such exercise the Franchisee would only be entitled to receive a Cancellations Performance Sum of fifty pounds (£50) for achieving the same level of performance, no adjustment shall be made to the Financial Model to reflect this.*

Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)**1. Franchisee's Obligations**

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall deliver two (2) copies of each of the Financial Model, the Operational Model and the Record of Assumptions (each such copy in electronic format on non-rewritable password protected CD-ROM or other appropriate electronic medium) together with hard format copies of the output template of the Financial Model in the format set out in the document in the agreed terms marked **FF** (the "**Escrow Documents**") to the Secretary of State in the agreed form, accompanied by a notice that the Escrow Documents are to be Placed in Escrow.⁹⁵
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall deliver the Escrow Documents to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 1.1:
- (a) on the date of the Franchise Agreement;
 - (b) within seven (7) days of the Start Date, but updated only as strictly necessary for any elapsed time between the actual Start Date and the date assumed to be the Start Date in the Initial Business Plan; and
 - (c) within seven (7) days of any approval or audit of a Run of the Financial Model as provided for in paragraph 7 of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*), but updated with the Revised Inputs and any Model Changes together with an updated Record of Assumptions and copies of both the modified and unmodified Financial Model.
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall deliver with each such deposit of the Escrow Documents all of the following information to the extent that it is relevant:
- (a) details of the Escrow Documents deposited (including full filename and version details, any details required to access the Escrow Documents including media type, backup command/software used, compression used, archive hardware and operating system details);
 - (b) the names and contact details of persons who are able to provide support in relation to accessing and interpreting the Escrow Documents; and
 - (c) if required by the Secretary of State, a certificate from independent auditors approved by the Secretary of State, confirming that the deposited version of the Escrow Documents is in the agreed form in accordance with paragraph 1.1 or (as the case may be) is in accordance with paragraphs 1.2(a), 1.2 (b) or 1.2(c).

⁹⁵ **Note to Bidders:** If a USB stick is used, the model needs to be time and date stamped (this includes when it is updated for any contract change). Any disc or hard copy format needs to be signed and dated by both Parties at Completion (this includes when it is updated for any future contract change). The winning Bidder/the Franchisee will need to provide **non-rewritable** electronic media when submitting documents to be held in Escrow.

2. Secretary of State's Obligations

2.1 The Secretary of State shall:

- (a) within three (3) days following receipt, acknowledge receipt to the Franchisee of any version of the Escrow Documents delivered to him for the purposes of being Placed in Escrow;
- (b) save as provided under paragraph 2.1(c), store each copy of the Escrow Documents in a different physical location from any other copy of each such document and use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that each copy of the Escrow Documents is at all times kept in a safe and secure environment. In so doing the Secretary of State shall be deemed to have Placed in Escrow the Escrow Documents for the purposes of the Franchise Agreement;
- (c) notify the Franchisee if he becomes aware at any time during the term of the Franchise Agreement that any copy of the Escrow Documents or part thereof stored in a particular location has been lost, damaged or destroyed. In such an event, the Secretary of State shall be permitted to create a new copy of the Escrow Documents or part thereof from the other copy Placed in Escrow and shall within seven (7) days notify the Franchisee accordingly and afford it the right to make reasonable inspections in order to satisfy itself that a "*complete and accurate*" copy has been made. Following the making of such a new copy of the Escrow Documents, the Secretary of State shall retain all copies of the Escrow Documents in accordance with paragraph 2.1(b);
- (d) within seven (7) days of receipt of a notice from the Franchisee stating that the Escrow Documents are required for the purposes of a Run of the Financial Model in relation to any Change, or should the Secretary of State himself so decide that the Escrow Documents are required by the Franchisee or by the Secretary of State for such purposes release one copy of the Escrow Documents accordingly and retain one copy of the Escrow Documents in escrow in accordance with paragraph 2.1(b);
- (e) maintain a record of any release of any copy of any version of the Escrow Documents made, including details of any version released and the date of release as well as the identity of the person to whom the Escrow Documents are released;
- (f) have no obligation or responsibility to any person whatsoever to determine the existence, relevance, completeness, accuracy, effectiveness or any other aspect of the Escrow Documents; and
- (g) not be liable for any loss, damage or destruction caused to the Franchisee arising from any loss of, damage to or destruction of the Escrow Documents.

2.2 If the Franchisee fails to perform a Run of the Financial Model pursuant to paragraph 6.2(a) of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*) or fails to return the copy of the Escrow Documents released pursuant to paragraph 2.1(d):

- (a) such failure to perform or to return the released copy to the Secretary of State shall be a contravention of the Franchise Agreement;
- (b) the Secretary of State may release the other copy of the Escrow Documents Placed in Escrow and take a copy thereof (the "**Replacement Copy**") in order that the Secretary of State may perform a Run of the Financial Model pursuant to paragraph 6.2(a) of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*);
- (c) once copied, the second copy of the Escrow Documents released pursuant to this paragraph 2.2 shall be Placed in Escrow; and

(d) once the Run of the Financial Model has been approved or audited as provided for in paragraph 7 of Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*), two copies of the Replacement Copy shall also be Placed in Escrow.

2.3 Nothing in this Schedule 9.2 shall prevent the Secretary of State or the Franchisee each retaining for their working use one or more copies of any of the Escrow Documents Placed in Escrow provided that no such working copy shall (unless otherwise explicitly agreed by the Parties) be regarded as a copy released from Escrow for the purposes of this Schedule 9.2 or any Run of the Financial Model.

3. **Errors in Escrow Documents**

3.1 Any feature of the Escrow Documents which is in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State an error will be addressed as follows:

- (a) if rectification of such an error would (as the case may be) over the Franchise Term result in a net increase in the amount of Franchise Payments payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or a net decrease in the amount of Franchise Payments payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State then such error shall be rectified provided that there shall not be a restatement of the values of the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts;
- (b) if rectification of such an error would (as the case may be) over the Franchise Term result in a net decrease in the amount of Franchise Payments payable by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee or a net increase in the amount of Franchise Payments payable by the Franchisee to the Secretary of State then such error shall be rectified and the values of the Annual Franchise Payment Components and the Profit Share Components and/or the Target Revenue Amounts shall be restated where appropriate;
- (c) a record of the error shall be noted in the Record of Assumptions and, if applicable, the Financial Model; and

as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of the rectification of the error, the Franchisee shall (unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State) deliver to the Secretary of State a certificate from independent auditors approved by the Secretary of State confirming that the error has been rectified as required by this paragraph 3 and is now in the agreed form in accordance with paragraphs 1.1, 1.2(a), 1.2(b) or 1.2(c) as the case may be.

Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes

1. Variations

1.1 The terms of the Franchise Agreement may be varied as follows but not otherwise:

- (a) by the Secretary of State (as contemplated where relevant in the Invitation to Tender) in relation to:
 - (i) any aspect of the Franchise Services; and/or
 - (ii) any provision of the Franchise Agreement other than those provisions specified in paragraph 1.2,

by service of a notice on the Franchisee referring to this paragraph 1.1(a) and setting out the variation to the terms of the Franchise Agreement; and

- (b) in relation to any other provision of the Franchise Agreement, by agreement in writing between the Parties to that effect,

(each a "**Variation**").

1.2 Without prejudice to the Secretary of State's rights under paragraph 1.1(a), the terms of each of:

- (a) clauses 5 (*Duration of the Franchise Agreement*), 7 (*Assignment*), 10 (*Cumulative Rights and Remedies*), 11 (*Dispute Resolution Procedure*), 12 (*Notices*), 13 (*Set-off*) and 14 (*Miscellaneous Provisions*) of this Agreement;
- (b) Schedules 8 (*Payments*), 9 (*Changes and Variations*), 10 (*Remedies, Events of Default and Termination Events*), 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) and 14 (*Preservation of Assets*) of this Agreement; and
- (c) the definitions set out at clause 3 (*Definitions*) of this Agreement insofar as such affect the respective rights and obligations of the Secretary of State and the Franchisee pursuant to the provisions referred to at (a) and (b) above,

shall not be varied at any time other than in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement or with the agreement of the Parties.

1.3 The Secretary of State shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, allow the Franchisee a reasonable opportunity to make representations to the Secretary of State concerning any Variation to be made in accordance with paragraph 1.1(a), prior to making any such Variation.

1.4 The Secretary of State may:

- (a) issue, revise and withdraw from time to time procedures that he requires to be followed for the purposes of orderly consideration of Variations. This will include for the purpose of establishing in relation to any Change whether it is a Qualifying Change; and
- (b) require the Franchisee to provide any information that the Secretary of State reasonably requires for this purpose (including in relation to prospective change to profit, costs and revenue as a consequence of proceeding with the Variation).

- 1.5 Procedures issued pursuant to paragraph 1.4 may provide for indicative iterations of Runs of the Financial Model in relation to one or more Changes that the Secretary of State is considering and may also provide for any number of Changes to be grouped together as a single Change for the purposes of agreeing or determining Revised Inputs and then performing a Run of the Financial Model.
- 1.6 Procedures issued pursuant to paragraph 1.4 shall have contractual effect between the Parties in accordance with their terms.
- 1.7 The Franchisee may notify the Secretary of State of any proposal for a Variation by notice setting out the proposed method of implementing such Variation including:
- (a) the timescale for doing so;
 - (b) the effect (if any) on the timing of the performance of its other obligations under the Franchise Agreement;
 - (c) the impact of effecting the proposed Variation on the provision of the Franchise Services and the Franchisee's proposals as to how to minimise such impact; and
 - (d) the financial consequences of implementing the Variation proposed by the Franchisee in terms of the Revised Inputs that the Franchisee considers the Variation would require.

2. **Protected Proposals**

- 2.1 Where the Franchisee proposes a Variation in sufficient detail for it to be apparent that its implementation is likely to result in an increase in the overall profitability of the Franchisee through costs saving measures (a "**Protected Proposal**"), the Secretary of State may not proceed with the Protected Proposal or seek to implement the substance of it by proposing a Variation of his own without complying with the provisions of paragraph 2 (General Adjustments/Assumptions), and paragraph 5 (Revised Input for Profit) of Appendix 2 (Agreement or Determination of Revised Inputs) to Schedule 9.1 (*Financial and Other Consequences of Change*).
- 2.2 The Franchisee and the Secretary of State acknowledge that the Franchisee may during the Franchise Term identify actions that could be taken by the Franchisee to achieve savings and improved financial performance and that such actions may if implemented give rise to a Change under the terms of this Agreement which, if it is a Qualifying Change, will give a financial benefit to the Secretary of State. It is further acknowledged that it is appropriate for the Franchisee to seek to identify such actions for the purposes of improving the cost effective delivery of railway passenger services.
- 2.3 To incentivise the Franchisee to seek to identify such actions it is agreed that the Franchisee may approach the Secretary of State with a proposal to take an action that would constitute a Change on the basis that if such a Change occurred and was a Qualifying Change in agreeing or determining Revised Inputs the Parties or the Secretary of State would effect such change (if any) to the amount attributable to profit as they agree or the Secretary of State reasonably determines:
- (a) fairly rewards the Franchisee for proposing the Change; and
 - (b) reasonably incentivises the Franchisee to propose further Changes that achieve savings and/or improved financial performance by sharing with the Franchisee a reasonable amount of the additional profit that is expected to arise from implementing the relevant Change.

2.4 The Secretary of State shall have an unfettered discretion as to whether or not to agree such a proposal but if he does so agree and a Qualifying Change in consequence occurs then in agreeing or determining Revised Inputs the provisions referred to in paragraph 2.3 above shall apply.

3. Capital Expenditure

3.1 Capital Expenditure Threshold

The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State promptly if it reasonably expects that a Change to which paragraph 1 or 2 relates would require it to incur, singly or in aggregate with other Changes from time to time, Capital Expenditure in excess of one per cent (1%) of its annual Turnover as disclosed by its latest available Annual Audited Accounts and, when so notified, the Secretary of State shall either:

- (a) withdraw (or direct the Franchisee to withdraw) the Change;
- (b) undertake to meet the excess through additional funding as and when such Capital Expenditure is incurred; or
- (c) direct the Franchisee to use all reasonable endeavours to borrow or otherwise raise the money required to fund any Change on commercial terms and at rates which are consistent with market conditions at the time, unless borrowing or otherwise raising such money would result in the Franchisee failing to comply with the financial covenants contained in Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*).

3.2 Franchisee to Seek Finance

If the Secretary of State elects to require the Franchisee to use all reasonable endeavours as described in paragraph 3.1(c) then the Franchisee shall:

- (a) seek finance from a representative range of lending institutions and other financial institutions including those which at that time provide finance to the Franchisee, the Guarantor and the Parent or any other Affiliate;
- (b) if it is unable to raise funding, provide the Secretary of State with all information the Secretary of State may reasonably require in relation to the efforts made by the Franchisee and the reasons for a failure to raise additional finance;
- (c) so far as it is able (having used all reasonable efforts to do so), the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State letters from lenders and financiers it has approached for finance stating their reasons for refusing to provide it and if the Secretary of State so requires, arrange and attend meetings with them for the Secretary of State to discuss those reasons; and
- (d) if funding is not available, or is not available on terms that the Secretary of State considers to be commercial terms or at rates which are consistent with market conditions at that time the Secretary of State may:
 - (i) withdraw the Change; or
 - (ii) undertake to fund the Capital Expenditure as and when such Capital Expenditure is incurred.

3.3 **Treatment of Borrowings in Revised Inputs**

In calculating the Revised Inputs for the purposes of any Change referred to in this paragraph 3, the Franchisee shall account for the Capital Expenditure in accordance with GAAP, taking into account the basis on which such Capital Expenditure has been financed.

3.4 **Meaning of Capital Expenditure**

The expression “**Capital Expenditure**” when used in this Schedule 9.3 refers to the nature of the expenditure incurred by the Franchisee and, accordingly, does not include expenditure incurred under operating leases.

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Secretary of State Risk Assumptions

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SCHEDULE 10

REMEDIES, EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND TERMINATION EVENTS

Schedule 10.1:	Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement
Schedule 10.2:	Events of Default and Termination Events
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Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement

1. Contraventions of the Franchise Agreement

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State, so far as possible before it may occur and in any event as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, of any contravention by the Franchisee of any provision of the Franchise Agreement. This includes where the Franchisee is under an obligation to use all reasonable endeavours to achieve a particular result by a particular time, where such result is not achieved by such time.
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State, or procure the delivery to the Secretary of State of, such information, records or documents as the Secretary of State may reasonably require for the purpose of determining the existence, likelihood, nature or scope of any contravention of, Event of Default or Termination Event under, the Franchise Agreement.

2. Remedies for Contraventions of the Franchise Agreement

If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the Franchisee is contravening or is likely to contravene any term of the Franchise Agreement, he may serve a notice on the Franchisee requiring it to propose such steps as the Franchisee considers appropriate for the purpose of securing or facilitating compliance with the term in question (a **"Remedial Plan Notice"**).

3. Remedial Plan Notices

3.1 Each Remedial Plan Notice shall specify the following:

- (a) the term or terms of the Franchise Agreement that the Secretary of State is satisfied that the Franchisee is contravening or is likely to contravene (each a **"Relevant Term"**); and
- (b) the time period (**"Remedial Plan Period"**) within which the Secretary of State requires the Franchisee to provide an appropriate plan for the purpose of facilitating or securing compliance with such Relevant Term (a **"Remedial Plan"**).

4. Remedial Plans

4.1 If the Secretary of State issues a Remedial Plan Notice, the Franchisee shall submit a Remedial Plan to the Secretary of State within the Remedial Plan Period.

4.2 Each Remedial Plan shall set out:

- (a) the Relevant Term which has caused such Remedial Plan to be required;
- (b) an explanation of the reasons for the contravention or likely contravention of the Relevant Term;
- (c) the steps proposed for the purposes of securing or facilitating compliance with the Relevant Term; and
- (d) the time period within which the Franchisee proposes to implement those steps.

5. Remedial Agreements

5.1 If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the matters within such Remedial Plan referred to in paragraphs 4.2(c) and (d) are appropriate (with or without further modification as the Parties may agree) he may require the Franchisee to enter into a supplemental agreement (the **"Remedial Agreement"**) with the Secretary of State to implement those matters.

5.2 It is a term of the Franchise Agreement that the Franchisee (at its own cost) complies with each Remedial Agreement in accordance with its terms.

6. Effect of Force Majeure Event on a Remedial Agreement

6.1 Without prejudice to the operation of paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*), the following provisions shall apply in relation to Force Majeure Events affecting the Franchisee's performance of their obligations pursuant to a Remedial Agreement:

- (a) the Franchisee shall give written notice to the Secretary of State promptly after the Franchisee becomes aware (and in any event within 24 hours after becoming aware) of the occurrence or likely occurrence of a Force Majeure Event which will or is likely to affect the Franchisee's ability to comply with a Remedial Agreement within the period specified therein;
- (b) each notice submitted in accordance with paragraph 6.1(a) shall state the extent or likely extent of the relevant Force Majeure Event and in the case of a Force Majeure Event which has not occurred at such time, the reasons why the Franchisee considers it likely to occur;
- (c) the Franchisee shall use, and shall continue to use, all reasonable endeavours to avoid or reduce the effect or likely effect of any Force Majeure Event on its ability to comply with any Remedial Agreement; and
- (d) subject to the Franchisee having complied with its obligations under paragraphs 6.1(a) to 6.1(c) (inclusive) the Franchisee shall be entitled to a reasonable extension of the remedial period applicable to a Remedial Agreement in order to take account of the effect of a Force Majeure Event which has occurred on the Franchisee's ability to comply with that Remedial Agreement.

7. Enhanced Monitoring by the Secretary of State

7.1 Following the occurrence of a contravention of the Franchise Agreement, the Secretary of State may at his option (but shall not be obliged to) commence or increase the level and/or frequency of monitoring (whether by inspection, audit or otherwise) of the Franchisee's performance of any relevant obligations until such time as the Franchisee demonstrates, to the Secretary of State's reasonable satisfaction, that it is capable of performing and will perform such obligations as required by the Franchise Agreement.

7.2 The Franchisee shall co-operate fully with the Secretary of State in relation to the monitoring referred to in paragraph 7.1.

7.3 The results of such monitoring will be reviewed at each Franchise Performance Meeting held pursuant to Schedule 11.1 (*Franchise Performance Meetings*).

7.4 The Franchisee shall compensate the Secretary of State for all reasonable costs incurred by the Secretary of State in carrying out such monitoring.

Events of Default and Termination Events

1. Definition of Events of Default

Each of the following is an “**Event of Default**”:

1.1 Insolvency

- (a) **Administration:** Any step being taken by any person with a view to the appointment of an administrator to the Franchisee, the Parent, any Bond Provider or the Guarantor;
- (b) **Insolvency:** Any of the Franchisee, the Parent, any Bond Provider or the Guarantor stopping or suspending or threatening to stop or suspend payment of all or, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, a material part of (or of a particular type of) its debts, or being unable to pay its debts, or being 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 the words “*it is proved to the satisfaction of the court that*” in sub-section (1)(e) and sub-section (2) of section 123 shall be deemed to be deleted;
- (c) **Arrangements with Creditors:** The directors of the Franchisee, the Parent, any Bond Provider or the Guarantor making any proposal under section 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or any of the Franchisee, the Parent, any Bond Provider or the Guarantor proposing or making any agreement for the deferral, rescheduling or other readjustment (or proposing or making a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of creditors) of all or, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, a material part of (or of a particular type of) its debts, or a moratorium being agreed or declared in respect of or affecting all or, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, a material part of (or of a particular type of) its debts;
- (d) **Security Enforceable:** Any expropriation, attachment, sequestration, execution or other enforcement action or other similar process affecting any property of the Franchisee or the whole or a substantial part of the assets or undertaking of the Franchisee, the Parent, any Bond Provider or the Guarantor, including the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, manager or similar person to enforce that security;
- (e) **Stopping Business/Winding-Up:** Any step being taken by the Franchisee, the Parent, any Bond Provider or Guarantor with a view to its winding-up or any person presenting a winding-up petition or any of the Franchisee, the Parent, any Bond Provider or Guarantor ceasing or threatening to cease to carry on all or, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, 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 Secretary of State before that step is taken;
- (f) **Railway Administration Order:** A railway administration order being made in relation to the Franchisee under sections 60 to 62 of the Act; and
- (g) **Analogous Events:** Any event occurring which, under the Law of any relevant jurisdiction, has an analogous or equivalent effect to any of the events listed in this paragraph 1.1,

subject, in the case of any relevant event occurring in relation to a Bond Provider where no such other Event of Default has occurred and is unremedied or continuing at such time, to a period of twenty (20) Weekdays having elapsed in order to allow the Franchisee to replace the relevant Bond Provider.

1.2 Non-payment

The Franchisee failing to pay to the Secretary of State any amount due under the Franchise Agreement within twenty eight (28) days of the due date for such payment.

1.3 **Change of Control**

A Change of Control other than in accordance with the prior consent of the Secretary of State pursuant to clause 8 (*Change of Control and Facilitation Fee*).

1.4 **Revocation of Licence**

Revocation of any Licence required to be held by the Franchisee in order to comply with its obligations under the Franchise Agreement.

1.5 **Safety Certificate and Safety Authorisation**

The Safety Certificate and/or Safety Authorisation of the Franchisee being withdrawn or terminated.

1.6 **Passenger Service Performance**

Except in respect of any Reporting Period falling within the Initial Reporting Stage, the Franchisee's performance in relation to any Benchmark is **equal to or worse than** the Default Performance Level for that Benchmark for:

- (a) any three (3) consecutive Reporting Periods;
- (b) any four (4) Reporting Periods within a period of thirteen (13) consecutive Reporting Periods; or
- (c) any five (5) Reporting Periods within a period of twenty six (26) consecutive Reporting Periods.

1.7 **Non-compliance with Remedial Agreements and Orders under the Act**

- (a) Non-compliance by the Franchisee with a Remedial Agreement, where such non-compliance is reasonably considered by the Secretary of State to be material.
- (b) Non-compliance by the Franchisee with:
 - (i) a provisional order;
 - (ii) a final order;
 - (iii) a penalty; or
 - (iv) any other order made relating to contravention of either a relevant condition or requirement (as defined in section 55 of the Act) or another order,in each case made by the Secretary of State under the Act.
- (c) Non-compliance by the Franchisee with any enforcement notice issued to it by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 120 of the Act.
- (d) **NOT USED.**

1.8 **Financial Ratios**

Breach by the Franchisee of either or both of the Financial Ratios specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*).

1.9 **Breach of Law**

- (a) It becoming unlawful for the Franchisee to provide all or, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, a material part of the Passenger Services or to operate all or, in the

reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, a material number of the Stations or Depots (except to the extent not required under the Franchise Agreement);

- (b) The Franchisee or any of the directors or senior managers of the Franchisee being convicted of manslaughter, fraud or any other indictable criminal offence in each case relating directly to the provision and operation of the Franchise Services; or
- (c) The Franchisee being, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, in material non-compliance with a prohibition or enforcement order (or the equivalent thereof) issued by the ORR pursuant to its safety functions. If the Franchisee makes an appeal against such prohibition or enforcement order (or such equivalent thereof) in accordance with its terms, no Event of Default shall have occurred under this paragraph 1.9(c) until such appeal has been determined to be unsuccessful.

1.10 **Contravention of Other Obligations**

The occurrence of the following:

- (a) the Franchisee contravening to an extent which is reasonably considered by the Secretary of State to be material any one or more of its obligations under the Franchise Agreement (other than such non-performance or non-compliance as may constitute an Event of Default under the provisions of this Schedule 10.2 other than this paragraph 1.10);
- (b) the service by the Secretary of State on the Franchisee of a written notice specifying:
 - (i) such contravention; and
 - (ii) to the extent the contravention is capable of being remedied, the reasonable period within which the Franchisee is required to so remedy; and
- (c) the Franchisee:
 - (i) contravening such obligation or obligations again to an extent which is reasonably considered by the Secretary of State to be material; or
 - (ii) permitting the contravention to continue; or
 - (iii) if the contravention is capable of remedy, failing to remedy such contravention within such period as the Secretary of State has specified in the notice served pursuant to paragraph 1.10(b)(ii).

1.11 **Non-membership of Inter-Operator Schemes**

The Franchisee ceasing to be a member of, or ceasing to participate in or to be party to, any of the Inter-Operator Schemes, or having its membership or participation therein suspended.

1.12 **Bonds**

- (a) Any Performance Bond or Season Ticket Bond ceasing to be a legal, valid and binding obligation on the relevant Bond Provider (other than in accordance with its terms) or it otherwise becoming unlawful or impossible for such Bond Provider to perform its obligations thereunder;
- (b) A failure by the Franchisee to procure the provision to the Secretary of State of a Performance Bond (or Performance Bonds) required to be provided pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) which individually or in aggregate fulfil the requirements of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*); or
- (c) A failure by the Franchisee to procure the provision to the Secretary of State of a Season Ticket Bond (or Season Ticket Bonds) required to be provided pursuant to paragraph 5 of

Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) which individually or in aggregate fulfil the requirements of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*).

1.13 **Key Contracts**

Termination of any Key Contract, or the failure by the Franchisee to take all reasonable steps to enter into an appropriate replacement contract prior to the scheduled expiry date of any Key Contract, except where requested by the Secretary of State or to the extent that the Franchisee has demonstrated to the reasonable satisfaction of the Secretary of State that for the duration of the Franchise Term:

- (a) it is no longer necessary for it to be party to such Key Contract; or
- (b) it has made adequate alternative arrangements in order to be able to continue to provide and operate the Franchise Services.

1.14 **Funding Deed**

A failure by the Franchisee or the Guarantor to comply with their respective obligations under the Funding Deed.

1.15 **Rolling Stock Leases**

A failure by the Franchisee to enter into a new Rolling Stock Lease in accordance with paragraph 2.3(a) of Schedule 1.6 (*The Rolling Stock*) in respect of the Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock.

2. **Definition of Termination Events**

Each of the following is a "**Termination Event**":

- 2.1 any Force Majeure Event continues with the effect of preventing the Franchisee from delivering, wholly or mainly, the Passenger Services for more than six (6) consecutive months; or
- 2.2 the warranty given by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 6.1 (Tax Compliance) of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) is materially untrue; or
- 2.3 the Franchisee commits a material breach of its obligation to notify the Secretary of State of any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance in respect of any Affected Party (as defined in paragraph 6.3 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*)) as required by paragraph 6.2(a) of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*); or
- 2.4 the Franchisee fails to provide details of proposed mitigating factors as required by paragraph 6.2(b) of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) which in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, are acceptable; or
- 2.5 the Secretary of State serves a Competition Event Notice on the Franchisee pursuant to clause 15 (*Competition*).

3. **Consequences of Events of Default**

The occurrence of an Event of Default shall constitute a contravention of the Franchise Agreement by the Franchisee. On the occurrence of an Event of Default, the provisions of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*) shall apply.

4. **Notification of Event of Default**

The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable on, and in any event within twenty four (24) hours of, it becoming aware of the occurrence of an Event of Default or an event which is likely to result in the occurrence of an Event of Default. The

Franchisee shall take such action or steps as the Secretary of State may require to remedy any Event of Default or potential Event of Default.

5. Termination Notices

5.1 The Secretary of State may, on and at any time after the occurrence of:

(a) (subject to paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3) an Event of Default which:

(i) is unremedied or continuing; and

(ii) the Secretary of State considers to be material; or

(b) a Termination Event specified in paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule 10.2 which is unremedied or continuing; or

(c) a Termination Event specified in paragraphs 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of this Schedule 10.2,

terminate the Franchise Agreement by serving a Termination Notice on the Franchisee. The Franchise Agreement shall terminate with effect from the date specified in any such Termination Notice.

5.2 The Secretary of State may not serve a Termination Notice in respect of an Event of Default in relation to which a Remedial Plan Notice has been issued until the Remedial Plan Period has expired.

5.3 The Secretary of State may not serve a Termination Notice in respect of an Event of Default for which the Franchisee is implementing a Remedial Agreement in accordance with its terms.

6. Consequences of Termination or Expiry

6.1 Upon termination of the Franchise Agreement (whether through default or effluxion of time or otherwise) the obligations of the Parties shall cease except for:

(a) any obligations arising as a result of any antecedent contravention of the Franchise Agreement;

(b) any obligations which are expressed to continue in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement; and

(c) any other obligations which give effect to such termination or to the consequences of such termination or which otherwise apply (expressly or impliedly) on or after such termination.

6.2 Nothing in this paragraph 6 shall prevent the Secretary of State from bringing an action against the Franchisee in connection with the termination of the Franchise Agreement prior to the expiry of the Franchise Term.

Force Majeure and Business Continuity

1. Definition of Force Majeure Events

The following events shall constitute **"Force Majeure Events"**, subject to the conditions specified in paragraph 2 being satisfied:

- (a) the Franchisee or any of its agents or subcontractors is prevented or restricted by an Infrastructure Manager (including by virtue of the implementation of any Contingency Plan) from gaining access to any section or part of track (including any track running into, through or out of a station). For the purposes of this paragraph 1:
- (i) references to a party being prevented or restricted from gaining access to any section or part of track shall mean that such party is not permitted to operate any trains on the relevant section or part of track, or is only permitted to operate a reduced number of trains from that which it was scheduled to operate;
 - (ii) the period of such prevention or restriction shall be deemed to commence with effect from the first occasion on which the Franchisee is prevented or restricted from operating a train on such section or part of track;
 - (iii) references in paragraphs 1(a)(i) and 1 (a) (ii) to the operation of trains include scheduled empty rolling stock vehicle movements; and
 - (iv) **"Contingency Plan"** means a contingency plan (as defined in the Railway Operational Code or where the Railway Operational Code ceases to exist such other replacement document of a similar or equivalent nature which contains a definition of contingency plan similar to that contained in the Railway Operational Code or in the case of HS1, as defined in Part H of the HS1 Network Code, or such other replacement document of a similar or equivalent nature which contains a definition of contingency plan similar to that contained in the Part H of the HS1 Network Code) implemented by and at the instigation of the relevant Infrastructure Manager, or such other contingency or recovery plan as the Secretary of State may agree from time to time;
- (b) the Franchisee or any of its agents or subcontractors is prevented or restricted by an Infrastructure Manager or any Facility Owner (other than a Facility Owner which is an Affiliate of the Franchisee) from entering or leaving:
- (i) any station or part thereof (excluding any prevention or restriction from gaining access to any section or part of track running into, through or out of a station); or
 - (ii) any depot or part thereof (including the movement of trains on tracks within any depot but excluding any prevention or restriction from gaining access to any track outside such depot running into or out of that depot);
- (c) any of the following events occurs:
- (i) a programme of Mandatory Modifications commences;
 - (ii) any Rolling Stock Units are damaged by fire, vandalism, sabotage or a collision and are beyond repair or beyond economic repair; or
 - (iii) a government authority prevents the operation of Rolling Stock Units on the grounds of safety,

and, in each case, the greater of two (2) Rolling Stock Units and ten (10) per cent of all rolling stock vehicles used by the Franchisee in the provision of the Passenger Services in relation to any Service Group are unavailable for use in the provision of the Passenger

Services as a result of the occurrence of such event. For the purposes of this paragraph 1(c), **"Rolling Stock Units"** means the smallest number of rolling stock vehicles which are normally comprised in a train used by the Franchisee in the provision of the Passenger Services;

- (d) the Franchisee prevents or restricts the operation of any train on safety grounds provided that:
- (i) the Franchisee has, either before or as soon as reasonably practicable after initiating such prevention or restriction, sought the confirmation of the ORR in exercise of its safety functions, or any relevant other body with statutory responsibility for safety in the circumstances, of the necessity of such prevention or restriction; and
 - (ii) if and to the extent that the ORR, or other relevant body with statutory responsibility for safety in the circumstances, in exercise of its safety functions indicates that such prevention or restriction is not necessary, then no Force Majeure Event under this paragraph 1(d) shall continue in respect of that restriction or prevention after the receipt of such indication from the ORR or other relevant body;
- (e) act of God, war damage, enemy action, terrorism or suspected terrorism, riot, civil commotion or rebellion (together **"Emergency Events"**) or the act of any government instrumentality (including the ORR but excluding the Secretary of State) in so far as the act of government instrumentality directly relates to any of the Emergency Events, provided that there shall be no Force Majeure Event under this paragraph 1(e) by reason of:
- (i) the suicide or attempted suicide of any person that does not constitute an act of terrorism;
 - (ii) the activities of the police, fire service, ambulance service or other equivalent emergency service that are not in response to acts of terrorism or suspected terrorism; or
 - (iii) an act of God which results in the Franchisee or its agents or subcontractors being prevented or restricted by an Infrastructure Manager from gaining access to any relevant section or part of track; and
- (f) any strike or other Industrial Action by any or all of the employees of the Franchisee or any or all of the employees of:
- (i) an Infrastructure Manager;
 - (ii) the operator of any other railway facility; or
 - (iii) any person with whom the Franchisee has a contract or arrangement for the lending, seconding, hiring, contracting out or supervision by that person of train drivers, conductors, other train crew or station or depot staff used by the Franchisee in the provision of the Franchise Services,

or of the agents or sub-contractors of any such person listed in paragraphs 1(f)(i) to 1(f)(iii).

2. **Conditions to Force Majeure Events**

2.1 The occurrence, and continuing existence of a Force Majeure Event shall be subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) in relation to an event occurring under paragraph 1 (a), that event has continued for more than twelve (12) consecutive hours;

- (b) the Franchisee notifies the Secretary of State within two (2) Weekdays of it becoming aware or, if circumstances dictate, as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, of:
 - (i) the occurrence or likely occurrence of the relevant event; and
 - (ii) the effect or the anticipated effect of such event on the Franchisee's performance of the Passenger Services;
- (c) at the same time as the Franchisee serves notification on the Secretary of State under paragraph 2.1(b), it informs the Secretary of State of the steps taken and/or proposed to be taken by the Franchisee to prevent the occurrence of, and/or to mitigate and minimise the effects of, the relevant event and to restore the provision of the Passenger Services;
- (d) the relevant event did not occur as a result of:
 - (i) any act or omission to act by the Franchisee or its agents or subcontractors, save that in respect of the occurrence of Industrial Action in accordance with paragraph 1(f), the provisions of paragraph 2.2 apply; or
 - (ii) the Franchisee's own contravention of, or default under, the Franchise Agreement, any Access Agreement, Rolling Stock Related Contract, Property Lease or any other agreement;
- (e) the Franchisee used and continues to use all reasonable endeavours to avert or prevent the occurrence of the relevant event and/or to mitigate and minimise the effects of such event on its performance of the Passenger Services and to restore the provision of the Passenger Services as soon as reasonably practicable after the onset of the occurrence of such event; and
- (f) the Franchisee shall, to the extent reasonably so requested by the Secretary of State, exercise its rights and remedies under any relevant agreement to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of any such event and to obtain appropriate redress and/or compensation from any relevant person.

2.2 Where:

- (a) Industrial Action in accordance with paragraph 1(f) occurs as a result of an act or omission to act by the Franchisee or its agents or subcontractors;
 - (b) the Secretary of State reasonably believes that it was reasonable for the Franchisee, its agents or subcontractors (as the case may be) so to act or omit to act; and
 - (c) the other conditions specified in paragraph 2.1 have been satisfied,
- such occurrence shall be a Force Majeure Event.

3. **Consequences of Force Majeure Events**

- 3.1 The Franchisee shall not be responsible for any failure to perform any of its obligations under the Franchise Agreement, nor shall there be any contravention of the Franchise Agreement if and to the extent that such failure is caused by any Force Majeure Event.
- 3.2 If any Force Majeure Event continues, with the effect of preventing the Franchisee from delivering, wholly or mainly, the Passenger Services for more than six (6) consecutive months, it shall be a Termination Event in accordance with paragraph 2.1 (*Definition of Termination Events*) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*).

4. **Business Continuity**

4.1 **Obligation to Produce a BCP**

- (a) Within one (1) month following the Start Date the Franchisee shall produce and provide to the Secretary of State a written Business Continuity Plan in respect of the Franchise Services and the people, facilities and assets used to provide them which is consistent with the requirements of ISO 22301.
- (b) Within one (1) month of the end of each Franchisee Year the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State a certificate addressed to the Secretary of State and signed by a statutory director of the Franchisee confirming that the Business Continuity Plan is consistent with the requirements of the ISO 22301.

4.2 **No Relief under Force Majeure**

- (a) Nothing in paragraph 3 (Consequences of Force Majeure Events) will relieve the Franchisee from its obligations under the Franchise Agreement to create, implement and operate the Business Continuity Plan.
- (b) If a Force Majeure Event affecting the Franchisee occurs which is an event or circumstance that is within the scope of the Business Continuity Plan, then paragraph 3.1 will only apply to that Force Majeure Event to the extent that the impacts of that Force Majeure Event would have arisen even if:
 - (i) the Franchisee had complied with this paragraph 4; and
 - (ii) the Business Continuity Plan had been fully and properly implemented and operated in accordance with this paragraph 4 and the terms of the Business Continuity Plan in respect of that Force Majeure Event.

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Liability

1. Exclusion of Liability

1.1 Liability with respect to Passengers and Third Parties

- (a) The Franchisee hereby acknowledges that the Secretary of State will not be responsible for the actions of the Franchisee or any Affiliate of the Franchisee and that, except as expressly provided in the Franchise Agreement, the Franchisee shall provide and operate the Franchise Services at its own cost and risk without recourse to the Secretary of State or government funds or guarantees.
- (b) The Franchisee, on demand, shall hold the Secretary of State fully protected and indemnified in respect of all losses, liabilities, costs, charges, expenses, actions, proceedings, claims or demands incurred by or made on the Secretary of State in connection with any death, personal injury, loss or damage suffered by passengers or by any third party using or affected by the Franchise Services which is caused or contributed to by the Franchisee, any Affiliate of the Franchisee, or any employee, agent, contractor or sub-contractor of the Franchisee or of any Affiliate of the Franchisee.

1.2 Liability of the Secretary of State

Neither the Secretary of State nor any of his officers, agents or employees shall in any circumstances be liable to the Franchisee for any loss or damage caused by the negligent exercise of any powers reserved to the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement, except to the extent that such negligence also constitutes a contravention of an obligation of the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement. The Franchisee may not recover from the Secretary of State or any of his officers, agents, or employees any amount in respect of loss of profit or consequential loss.

2. Review or Monitoring by the Secretary of State

- 2.1 The Secretary of State may for his own purposes (whether under the Franchise Agreement or under any other arrangement or otherwise and whether before or after the date of the Franchise Agreement) monitor or review any proposals, plans or projects (or any aspect thereof) of the Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement, but no review, enquiry, comment, statement, report or undertaking, made or given by or on behalf of the Secretary of State during such review or monitoring (and no failure to undertake, make or give any review, enquiry, comment or statement) shall operate to exclude or relieve either Party from or reduce or otherwise affect the obligations of such Party under the Franchise Agreement.
- 2.2 The exercise by or on behalf of the Secretary of State of (or, as the case may be, any failure to exercise) any of his functions, rights or obligations in respect of any review or monitoring process shall not in any way impose any liability, express or implied, on the Secretary of State to any other Party save to the extent that the exercise (or failure to exercise) of any of such functions, rights or obligations results in a contravention by the Secretary of State of an express provision of the Franchise Agreement and the Secretary of State does not make or give any representation or warranty, either express or implied, as to whether any proposal, plan or project will enable either Party to comply with its obligations under the Franchise Agreement.

SCHEDULE 11

FRANCHISE PERFORMANCE MEETINGS AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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Franchise Performance Meetings

1. Franchise Performance Meetings

- 1.1 The Parties shall hold a Franchise Performance Meeting at least once in every Reporting Period (or such other interval as the Secretary of State may notify to the Franchisee in writing) at a time and location notified to the Franchisee by the Secretary of State.
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that:
- (a) the representatives of the Franchisee at a Franchise Performance Meeting shall include such directors and/or senior managers of the Franchisee as the Secretary of State may require; and
 - (b) representatives of the Parent (which shall include such directors and/or senior managers of the Parent as the Secretary of State may require) attend a Franchise Performance Meeting at least once every quarter.
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall prepare and present such reports to each Franchise Performance Meeting as the Secretary of State may reasonably request. The Franchisee's obligations under this paragraph 1.3 are subject to the Franchisee receiving at least twenty eight (28) days' notice of the requirement to prepare and present any such report.
- 1.4 No comment or failure to comment nor any agreement or approval, implicit or explicit by either Party at a Franchise Performance Meeting will relieve a party of its obligations, constitute a waiver of an obligation or otherwise vary the terms of the Franchise Agreement. The terms of the Franchise Agreement shall only be capable of waiver or variation in writing in accordance with clause 14.1 (*Waivers*) and paragraph 1 of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*) (respectively).

Management Information

1. Corporate Information

1.1 The Franchisee shall provide the following information to the Secretary of State on the Start Date and shall notify the Secretary of State of any change to such information within twenty one (21) days of such change:

- (a) its name;
- (b) its business address and registered office;
- (c) its directors and company secretary;
- (d) its auditors;
- (e) its trading name or names; and
- (f) to the best of the Franchisee's knowledge and belief, having made due and diligent enquiry, the identity of all persons holding, separately or acting by agreement, directly or indirectly, the right to cast more than twenty per cent (20%) of the votes at general meetings of the Franchisee.

1.2 ⁹⁶The Franchisee shall inform the Secretary of State of any:

- (a) material change or proposed material change in its business;
- (b) material change in or restructuring of the capitalisation or financing of the Franchisee, the Parent or the Guarantor; and
- (c) litigation or other dispute which may have a material effect on its business.

For the purposes of paragraph 1.2(a), a material change or proposed material change shall include the employment or the termination of employment of any Key Personnel or the termination of any Key Contract.

2. Information about Assets used in the Franchise

The Franchisee shall at all times during the Franchise Term maintain (and shall provide copies to the Secretary of State when requested to do so from time to time) records covering the following information:

- (a) for each Primary Franchise Asset or other asset which is the subject of, or operated under, a Key Contract:
 - (i) the progress and completion of all work described in the maintenance schedules and manuals;
 - (ii) all operating manuals (including any safety related regulations); and

⁹⁶ **Note to Bidders:** Where the immediate parent of the Franchisee is a joint venture company, DfT may customise provisions such that it applies to the Franchisee, such immediate parent of the Franchisee and the ultimate parents.

- (iii) all permits, licences, certificates or other documents required to operate such asset; and
- (iv) a printed or electronic list of all assets owned by the Franchisee from time to time (excluding, unless otherwise requested by the Secretary of State, any office furniture and consumable items).

3. Identification of Key Personnel and Provision of Organisation Chart

3.1 The Franchisee shall identify and provide to the Secretary of State a schedule of Key Personnel who shall be employed by the Franchisee in the performance of the Franchise Agreement. This shall include but not be limited to the following persons:

- (a) a managing director whose role will include the overall management of the operation of the Franchise Services;
- (b) a train service delivery director, whose role will include responsibility for ensuring compliance by the Franchisee with Schedule 7.1 (*Operational Performance*);
- (c) a safety director, whose role will include responsibility for ensuring that the Franchisee complies with its legal obligations in relation to the Franchise Services including the Safety Certificate; and
- (d) a finance director, whose role will include responsibility in relation to the Financial Model.

3.2 The Franchisee shall nominate a board level director of the Franchisee (or at the Secretary of State's discretion, a director of the Parent or any appropriate Affiliate) within fourteen (14) Weekdays of the date of this Agreement. Such director's responsibilities include overseeing, at a strategic level, the Franchisee's interface with the Secretary of State in relation to sections 119 to 121 (inclusive) of the Act and co-ordinating relevant activities and delivery of counter terrorist security on behalf of the Franchisee in connection with the Franchisee's compliance with relevant instructions issued by the Secretary of State under section 119 of the Act from time to time. Such director shall be identified by job title in the organisation chart referred to in paragraph 3.3 and shall be deemed part of the Key Personnel.

3.3 On or before the Start Date the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State an organisation chart detailing the responsibilities and reporting lines of each of the Key Personnel and shall update such chart (and provide a copy to the Secretary of State promptly thereafter) as and when any changes occur.

4. Operational Performance Information

4.1 The Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State the information specified in Appendix 2 (Operational Performance Information) to this Schedule 11.2 at the times specified therein.

5. Maintenance of Records

5.1 The Franchisee shall at all times create and maintain true, up to date and complete records, books and other materials relating to the:

- (a) operation and maintenance of Franchise Assets; and
- (b) operation of the Franchise Services; and
- (c) financial performance of the Franchise.

in each case, in exercising that degree of care, skill, diligence, prudence, efficiency, foresight and timeliness which would reasonably be expected from a prudent and leading Train Operator and in order to fulfil the requirements of this Franchise Agreement including in relation to

maintenance of the Franchise as a going concern in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 14.1 (*Maintenance of Franchise*).

5.2 Unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State, all records, books and materials required to be maintained by the Franchisee in accordance with this Schedule 11.2 shall be held in a form that is capable of audit for a period of not less than six (6) years following the Expiry Date or the date of any earlier termination of this Agreement.

5.3 References to records, books and materials in this Schedule 11.2 shall include records, books and materials maintained under any Previous Franchise Agreement to the extent that such records relate to services equivalent to the Franchise Services and the Franchisee has access to them (which it shall use all reasonable endeavours to secure). Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs 5.2 and 5.4, the Franchisee shall only be required to hold such records, books and materials created under any Previous Franchise Agreement for a period of six (6) years following the date of this Agreement.

5.4 The Franchisee shall not be responsible for any records, books or materials maintained under any Previous Franchise Agreement, as referred to in paragraph 5.3, being true, complete and up to date. As soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware that any such records, books or materials are not true, complete and up to date, the Franchisee shall take all reasonable steps to remedy any such deficiency, and shall thereafter maintain such records, books or materials in accordance with paragraph 5.1.

6. **Right to Inspect**

6.1 The Franchisee shall, if requested by the Secretary of State, allow the Secretary of State and his representatives and advisers:

- (a) to inspect and copy any records referred to in this Schedule 11.2 and the Secretary of State may verify any such records; and
- (b) to inspect and copy at any reasonable time any books, records and any other material kept by or on behalf of the Franchisee and/or its auditors and any assets (including the Franchise Assets) used by the Franchisee in connection with the Franchise Services.

6.2 The Franchisee shall make available to the Secretary of State, his representatives and advisers the information referred to in paragraph 6.1 and grant or procure the grant of such access (including to or from third parties) as the Secretary of State, his representatives and advisers shall reasonably require in connection therewith. The obligation of the Franchisee under this paragraph 6.2 shall include an obligation on the Franchisee to grant or procure the grant of such access to premises (including third party premises) where the information referred to in paragraph 6.1 is kept by or on behalf of the Franchisee.

6.3 The Secretary of State, his representatives and advisers shall be permitted to take photographs, film or make a video recording, or make any other kind of record of any such inspection.

6.4 If any inspection reveals that information previously supplied to the Secretary of State was, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, inaccurate in any material respect or if such inspection reveals any other contravention of the Franchisee's obligations under the Franchise Agreement which the Secretary of State considers to be material, the costs of any such inspection shall be borne by the Franchisee.

7. **Information to the Passengers' Council and Local Authorities**

The Franchisee shall comply with any reasonable requests and guidance issued by the Secretary of State from time to time in respect of the provision of information to and co-operation and consultation with the Passengers' Council and Local Authorities.

8. Periodic Update Reports

8.1 The Franchisee shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of State a periodic report in each Reporting Period which shall:

(a) contain updates on the Franchisee's progress in complying with its Committed Obligations together with any other information as the Secretary of State may specify from time to time;

(b) relate to the period preceding the date of the report, unless another period is reasonably required by the Secretary of State; and

(c) be disaggregated to the extent required by the Secretary of State.

8.2 Where, as part of the periodic report referred to in paragraph 8.1, the Secretary of State requires the Franchisee to provide information and/or details in addition to those required pursuant to paragraph 8.1, the Franchisee shall ensure that the periodic report includes such additional information and/or details subject to the Franchisee having received at least twenty eight (28) days' notice of the additional information and/or details required by the Secretary of State.

9. Financial Information

9.1 Accounting Records

The Franchisee shall prepare and at all times during the Franchise Term maintain true, up to date and complete accounting records as are required to be kept under section 386 of the Companies Act 2006. Such records shall be prepared on a consistent basis for each Reporting Period.

9.2 Reporting Period Financial Information

(a) The Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State, within ten (10) Weekdays of the end of each Reporting Period:

(i) Management Accounts for such Reporting Period, setting out a cashflow statement, profit and loss account and balance sheet for that Reporting Period and cumulatively for the Franchisee Year to date;

(ii) Written confirmation that the Management Accounts, to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the board of directors of the Franchisee, contain a true and accurate reflection of the current assets and liabilities of the Franchisee (including contingent assets or liabilities and known business risks and opportunities) and, to the extent that they do not, identify in a written report relevant issues in reasonable detail and provide such further information that the Secretary of State shall reasonably require in relation; and

(iii) In circumstances where the Franchisee was in a Lock-up Period during such Reporting Period, written confirmation from a statutory director of the Franchisee that the Franchisee has complied with the restrictions applicable during a Lock-up Period pursuant to paragraph 3 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*).

(b) The Management Accounts shall also set out:

(i) sufficient information to enable the Secretary of State to calculate Actual Operating Costs and Modified Revenue on a cumulative basis for the previous thirteen (13) Reporting Periods;

(ii) the ratio of the Franchisee's:

- (A) Total Modified Revenue to its Total Actual Operating Costs; and
- (B) Total Forecast Modified Revenue to its Total Forecast Operating Costs,

together with supporting information showing how the Franchisee has calculated such ratios including a breakdown of the Modified Revenue, Forecast Modified Revenue, Actual Operating Cost and Forecast Operating Costs for each of the Reporting Periods used for the purposes of the calculation of the ratios pursuant to this paragraph 9.2(b);

- (iii) a comparison of the Franchisee's financial performance during such period against the forecast provided by the Franchisee in the then current Business Plan;
- (iv) a comparison of the Franchisee's cumulative financial performance during the Franchisee Year in which such period occurs against the forecast referred to in paragraph 9.2(b)(iii);
- (v) a detailed statement and a detailed and comprehensive written explanation of any material differences between such Management Accounts and the forecast referred to in paragraph 9.2(b)(iii);
- (vi) where the level of financial performance reported in the Management Accounts is, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, materially worse than forecast by the Franchisee in its current Business Plan, the Secretary of State may require the Franchisee to prepare and submit to him, as soon as reasonably practicable, a Financial Action Plan to ensure that the level of financial performance forecast in its current Business Plan for the remainder of the currency of that Business Plan is achieved and the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement such Financial Action Plan; and
- (vii) a detailed statement and explanation of any Agreed Funding Commitment and PCS Advances (each as defined in the Funding Deed) provided during such Reporting Period and any repayments made during such Reporting Period in respect of (i) previously provided Agreed Funding Commitments as against the AFC Plan (as defined in the Funding Deed) and (ii) PCS Advances.

9.3 Quarterly Financial Information

- (a) Within twenty (20) Weekdays after the end of the third (3rd), sixth (6th) and ninth (9th) Reporting Periods in each Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State the following information:
 - (i) an updated version of the profit and loss forecast, cash flow forecast and forecast balance sheet provided in accordance with paragraph 10.1(iv) together with a detailed and comprehensive written explanation as to any changes in such forecast from the previous forecast provided pursuant to the provisions of this Schedule 11.2, for each of the following thirteen (13) Reporting Periods; and
 - (ii) a statement of calculation demonstrating the Franchisee's performance against each of the financial covenants in paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) at the beginning of each Reporting Period and a forecast of performance against such covenants for each of the following thirteen (13) Reporting Periods.
- (b) Where any Reporting Period falls partly within one Franchisee Year and partly within another, the results for each section of such Reporting Period falling either side of such Franchisee Year end shall be prepared on an accruals basis for each such section of such Reporting Period.

9.4 Annual Financial Information

- (a) Within fifteen (15) Weekdays of the end of each Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State its Annual Management Accounts for that Franchisee Year.
- (b) Within four (4) Reporting Periods after the end of each Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State the following information:
 - (i) certified true copies of its annual report and Annual Audited Accounts for that Franchisee Year, together with copies of all related directors' and auditors' reports;
 - (ii) a reconciliation to the Management Accounts for the same period in a format to be agreed with the Secretary of State;
 - (iii) a statement from the Franchisee's auditors confirming compliance with the financial covenants in paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*); and
 - (iv) a statement from the Franchisee (signed by a statutory director of the Franchisee) confirming compliance with the reporting requirements of paragraph 9.2(b)(vii) of this Schedule.

9.5 Accounting Standards and Practices

- (a) Each set of Management Accounts and Annual Management Accounts shall:
 - (i) be in the formats set out in the document in the agreed terms marked **FF** or in such other format as the Secretary of State may reasonably specify from time to time;
 - (ii) be prepared consistently in accordance with the Franchisee's normal accounting policies, details of which shall be supplied on request to the Secretary of State; and
 - (iii) identify to the reasonable satisfaction of the Secretary of State, any changes in such accounting policies from those policies that were applied in preparing each of the profit and loss account, the cashflow projection and the balance sheet contained in the Financial Model Placed in Escrow on the date of the Franchise Agreement.
- (b) The Annual Audited Accounts shall:
 - (i) be prepared and audited in accordance with GAAP, consistently applied and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) give a true and fair view of:
 - (A) the state of affairs, profits and financial condition of the Franchisee for the period covered by such accounts; and
 - (B) NOT USED;
 - (C) NOT USED.

9.6 Parent and Guarantor Accounts

The Franchisee shall, upon the request of the Secretary of State, promptly deliver to, or procure delivery to, the Secretary of State, certified true copies of the annual reports and audited accounts of the Parent and the Guarantor, together with copies of all related directors' and auditors' reports. If the Parent or the Guarantor is domiciled outside England and Wales, the equivalent documents in the jurisdiction of residence of the Parent or the Guarantor (as applicable) shall be delivered to the Secretary of State.

9.7 Secretary of State Audit of calculations provided pursuant to paragraph 9.2(b)(ii)

- (a) Without prejudice to paragraph 2.2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) or to any other rights of the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement, the Secretary of State and his representatives shall be permitted to inspect at any time the books, records and any other material kept by or on behalf of the Franchisee in order to check or audit any item contained in or relating to the Management Accounts in so far as they relate to the statement of calculations required by paragraph 9.2(b)(ii) of this Schedule 11.2 and any other matter in connection with the Franchisee's obligations under paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*).
- (b) The Franchisee shall make available to the Secretary of State and his representatives such information and grant such access or procure the grant of such access (including to or from third parties) as they shall reasonably require in connection with any audit to be carried out pursuant to paragraph 9.7(a). If any audit carried out pursuant to paragraph 9.7(a) reveals, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, any material inaccuracy in the Management Accounts (but only in so far as such accounts relate to the statement of calculations required by paragraph 9.2(b)(ii)) then the Secretary of State may exercise its rights as described in paragraphs 2.2(c) or 2.2(d) of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) and the Franchisee shall pay all reasonable costs of any such audit as a monitoring cost pursuant to paragraph 7.4 of Schedule 10.1 (*Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement*).

10. Business Plans

10.1 Initial Business Plan

- (a) Within three (3) Reporting Periods of the Start Date, the Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State its Initial Business Plan, describing its planned activities for each Franchisee Year during the Franchise Term, which shall include:
 - (i) a description as to how the Franchisee will meet its obligations under the Franchise Agreement for the Franchise Term, supported by operational plans demonstrating this;
 - (ii) details of any investments proposed to be made or procured by the Franchisee in relation to the Franchise Services during the Franchise Term;
 - (iii) a summary of the Franchisee's plans for marketing and developing the Franchise Services; and
 - (iv) a profit and loss forecast, cash flow forecast and forecast balance sheet for each of first thirteen (13) Reporting Periods following the Start Date and each subsequent Franchisee Year of the Franchise Period, together with a list of assumptions on the basis of which each such forecast has been prepared.

10.2 Annual Business Plans

- (a) Within 20 Weekdays of the start of the twelfth Reporting Period in each Franchisee Year deliver to the Secretary of State the Franchisee's business plan for the forthcoming Franchisee Year (the "**Annual Business Plan**"). The Annual Business Plan shall be a detailed and comprehensive description of the Franchisee's planned activities for such

Franchisee Year and the manner in which the Franchisee will meet its obligations under the Franchise Agreement in respect of that Franchisee Year and include:

- (i) a revised profit and loss forecast, cash flow forecast and forecast balance sheet for each of the thirteen (13) Reporting Periods in the relevant Franchisee Year and each subsequent Franchisee Year of the Franchise Period;
 - (ii) a statement of calculation demonstrating the Franchisee's performance against each of the financial covenants in paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) at the beginning of each of the Reporting Periods in the then current Franchisee Year preceding the relevant Franchisee Year and a forecast of performance against such covenants for each of the following thirteen (13) Reporting Periods; and
 - (iii) an annual improvement plan providing:
 - (A) details of any new technologies, processes, developments and/or proposals which could improve the provision of the Franchise Services, reduce the cost of providing the Franchise Services or enable the Franchise Services to be provided more efficiently;
 - (B) an analysis of the impact of any technologies, processes, developments and/or proposals that are proposed in relation to the Franchise Services, including analyses of the costs of and timescale for effecting such changes and the impact on the provision of the Franchise Services;
 - (C) details of those technologies, processes, developments and/or proposals which the Franchisee proposes to implement during the relevant Franchisee Year; and
 - (D) an analysis of the technologies, processes, developments and/or proposals which the Franchisee implemented in the previous Franchisee Year including details of any cost reductions and/or efficiency gains arising from the same and a reconciliation to the annual improvement plan for that previous Franchisee Year;
 - (iv) a statement from each of, a statutory director of the Franchisee and, a statutory director of the Parent confirming that the Annual Business Plan has been provided to, considered and endorsed by the board of directors of the Parent and that the board of directors of the Parent is not aware of any other plan which may alter, vary or impact on the Business Plan and shall at any time during the following 12 months notify the Secretary of State should any of them become aware of any such plan.
- (b) If at any time during a Franchisee Year the Franchisee produces any other annual business plan or periodic plan which is delivered to its Parent it shall at the same time as delivering such plan to its Parent notify the Secretary of State of all such plans and shall explain to the Secretary of State how (if at all) such further plan alters, amends or otherwise varies or impacts on the applicable Annual Business Plan or Initial Business Plan. The Secretary of State shall be entitled to copies of such further plans as he shall reasonably determine.

10.3 Business Action Plan

- (a) The Secretary of State may at any time require the Franchisee to produce a Business Action Plan in respect of any aspect of the Business Plan. Such Business Action Plan may include steps relating to:
 - (i) timetable and service pattern development;

- (ii) Station facility improvement;
 - (iii) performance management improvement;
 - (iv) customer service improvement; and
 - (v) improvements in the quality of service delivery or the efficiency of delivery of the Franchise Services.
- (b) The Franchisee shall comply with any guidance issued by the Secretary of State about how and with whom any consultation on the content of a Business Action Plan is to take place.
- (c) Any proposal in a Business Action Plan shall only be implemented if and to the extent that the Secretary of State decides it is appropriate to do so and subject to any conditions which he may impose.

11. Safety Information

11.1 Safety

- (a) The Franchisee shall co-operate with any request from any relevant competent authority for provision of information and/or preparation and submission of reports detailing or identifying compliance with safety obligations set out in the Safety Regulations including any breaches of the Safety Regulations.
- (b) The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State as soon as practicable of the receipt and contents of any formal notification relating to safety or any improvement or prohibition notice received from the ORR. Immediately upon receipt of such notification or notice, the Franchisee shall provide the Secretary of State with a copy of such notification or notice.
- (c) The Franchisee shall participate in industry groups and committees addressing the domestic and European safety agenda of the Railway Group.

12. Further Information

12.1 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) deliver to the Secretary of State, or procure the delivery to the Secretary of State of, such information, records or documents as he may request within such period as he may reasonably require and which relate to or are connected with the Franchisee's performance of the Franchise Agreement; and
- (b) procure that each Affiliate of the Franchisee complies with paragraph 12.1(a) in respect of any information, records or documents that relate to its dealings with the Franchisee in connection with the Franchisee's performance of its obligations under the Franchise Agreement.

12.2 The information referred to in paragraph 12.1 shall include:

- (a) any agreement, contract or arrangement to which the Franchisee is a party in connection with any rolling stock vehicles used in the operation of Passenger Services;
- (b) in so far as the Franchisee has or is able to obtain the same, any agreement contract or arrangement which may be associated with the procurement, leasing, financing or maintenance of any such rolling stock vehicles;
- (c) any agreement for or any documents associated with the manufacture or supply of any rolling stock vehicles; or

- (d) any arrangements for the securitisation of any lease granted in respect of such rolling stock vehicles.

12.3 The Secretary of State may require the Franchisee to provide:

- (a) the information required to be provided under this Schedule 11.2 more frequently than set out in this Schedule 11.2;
- (b) the information required to be provided under this Schedule 11.2, or, in the Secretary of State's discretion, more detailed financial information, at any time in connection with the re-letting of the Franchise; and
- (c) such unaudited accounts under such accounting policies as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State, acting reasonably, from time to time.

13. **Information from Third Parties**

13.1 The Franchisee shall, if the Secretary of State so requests, use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Secretary of State has direct access to any information, data or records relating to the Franchisee which is or are maintained by third parties and to which the Secretary of State is entitled to have access, or of which the Secretary of State is entitled to receive a copy under the Franchise Agreement.

13.2 The Franchisee shall, if the Secretary of State so requests, procure the provision by RSP to the Secretary of State of such information, data and records as the Franchisee is entitled to receive under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement, in such form as the Secretary of State may specify from time to time.

13.3 The obligations of the Franchisee under this Schedule 11.2 to provide information to the Secretary of State shall not apply if the Secretary of State notifies the Franchisee that he has received the relevant information directly from any other person (including any Infrastructure Manager or RSP). The Franchisee shall, if the Secretary of State so requests, confirm or validate any such information which is received from any such other person.

13.4 The Franchisee shall promptly advise the Secretary of State of any changes that are to be made to its systems or processes or the systems and processes of the RSP that will, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, materially affect the continuity of any of the records that are provided pursuant to this Schedule 11.2. Any such advice shall include an assessment of the materiality of the relevant change.

14. **Compatibility of Information**

14.1 All financial, operational or other information, and any data and records required to be provided to the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement shall be provided, if so requested by the Secretary of State, in a form compatible with the Secretary of State's electronic data and records systems on the Start Date, as modified from time to time in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*).

14.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that the interconnection of such systems or the provision of such information, data and records to the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement will not result in any infringement of any third party Intellectual Property Rights to which its systems or such information, data or records may be subject.

15. **Environmental Information**

15.1 **Environmental Information Data Collection Plan**

- (a) The Franchisee shall, by no later than three (3) months after the Start Date, provide a report to the Secretary of State setting out:

- (i) which measures included in the Dataset the Franchisee is unable to provide, despite using reasonable endeavours to do so ("**Excluded Data**");
 - (ii) for each item of Excluded Data, the technical, operational or commercial reason why the Franchisee is unable to provide the Excluded Data; and
 - (iii) a plan ("**Environmental Data Collection Plan**") detailing, in relation to each item of Excluded Data, the actions which the Franchisee would need to take in order to be able to provide such Excluded Data, the Franchisee's best estimate of the cost of taking such action and the date by which, if such actions were taken, the Franchisee would be able to begin providing such Excluded Data to the Secretary of State.
- (b) The Dataset, excluding any measures which the Secretary of State agrees, acting reasonably, that the Franchisee is, despite using reasonable endeavours, unable to provide, shall be referred to as the "**Initial Dataset**".
- (c) The Secretary of State may require:
- (i) the Franchisee to implement the Environmental Data Collection Plan in whole or in part; and/or
 - (ii) the Franchisee to take such other actions as, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, would enable the Franchisee to provide any item of Excluded Data,

following which the relevant item of Excluded Data will form part of the Initial Dataset.

- (d) Where the Franchisee is:
- (i) undertaking works, whether at a Station or Depot or in respect of rolling stock;
 - (ii) procuring rolling stock; or
 - (iii) taking any other action which could enable the Franchisee to provide any items of Excluded Data in a cost effective manner,

the Franchisee will use reasonable endeavours to do so in a manner which would enable the Franchisee to provide any relevant item of Excluded Data (and any item of Excluded Data which the Franchisee becomes able to provide as a result will, with effect from the date on which the Franchisee becomes able to provide the same, form part of the Initial Dataset).

- (e) With effect from the date that is 3 months after the Start Date, the Franchisee shall measure and collect and provide to the Secretary of State in accordance with this paragraph 15, that data included in the Initial Dataset so as to allow the Secretary of State and the Franchisee to understand the current environmental performance of the Franchise and any potential for improvement in terms of environmental impact.
- (f) The Franchisee may, in its discretion, measure and collect additional data provided that the minimum required under the Initial Dataset is adhered to and the Franchisee will cooperate with the Secretary of State to seek to identify improvements in the efficiency and/or cost effectiveness of the collection of the data in the Dataset.
- (g) The Franchisee shall ensure that the form of measurement of the Initial Dataset enables it to report a consolidated periodic or annual usage figure to the Secretary of State as specified for each measure in paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 (*Environmental Information*) to this Schedule 11.2.

15.2 Environmental Impact Monitoring Report and Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit

- (a) The Franchisee shall submit to the Secretary of State a report setting out the result of the data collection of the Initial Dataset required by this paragraph 15 in accordance with the applicable granularity and regularity specified in paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 (*Environmental Information*) to this Schedule 11.2 (the "**Environmental Impact Monitoring Report**") within three (3) months following the end of each Franchisee Year.
- (b) The Franchisee shall procure a suitably qualified independent body (such independent body to be appointed only with the prior written approval of the Secretary of State) to undertake an annual independent written audit of the data provided in the Environmental Impact Monitoring Report and the collection methodology of the Initial Dataset in respect of each Franchisee Year (the "**Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit**").
- (c) The Franchisee shall procure that the independent body appointed pursuant to paragraph 15.2(b) includes in the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit:
 - (i) a retrospective assessment (covering the Franchisee Year to which the audit relates) of the Franchisee's data collection methodology and level of data granularity carried out in accordance with this paragraph 15.2 and any recommendations by the independent body in respect of such methodology;
 - (ii) a verification of the accuracy of past data submissions made in respect of the Initial Dataset and as summarised in the Environmental Impact Monitoring Report; and
 - (iii) an assessment of the Franchisee's proposed data collection methodology and level of data granularity for the following Franchisee Year's data collection, and

where the independent body has identified as part of its audit any errors, discrepancies or concerns with any of the items described in paragraphs 15.2(c)(i) to (iii) above, whether these are, in the reasonable opinion of the independent body undertaking the audit material or minor errors, discrepancies or concerns.

- (d) The Franchisee shall submit a copy of the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit to the Secretary of State at the same time as Environmental Impact Monitoring Report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 15.2(a) above.
- (e) Where the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit highlights errors, discrepancies or concerns with any of the items described in paragraphs 15.2(c)(i) to (iii) above, the Franchisee shall, at the Franchisee's cost:
 - (i) **in the case of minor errors, discrepancies or concerns which are capable of rectification without material additional expenditure** - rectify such minor errors, discrepancies or concerns and resubmit the relevant Environmental Impact Monitoring Report updated to address these to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event within ten (10) Weekdays, following the date of the submission of the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit to the Secretary of State so that there is a complete and accurate record of the data in question;
 - (ii) **in the case of material errors, discrepancies or concerns which are capable of rectification** - rectify such material errors, discrepancies or concerns and resubmit the relevant Environmental Impact Monitoring Report updated to address these to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event within ten (10) Weekdays, following the date of submission of the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit to the Secretary of State so that there is a complete and accurate record of the data in question; and

- (iii) **in the case of concerns in relation to the Franchisee's data collection methodology and level of data granularity for the forthcoming Franchisee Year's data collection** – make such amendments to such methodology as recommended in the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit so as to address those concerns.

16. Environmental Impact Targets

16.1 Environmental Impact Targets set by the Secretary of State

The Secretary of State sets out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 (*Environmental Information*) of this Schedule 11.2 the targets for improving the environmental performance of the Franchisee (the "**Environmental Impact Targets**"), and the Franchisee shall meet such Environmental Impact Targets during the Franchise Period.

16.2 Performance against the Environmental Impact Targets

- (a) For each Franchisee Year the Secretary of State shall determine the Franchisee's performance against each Environmental Impact Target on an annual basis (within two (2) Reporting Periods of receipt of the Environmental Impact Monitoring Report) by comparing:
 - (i) **for traction carbon emissions:** the Franchisee's performance set out in the Environmental Impact Monitoring Report (as updated following the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit) against the relevant Environmental Impact Target for the relevant Franchisee Year, in accordance with the annual trajectory specified in the Sustainable Development Strategy;
 - (ii) **for non-traction energy use:** the Franchisee's performance as set out in the Environmental Impact Monitoring Report (as updated following the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit) against the relevant Environmental Impact Targets;
 - (iii) **for waste:** the Franchisee's performance as set out in the Environmental Impact Monitoring Report (as updated following the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit) against the relevant Environmental Impact Targets;
 - (iv) **for mains water:** for the second (2nd) Franchisee Year, the number of automatic water meters installed against the total number of water meters. These details shall be reported by the Franchisee within three (3) months of the end of the second (2nd) Franchisee Year. For subsequent Franchisee Years, the Franchisee's performance as set out in the Environmental Impact Monitoring Report (as updated following the Environmental Impact Monitoring Audit) against the relevant Environmental Impact Targets.
- (b) For the purposes of undertaking the comparison pursuant to paragraph 16.2(a), the results referred to in paragraphs 16.2(a)(i) to (iii) (as the case may be) shall be rounded up to one (1) decimal place with the midpoint (that is, 4.45) rounded upwards (that is, 4.5).
- (c) As soon as reasonably practicable following the Start Date and in any event within six (6) months of the Start Date, the Franchisee shall produce and provide to the Secretary of State for approval an implementation plan for the duration of the Franchise Period which is capable of achieving each of the Environmental Impact Targets each Franchisee Year (as such implementation plan may be revised in accordance with paragraph 16.3 (the "**Environmental Impact Targets Plan**")).
- (d) Following the Secretary of State's approval, the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement the Environmental Impact Targets Plan (including any such

plan which is revised in accordance with paragraph 16.2(e)) in order to achieve the Environmental Impact Targets.

- (e) Notwithstanding the requirements of this paragraph 16.2, the Franchisee shall review its then current Environmental Impact Targets Plan and revise such plan as necessary by the end of the fifth (5th) Franchisee Year to ensure that such plan, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, is capable of achieving each Environmental Impact Target in each Franchisee Year.

16.3 Remedial Actions

- (a) In the event that an Environmental Impact Target is not met in any Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall as soon as reasonably practicable produce and provide to the Secretary of State a revised Environmental Impact Targets Plan which, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, is capable of achieving the Environmental Impact Targets.
- (b) The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement the revised Environmental Impact Targets Plan, which shall be the Environmental Impact Targets Plan for the purposes of the Franchise Agreement.

16.4 Publication

The Franchisee shall publish (in such format as the Secretary of State may reasonably require) details of its performance against the Environmental Impact Targets in widely accessible forms including, as a minimum, publishing them on its website and in each Customer Report.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 11.2

Environmental Information

1. Environmental Impact Monitoring Dataset

Table 1			
Subject	Unit	Granularity	Regularity
TRACTION	EC4T (kWh)	Breakdown per distinct fleet - metered	Four (4) week period
	EC4T (kWh)	Breakdown per distinct fleet - un-metered	Four (4) week period
	Gas-oil (litres)	Breakdown per distinct fleet	Four (4) week period
NONTRACTION	Electricity (kWh)	Total	Four (4) week period or monthly
	Gas (kWh)	Total	Four (4) week period or monthly
	Gas-oil (litres)	Total	Four (4) week period or monthly
CARBON	Scope 1 emissions (tonnes)	Total	Annual
	Scope 2 emissions (tonnes)	Total	Annual
	Embodied carbon in new infrastructure projects over the amount set out in paragraph 10.3 (b) (Sustainable Construction) of Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>)	Total	Per project
WATER	Mains Water consumption (m ³)	Total	Annual
	Water recycling initiatives	Narrative	Annual
WASTE	Waste generated (tonnes)	Total	Annual
	Waste recycled (tonnes)	Total	Annual
	Waste subject to other recovery (tonnes)	Total	Annual
	Waste to landfill (tonnes)	Total	Annual
	Hazardous waste	Total	Annual
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMS)	Enforcement/information Notices	Total	Annual
	Environmental fines or prosecutions	Total	Annual
	Environmental incidents reported through the EMS	Total	Annual
	Environmental training records % personnel briefed/trained	Total	Annual

2. Environmental Impact Targets

Table 2			
Traction Carbon Emissions	Non-Traction Energy Use	Waste	Mains Water
<p>A reduction of 62% in kg CO2E per vehicle km against the 0.663kg CO2E per vehicle km over the Franchise Term, such reduction to be achieved in accordance with the Sustainable Development Strategy referred to in paragraph 10.1 (Sustainable Development Strategy) of Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), which will contain a target for each Franchisee Year for this purpose.</p>	<p>1. By the Expiry Date, an overall reduction in kilowatt hours (kWh) of an amount expressed as a percentage equal to (A) + (B) (calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 below), against the 2016/17 baseline figure of 30,562,820.00 kWh (the "Overall kWh Reduction").</p> <p>2. For the purposes of paragraph 1 of Table 2, the references to (A) and (B) shall have the meanings given to them below:</p> <p>(A) means an amount equal to the product of:</p> <p>(i) the total number of Franchisee Years comprised in the Franchise Term which are of thirteen (13) Reporting Periods in duration; and</p> <p>(ii) two point five per cent (2.5%);</p> <p>(B) means, if the Final Franchisee Year is of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods in duration, an amount expressed as a percentage in relation to that Franchisee Year which is derived by the application of the following formula: 2.5 x (FY/13)</p> <p>where: FY means the number of Reporting Periods in the Final Franchisee Year during the Franchise Term.</p> <p>3. By 1 April 2023, a reduction in kWh of an amount equal to not less than fifty per cent (50%) of the Overall kWh Reduction.</p> <p>4. By 1 April 2025, a reduction in kWh of an amount equal to not less than seventy five per cent (75%) of the Overall kWh Reduction.</p>	<p>From the end of the second (2nd) Franchisee Year, the Franchisee must send zero waste to landfill and must recycle or prepare for re-use, ninety per cent (90%) of waste (by weight) per Franchisee Year.</p>	<p>By the end of the second (2nd) Franchisee Year, the Franchisee must install automatic meter readings (AMR) for all water meters, where practicable. The Franchisee shall determine a baseline of water consumption by the end of the third (3rd) Franchisee Year, such baseline to be agreed with the Secretary of State. The Franchisee shall develop a target to reduce water consumption against the agreed baseline referred to above by the end of the fourth (4th) Franchisee Year, such target to be agreed with the Secretary of State.</p>

APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 11.2

Operational Performance Information

1. Information about the operational performance of the Franchisee

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall at all times during the Franchise Term maintain records in relation to its operational performance under the Franchise Agreement, covering the areas and the information described in this Appendix 2. Such information shall include details as to whether or not any curtailment, diversion, delay or failure to attain any connection is attributable, in the Franchisee's opinion, to either a Force Majeure Event or the implementation of a Service Recovery Plan.
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall, subject to paragraph 1.3, provide to the Secretary of State the information set out in the following tables at the frequency specified in the Column of each such table headed **"When information to be provided"**.
- 1.3 When so requested by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee shall, within such reasonable period as the Secretary of State may specify, make such information available for review by the Secretary of State by reference to:
 - (a) such level of disaggregation (including by Route or Service Group) as is reasonably specified by the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) any particular day, week or other longer period as is reasonably specified by the Secretary of State.
- 1.4 The following key shall apply to the table in this Appendix 2:

A =	Information to be provided on or before any Passenger Change Date;
B =	Information to be provided for every Reporting Period within ten (10) Weekdays of the last day of each Reporting Period; and
C =	Information to be provided annually within ten (10) Weekdays of the last day of each Franchisee Year.

- 1.5 This Appendix 2 shall be interpreted in accordance with any guidance issued by the Secretary of State from time to time for that purpose.

Table 1 - Operational Performance Information

Information to be provided	Information (format)⁹⁷	When information to be provided
Number of Passenger Services		
Number of Passenger Services in the Timetable	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day	[number]	B
Number of Cancellations and Partial Cancellations		
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of a Cancellation	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of a Partial Cancellation	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of a Cancellation attributable to the Franchisee's implementation of a Service Recovery Plan	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of a Partial Cancellation attributable to the Franchisee's implementation of a Service Recovery Plan	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of an Infrastructure Manager Cancellation	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of an Infrastructure Manager Partial Cancellation	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of a Disputed Cancellation	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of a Disputed Partial Cancellation	[number]	B
Number of Disputed Cancellations and Disputed Partial Cancellations for the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods for which the attribution remains in dispute between the Infrastructure Manager and the Franchisee	[number]	B
Number of Disputed Cancellations and Disputed Partial Cancellations from the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods for which disputed attribution has been resolved or determined since the Franchisee's previous report including whether each relevant Disputed Cancellation and/or Disputed Partial Cancellation was attributed to the Infrastructure Manager or to the Franchisee	[number]	B

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Note to Franchisee and DfT Franchise Manager (for use after the signature date): The Franchisee will provide this information as determined by the key set out in this Schedule 11.2 after the Start Date.

Table 1 - Operational Performance Information

Information to be provided	Information (format) ⁹⁷	When information to be provided
Where there is a difference between the Timetable and the Plan of the Day on any day the following: (a) the fact of such difference; and (b) the number of: (i) Passenger Services affected; and (ii) Cancellations or Partial Cancellations which would have arisen if the Timetable on that day had been the same as the Plan of the Day	[number]	B
Where there is a difference between the Plan of the Day and the Enforcement Plan of the Day on any day: (a) the fact of such difference; (b) the number of: (i) Passenger Services affected; and (ii) Cancellations or Partial Cancellations which would have arisen if the Plan of the Day had been the same as the Enforcement Plan of the Day	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of a cancellation and which satisfied the conditions of the term Cancellation, except that such cancellations occurred for reasons attributable to the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event	[number]	B
Number of Passenger Services in the Enforcement Plan of the Day which were the subject of a partial cancellation and which satisfied the conditions of the term Partial Cancellation, except that such partial cancellations occurred for reasons attributable to the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event	[number]	B
Peak Only		
Number of Short Formation Peak Passenger Services that have less than the required Passenger Carrying Capacity specified in the Train Plan	[number]	B
Number of Short Formation Peak Passenger Services that have less than the required Passenger Carrying Capacity specified in the Train Plan attributable to the Franchisee's implementation of a Service Recovery Plan	[number]	B
Number of Short Formation Peak Passenger Services that have less than the required Passenger Carrying Capacity specified in the Train Plan attributable to the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event	[number]	B
Number of Short Formation Peak Passenger Services scheduled (excluding Cancellations or Partial Cancellations)	[number]	B
Minutes Delay		
Number of Minutes Delay attributable to the Franchisee	[number]	B
Number of Minutes Delay attributable to Network Rail;	[number]	B
Number of Minutes Delay attributable to HS1 Limited;		
Number of Minutes Delay attributable to any other Train Operator	[minutes]	B

Table 1 - Operational Performance Information

Information to be provided	Information (format)⁹⁷	When information to be provided
Number of Minutes Delay for such Reporting Period for which the attribution is in dispute between Network Rail and the Franchisee	[minutes]	B
Number of Minutes Delay for such Reporting Period for which the attribution is in dispute between HS1 Limited and the Franchisee		
Number of Minutes Delay for the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods for which the attribution remains in dispute between Network Rail and the Franchisee	[minutes]	B
Number of Minutes Delay for the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods for which the attribution remains in dispute between HS1 Limited and the Franchisee		
Number of Minutes Delay from the twelve (12) preceding Reporting Periods for which disputed attribution has been resolved or determined since the Franchisee's previous report and the number of such Minutes Delay attributed to each of the Franchisee, Network Rail and HS1 Limited as a result of such resolution or determination	[minutes]	B
Number of Minutes Delay attributed to the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event	[minutes]	B
T-3, T-15 and On Time		
Time to 3 Minutes percentage published by Network Rail, rounded to one (1) decimal place;	[number]	B
Time to 15 Minutes percentage published by Network Rail, rounded to one (1) decimal place;	[number]	B
On Time percentage published by Network Rail, rounded to one (1) decimal place;	[number]	B
Train Mileage		
Planned Train Mileage	[mileage]	A
Actual Train Mileage	[mileage]	B

APPENDIX 3 TO SCHEDULE 11.2

Summary of Reporting and Other Requirements

This Appendix contains a non-exhaustive summary of the obligations on the Franchisee throughout this Agreement in respect of the provision of information to the Secretary of State which are not set out in this Schedule 11.2. This summary is for guidance only. If there are any inconsistencies with the other contents of the Schedules mentioned below (including any Appendix), those other contents shall apply.

Reference	Summary of Obligation
Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>), paragraph 11.3(a) (Consultation on Significant Alterations to the Timetable)	Requirement for Franchisee to provide a comprehensive summary of the proposed changes from the Timetable then in force.
Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>), paragraphs 11.3(e) and 11.3(f) (Consultation on Significant Alterations to the Timetable)	Requirement for Franchisee to publish a report containing a summary of the main issues raised by respondents to the consultation.
Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>), paragraph 13.1 (Certification and Notification by Franchisee of Exercising Timetable Development Rights)	Requirement for Franchisee to provide a certificate addressed to the Secretary of State signed by a statutory director in respect of the exercise of timetable development rights.
Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>), paragraph 13.3(a) (Certification and Notification by Franchisee of Exercising Timetable Development Rights)	Requirement for Franchisee to provide copies to the Secretary of State of correspondence in respect of discussions with any Infrastructure Manager.
Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>), paragraph 14.4 (Finalising the Train Plan)	Requirement for Franchisee to provide the Train Plan certified as true and accurate by a statutory director.
Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>), paragraph 15.1 (Capacity Mitigation Proposal)	Requirement for Franchisee to provide a Capacity Mitigation Proposal if required by the Secretary of State.
Schedule 1.1 (<i>Franchise Services and Service Development</i>), paragraph 16.1 (New or amended Train Service Requirement by Secretary of State and Franchisee's Informed Opinion)	Requirement for Franchisee to provide informed opinion in respect of a new or amended Train Service Requirement.
Schedule 1.2 (<i>Operating Obligations</i>), paragraph 7.7	Provide evidence to the Secretary of State of the steps taken under Paragraph 7 (Obligation to use all reasonable endeavours under this Schedule 1.2).
Schedule 1.4 (<i>Passenger Facing Obligations</i>), paragraph 8 (Publication of Performance Data)	Requirements to publish performance data.
Schedule 1.4 (<i>Passenger Facing Obligations</i>), paragraph 9 (Publication of Complaints and Faults Handling Data) of	Requirements to publish complaints and fault handling data.
Schedule 1.5 (<i>Information about Passengers</i>), paragraph 1 (Passenger Numbers Information)	Requirement to provide Secretary of State information about the use by passengers of the Passenger Services.

Reference	Summary of Obligation
Schedule 1.7 (<i>Stations</i>), paragraph 7 (Information about Station Improvement Measures)	Requirement to maintain and provide records regarding Station improvement measures and measures taken to improve Station environments.
Schedule 2.2 (<i>Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases</i>), paragraph 2.2 (Rolling Stock Related Contracts and Insurance Arrangements)	Obligation to provide a copy of all draft Rolling Stock Related Contracts and all executed Rolling Stock Related Contracts and any agreements amending the Rolling Stock Related Contracts including such other information as required by the Secretary of State together with a justification of the Franchisee's proposed rolling stock maintenance strategy and provision of analysis of whole life costs.
Schedule 2.2 (<i>Security of Access Agreements, Rolling Stock Leases, Station and Depot Leases</i>), paragraph 3.9(b) (Cascaded Rolling Stock and Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan)	Requirement to produce a Delayed Cascade Mitigation Plan.
Schedule 2.5 (<i>Transport, Travel and Other Schemes</i>), paragraph 1.5 (Local Authority Concessionary Travel Schemes)	Requirement to provide information about Local Authority Concessionary Travel Schemes.
Schedule 2.5 (<i>Transport, Travel and Other Schemes</i>), paragraph 2.6 (Multi-Modal Fares Schemes)	Requirement to provide information about multi-modal fares schemes.
Schedule 2.5 (<i>Transport, Travel and Other Schemes</i>), paragraph 3.3 (Discount Fares Schemes)	Requirement to provide information about Discount Fares Schemes.
Schedule 2.5 (<i>Transport, Travel and Other Schemes</i>), paragraph 4.4 (Inter-Operator Schemes)	Requirement to provide information about Inter-Operator Schemes.
Schedule 4 (<i>Accessibility and Inclusivity</i>), paragraph 4 (Specific additional obligations relating to persons with disabilities)	Recording of obligations relating to persons with disabilities.
Schedule 5.8 (<i>Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring</i>), paragraph 1 (Information)	Requirement to provide a summary of the Prices of Commuter Fares and Protected Fares to the Secretary of State no later than week twelve (12) of each Fares Setting Round.
Schedule 5.8 (<i>Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring</i>), paragraph 2.1 (Monitoring)	Requirement to provide information relating to the Prices of Commuter Fares and Protected Fares to the Secretary of State and information relating to the Gross Revenue of the Franchisee in relation to the any particular Fare or Fares or any particular period.
Schedule 5.8 (<i>Fares Regulation Information and Monitoring</i>), paragraph 2.2 (Monitoring)	Requirement to provide written confirmation to the Secretary of State from a statutory director whether the Franchisee has complied with the obligations under Schedule 5 (<i>Fares and Smart Ticketing</i>) during each Fares Setting Round.
Part 2 (Franchise Specific Obligations) to Schedule 6.1 (<i>Franchise Specific Obligations</i>), paragraph 10.1 (Boxing Day Services)	Requirement to provide reports setting out proposals for operation of Additional Boxing Day Services.

Reference	Summary of Obligation
Part 2 (Franchise Specific Obligations) to Schedule 6.1 (<i>Franchise Specific Obligations</i>), paragraph 18.3 (Ticketless Travel Surveys)	Requirement to provide report setting out results of Ticketless Travel Survey and detailing how Ticketless Travel Survey was carried out in accordance with the Ticketless Travel Survey Methodology.
Part 2 to Schedule 6.2 (<i>Special Terms related to Committed Obligations</i>), paragraph 5 (Review of Compliance)	Requirement to provide such evidence of compliance with Committed Obligations as the Secretary of State may request.
Schedule 6.3 (<i>Contractual Incentive Mitigations</i>), paragraph 5 (Marketing Plan)	Requirement to produce and submit to the Secretary of State a Draft Marketing Plan.
Schedule 6.3 (<i>Contractual Incentive Mitigations</i>), paragraph 5.7	Requirement to produce evidence setting out the expenditure incurred and showing that the activities shown in the Marketing Plan for the period under review have been carried out. Reporting requirements and requirement to confirm how further improvements could be made.
Schedule 6.3 (<i>Contractual Incentive Mitigations</i>), paragraph 5.9	Requirement to provide an updated version of the Marketing Plan in respect of the remainder of the Franchise Term as part of each Business Plan to be submitted after the CIM Activation Date under paragraph 10 of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>).
Schedule 6.3 (<i>Contractual Incentive Mitigations</i>), paragraph 8.2	Requirement to provide report at the end of each Reporting Period which sets out numbers of Franchisee Employees that fall into the categories noted in paragraph 8.1 of Schedule 6.3 (<i>Contractual Incentive Mitigations</i>) and outline the Franchisee's plan for recruitment to fill any vacancies.
Schedule 6.3 (<i>Contractual Incentive Mitigations</i>), paragraph 11 (Changes to the Bid Fares Strategy)	Requirement to provide details, information and supporting documentation relating to changes to the Bid Fares Strategy.
Schedule 6.4 (<i>Alliances</i>), paragraph 3 (Termination of the Alliance Agreement)	Requirement to notify the Secretary of State if it receives a termination notice from Network Rail relating to the Alliance Agreement or if Network Rail takes any steps to terminate the Alliance Agreement or warns the Franchisee in writing of termination.
Schedule 6.4 (<i>Alliances</i>), paragraph 4 (Reporting on the Alliance Agreement)	Requirement to report in writing each quarter on activities undertaken pursuant to the Alliance Agreement.
Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>), paragraph 2 (Reporting Requirements)	Reporting requirements relating to the operational performance information set out in Appendix 2 (Operational Performance Information) of Schedule 11.2 (<i>Management Information</i>).
Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>), paragraph 17 (Service Recovery Plans and Force Majeure)	Requirement to provide comprehensive records relating to the implementation of a Service Recovery Plan.
Schedule 7.1 (<i>Operational Performance</i>), paragraph 26.2 (Action Plans)	Requirement to produce an Action Plan to secure a Required Performance Improvement.
Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and</i>	Requirement to produce a NRPS Action Plan

Reference	Summary of Obligation
<i>Engagement</i>), paragraph 5 (Required Improvement and NRPS Action Plans)	to secure any Required Improvement for submission to the Secretary of State.
Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>), paragraph 9 (Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy)	Requirement to provide to the Secretary of State any proposed revisions to the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.
Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>), paragraph 10 (Customer Report)	Requirement to produce and publish a Customer Report.
Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>), paragraph 11 (Customer and Communities Investment (CCI) Scheme)	Requirement to provide details of any CCI Scheme proposed by the Franchisee.
Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>), paragraph 12.1 (Customer Service and Satisfaction Data)	Requirement to publish details of the Franchisee's level of adherence to scheduled ticket office opening hours and performance in respect of Passenger Assistance service.
Schedule 7.2 (<i>Customer Experience and Engagement</i>), paragraphs 12.2 and 12.3 (Customer Service and Satisfaction Data)	Requirement to publish NRPS scores achieved by the Franchisee.
Schedule 8.2 (<i>Profit Share Mechanism</i>), paragraph 3 (Relevant Profit Report)	Reporting requirements relating to Relevant Profit Reports.
Schedule 8.6 (<i>Forecast Revenue Mechanism</i>), paragraph 9.1 (FRM Revenue Report)	Reporting requirements relating to FRM Revenue Report.
Schedule 9.1 (<i>Financial and Other Consequences of Change</i>), paragraph 11 (Information)	Requirement to provide information in respect of obligations under Schedule 9.1 as the Secretary of State may request.
Schedule 9.2 (<i>Identity of the Financial Model (Escrow Documents)</i>), paragraph 1 (Franchisee's Obligations)	Requirement to provide the Financial Model and the Escrow Documents.
of Schedule 10.1 (<i>Procedure for remedying a Contravention of the Franchise Agreement</i>), paragraphs 3 (Remedial Plan Notices) and 4 (Remedial Plans)	Obligation to provide certain information in a Remedial Plan Notices/Remedial Plans.
Schedule 10.3 (<i>Force Majeure and Business Continuity</i>), paragraph 4 (Business Continuity)	Requirement to provide a Business Continuity Plan.
Schedule 11.1 (<i>Franchise Performance Meetings</i>), paragraph 1.3 (Franchise Performance Meetings)	Requirement to prepare and present such reports to each Franchise Performance Meeting as the Secretary of State may reasonably requests.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 2 (Community Rail Partnerships)	Requirement to provide a Community Rail Report.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 8 (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises)	Requirement to provide breakdown of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 9 (Apprenticeships)	Requirement to provide the information relating to Apprenticeships as set out in paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 9.5 (Apprenticeships)	Requirement to submit a draft Skills and Leadership Strategy.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 10.1(d)	Requirement to submit a copy of the assessment report produced by an

Reference	Summary of Obligation
	independent body in respect of performance against the Rail Safety and Standard's Board's Sustainable Development Self-Assessment Framework.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 10.1(f)	Obligation to produce an improvement plan in respect of the targets against the Sustainable Development Strategy.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 10.1(h)	Obligation to provide a report identifying progress in respect of delivering a sustainable franchise and revisions to the Sustainable Development Strategy.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 10.1(j)	Requirement on the Franchisee to publish its Sustainable Development Strategy on the request of the Secretary of State.
Schedule 13.1 (<i>Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation</i>), paragraph 10.2 (Environmental Management and Sustainability Accreditation)	Requirement to provide copies of the certification audit reports and a copy of the ISO50001 Energy Review.
Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>), paragraph 12 (Reporting Requirements)	Reporting requirements relating to the performance of the MCS.
Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>), paragraph 13 (Route Signal and Capacity Survey)	Reporting and provision of data requirements relating to the MCS Route Signal and Capacity Survey.
Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>), paragraph 15 (MCS Connectivity Service Contracts)	Provision of a request for a MCS Connectivity Service Contract together with a form of draft MCS Connectivity Service Contract agreed with the proposed counter party and such additional information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.
Schedule 13.3 (<i>Mobile Communications Service</i>), paragraph 17 (Security Requirements)	Provision of a copy of the MCS Emergency Protocol not less often than once each Franchisee Year and a written report of the security risk assessment referred to at paragraph 17.1(c).
Schedule 14.4 (<i>Designation of Franchise Assets</i>), paragraph 9 (Provision of Information to the Secretary of State)	Obligation to provide such information as the Secretary of State requires in respect of Primary Franchise Assets including details of Security Interests.
Schedule 14.5 (<i>Dealing with Franchise Assets</i>), paragraph 5 (Miscellaneous)	Obligation to provide such information as the Secretary of State requires in respect of Security Interests.
Schedule 14.6 (<i>Residual Value Mechanism</i>), paragraph 1.3 (Process for issue of a Certificate of Completion for RV Assets)	Obligation to provide such information as the Secretary of State requires in respect of RV Assets.
Schedule 14.6 (<i>Residual Value Mechanism</i>), paragraph 2 (Maintenance Requirements for RV Assets)	Obligation to provide a schedule of condition in respect of RV Assets.
Schedule 15.1 (<i>Reletting Provisions</i>), paragraphs 2 (Preparation for Reletting) and 3 (Data Site Information)	Obligation to provide certain information to the Secretary of State in respect of a reletting of the Franchise.
Schedule 15.3 (<i>Handover Package</i>), paragraph 1 (Handover Package Status)	Requirement to produce and maintain the Handover Package.

Reference	Summary of Obligation
Schedule 15.3 (<i>Handover Package</i>), paragraph 2 (Director's Certificate)	Requirement to provide a director's certificate in each Franchisee Year.
Schedule 15.4 (<i>Provisions applying on and after Termination</i>), paragraph 9 (Information about Passengers)	Requirement to provide passenger numbers information, CRM Data and Yield Management Data on expiry of the Franchise Period.
Appendix 2 (Template Form of Supplemental Agreement) to Schedule 15.4 (<i>Provisions applying on and after Termination</i>), paragraph 2.2 (Net Asset Statement)	Obligation to prepare and provide a net asset statement under the supplemental agreement.
Schedule 16 (<i>Pensions</i>), paragraph 6 (Discharge of Obligations)	Obligation to provide a certificate signed by the Trustee in relation to the Franchise Sections stating that the Franchisee has fully complied with its obligations under the Railways Pensions Scheme.
Schedule 17 (<i>Confidentiality and Freedom of Information</i>), paragraph 10 (Redactions)	Obligation to provide details of provisions of the Franchise Documents or any such variations which the Franchisee believes are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, Environmental Information Regulations or the Act.

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SCHEDULE 12

FINANCIAL COVENANTS AND BONDS

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Schedule 12

Financial Covenants and Bonds

1. Obligations

Except to the extent that the Secretary of State may otherwise agree from time to time, the Franchisee shall not:

- (a) incur any liability or financial indebtedness except in the ordinary course of providing and operating the Franchise Services;
- (b) make any loan or grant any credit, or have or permit to subsist any loan or any credit, to any person (other than the deposit of cash with a Bank as permitted under paragraph (d) or to an employee in the ordinary course of its business);
- (c) create or permit to subsist any Security Interest over any of its assets or property or give any guarantee or indemnity to or for the benefit of any person or otherwise assume liability or become obliged (actually or contingently) in respect of any obligation of any other person, in each case other than in the ordinary course of the business of providing and operating the Franchise Services; or
- (d) create or acquire any subsidiary or make or have any investment in any other entity, except for the deposit of cash with a Bank.

2. Financial Ratios

2.1 The Franchisee covenants that as at the end of each Reporting Period during the Franchise Term:

- (a) the ratio of its Modified Revenue to its Actual Operating Costs during the Preceding thirteen (13) Reporting Periods of the Franchise Term (or, prior to the end of the thirteenth such Reporting Period, during all preceding Reporting Periods) will **equal or exceed the ratio of 1.050:1**; and
- (b) the ratio of its Forecast Modified Revenue to its Forecast Operating Costs for the next thirteen (13) Reporting Periods (or, where there are less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods remaining in the Franchise Term, for all such remaining Reporting Periods) will **equal or exceed the ratio of 1.050:1**; and

for the purposes of this paragraph 2 "**Preceding thirteen (13) Reporting Periods**" means the Reporting Period just ended and the preceding twelve (12) Reporting Periods of the Franchise Term.

2.2 If:

- (a) in respect of any Reporting Period, the Franchisee fails pursuant to paragraph 9.2(b) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) to provide a statement of calculation of performance against the covenants set out in paragraph 2.1(b) for each of the next thirteen (13) Reporting Periods (or, where there are less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods remaining in the Franchise Term, for all such remaining Reporting Periods) following any such Reporting Period; or
- (b) the Secretary of State reasonably considers that any particular item of Forecast Modified Revenue or Forecast Operating Cost used for the purposes of determining the Franchisee's performance against the covenants set out in paragraph 2.1(b) has not been accounted for on a reasonable basis (including where the accounting treatment looks to the form rather than the substance),

then the Secretary of State may:

- (i) in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 2.2(a) above reasonably determine the ratio of the Forecast Modified Revenue and Forecast Operating Cost on the basis of information available to him; or
- (ii) in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 2.2(b) above require any such particular item of Forecast Modified Revenue or Forecast Operating Cost to be adjusted in a manner which is fair and reasonable and, so far as reasonably determinable, on the basis on which such particular item of Forecast Modified Revenue or Forecast Operating Cost should have been accounted for by the Franchisee as reasonably determined by the Secretary of State,

in either case after having exercised his rights under paragraph 9.7 (Secretary of State Audit of calculations provided pursuant to paragraph 9.2(b) (ii)) of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) to the extent that he considers appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of making any such reasonable determination.

3. Breach of Financial Ratios

3.1 The Franchisee shall not during any Lock-up Period, do any of the following without the Secretary of State's consent:

- (a) declare or pay any dividend (equity or preference) or make any other distribution including surrendering any taxable losses to any of its Affiliates or pay any of its Affiliates in respect of taxable losses that they wish to surrender to the Franchisee, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State;
- (b) pay management charges to any of its Affiliates in excess of those specified in the Initial Business Plan; or
- (c) make payment under any intra-group borrowings,

provided that, during the Lock-up Period, the Franchisee may repay any borrowing and/or make any payment in respect of interest accrued on such borrowing, in each case relating to the Agreed Funding Commitment in accordance with the AFC Plan (each as defined in the Funding Deed).

3.2 "**Lock-up Period**" means any period from the time when either of the ratios referred to in paragraphs 2.1(a) and 2.1(b) falls below the ratio of **1.070:1** until the time at which the Secretary of State is satisfied that the relevant ratio is again above the ratio of **1.070:1**.

3.3 Failure by the Franchisee at any time to comply with either of the ratios referred to in paragraph 2.1 shall be an Event of Default under paragraph 1.8 of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*).

4. Performance Bond

4.1 The Franchisee shall procure that there shall be a valid and effective Performance Bond in place with effect from the date of the Franchise Agreement, and the Franchisee shall procure that there shall be a valid and effective Performance Bond in place:

- (a) throughout the Franchise Period; and
- (b) for a further period that is the later of the date:
 - (i) falling one (1) month after the determination of the Purchase Price (as defined in any Supplemental Agreement) under the Supplemental Agreement; and

- (ii) that is seven (7) Reporting Periods after the end of the Franchise Period.

The provisions of this paragraph 4.1 shall survive the termination of the Franchise Agreement.

4.2 Each Performance Bond shall:

- (a) be substantially in the form of Appendix 1 (*Template Form of Performance Bond*) to this Schedule 12;
- (b) be issued by a Bond Provider;
- (c) in the case of the Initial Performance Bond, have a value of fifteen million pounds sterling (£15,000,000), and in the case of any Replacement Performance Bond, have a value equal to the amount determined under paragraph 4.4; and
- (d) have a minimum duration of three (3) years.

4.3 **Provision of Replacement Performance Bond**

- (a) The Franchisee may replace the then current Performance Bond at any time.
- (b) The Franchisee shall replace each Performance Bond at least six (6) months prior to its scheduled expiry with a Replacement Performance Bond.
- (c) If at any time the Secretary of State reasonably considers the Bond Provider under the then current Performance Bond to be unacceptable, the Secretary of State may require the Franchisee within twenty (20) Weekdays to procure the execution and delivery of a new Performance Bond by a Bond Provider acceptable to the Secretary of State.

4.4 **Amount of Replacement Performance Bond**

The value of any Replacement Performance Bond shall be as follows:

- (a) in relation to the first (1st) Replacement Performance Bond, an amount which is fifteen million pounds sterling (£15,000,000), **x RPI**; and
- (b) in relation to each subsequent Replacement Performance Bond an amount which is the amount of the Replacement Performance Bond that it is replacing x RPI,

and, for the purpose of this paragraph 4.4, **RPI** shall be the quotient of the Retail Prices Index for the month for which the Retail Prices Index has most recently been determined on the date on which the Franchisee is to replace the Performance Bond divided by the Retail Prices Index for the month in which the Performance Bond that is being replaced was required to be delivered to the Secretary of State.

4.5 **Demands under the Performance Bond**

- (a) The Performance Bond shall be on terms that it is payable without further enquiry by the Bond Provider to the Secretary of State in full in London on first written demand by the Secretary of State on the Bond Provider, certifying as to any one or more of the following:
 - (i) that the Franchise Agreement has:
 - (A) either terminated or expired and, in either case, in circumstances where there are liabilities or obligations outstanding from the Franchisee to the Secretary of State; and/or

- (B) terminated solely as a consequence of the occurrence of one or more Events of Default or a Termination Event of a type described in paragraphs 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) or pursuant to Clause 4.2(b) or 4.3(b) of the Conditions Precedent Agreement in circumstances where the Secretary of State has incurred or expects to incur losses, liabilities, costs or expenses in connection with early termination of the Franchise;
- (ii) that a railway administration order has been made in relation to the Franchisee pursuant to sections 60 to 62 of the Act;
- (iii) the occurrence of an Event of Default:
- (A) under paragraph 1.12(a) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) in relation to the Performance Bond; or
- (B) under paragraph 1.12(b) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*),
- whether or not the Franchise Agreement is, or is to be, terminated as a result thereof;
- (iv) that the Franchisee has failed to perform or comply with its obligations under any Supplemental Agreement;
- (v) that the Franchisee has failed to provide a Replacement Performance Bond complying with this paragraph 4 at least six (6) months prior to the scheduled expiry of the existing Performance Bond; or
- (vi) that the Franchisee has failed to procure the execution and delivery of a new Performance Bond by a Bond Provider acceptable to the Secretary of State when required to do so in accordance with paragraph 4.3(c).
- (b) If the Secretary of State makes a demand under the Performance Bond, he shall, within a reasonable period, account to the Franchisee for the proceeds of such Performance Bond **less** the amount of the losses, liabilities costs or expenses which, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State or a Successor Operator has incurred or suffered or may be reasonably likely to incur or suffer including as a result of:
- (i) early termination of the Franchise Agreement; and/or
- (ii) any failure by the Franchisee to perform or comply with any of its obligations to the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement or to a Successor Operator under the Supplemental Agreement,
- and which are not otherwise recovered by the Secretary of State (including pursuant to Clause 7.3 of the Funding Deed).
- (c) It is agreed that for the purposes of paragraph 4.5(b) losses, liabilities, costs or expenses which the Secretary of State or a Successor Operator has incurred or suffered or may be reasonably likely to incur or suffer shall include any losses, liabilities, costs or expenses consequent upon the fact that the Successor Operator and any Train Operators that might succeed the Franchisee in providing all or any of the Franchise Services during the remainder of the Franchise Term may do so on a different financial basis with regard to amounts equivalent to the Franchise Payments and/or other amounts payable pursuant to Schedule 8 of the Franchise Agreement than the financial basis on which the Franchisee provided the Franchise Services pursuant to the Franchise Agreement.

- (d) Nothing in paragraphs 4.5(b) and 4.5(c) shall oblige the Secretary of State to account to the Franchisee for the proceeds of such Performance Bond in the circumstances described in paragraphs 4.5(a)(iii), 4.5(a)(v) or 4.5(a)(vi) until such time as the Franchisee has procured a Replacement Performance Bond which complies with the requirements of paragraph 4.

4.6 **Characteristics of Performance Bond Provider**

- (a) In determining whether a Bond Provider under any Replacement Performance Bond is acceptable, the Secretary of State may exercise his discretion and shall not be obliged to accept a Bond Provider accepted under any previous Performance Bond.
- (b) The Franchisee shall provide such information relating to any Bond Provider or proposed Bond Provider as the Secretary of State may require from time to time.

4.7 **Provision of more than one Performance Bond**

The Franchisee shall be permitted subject to the prior consent of the Secretary of State (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to meet its obligations to provide a valid and effective Performance Bond by providing up to three (3) valid and effective Performance Bonds, the aggregate value of which at all times is equal to the value determined under paragraph 4.4. With the exception of the value of each individual Performance Bond the provisions of the Franchise Agreement in relation to the Performance Bond shall be deemed to apply separately in relation to each such Performance Bond. Where more than one (1) Performance Bond is provided the Secretary of State shall have a discretion as to whether to make a demand under one or more of such Performance Bonds and the extent to which he accounts to the Franchisee the proceeds of each such Performance Bond in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.5(b).

5. **Season Ticket Bond**

5.1 **Provision of Season Ticket Bond**

The Franchisee shall procure that, for each Franchisee Year throughout the Franchise Term and during the relevant call period specified in Clauses 4 and 5 of the Season Ticket Bond, there shall be in place a valid and effective Season Ticket Bond substantially in the form of Appendix 2 (*Template Form of Season Ticket Bond*) to this Schedule 12.

5.2 **Provision of Replacement Season Ticket Bond**

No later than one (1) Reporting Period before the expiry of each Bond Year, the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State (or procure that the Secretary of State receives) a Season Ticket Bond for the following Bond Year:

- (a) substantially in the form of Appendix 2 (*Template Form of Season Ticket Bond*) to this Schedule 12 (or in any other form acceptable to the Secretary of State in his discretion);
- (b) duly executed and delivered by a Bond Provider acceptable to the Secretary of State; and
- (c) in an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 5.3.

5.3 Amount of Season Ticket Bond

The amount of any Season Ticket Bond shall vary for each Reporting Period during the Bond Year to which the Season Ticket Bond relates in accordance with the following formula:

$$STBA = STL \times \frac{(RPI \times 100) + k}{100} \times Z$$

where:

STBA equals the amount of the Season Ticket Bond in the relevant Reporting Period;

STL equals in respect of such Reporting Period:

- (a) the maximum amount which would be payable by the Franchisee in respect of Season Ticket Fares under and in accordance with a Supplemental Agreement and paragraph 3.3 of Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*) and the rights and liabilities of the Franchisee relating to an obligation of carriage under the terms of any Season Ticket Fares which were transferred under a Transfer Scheme relating to that Supplemental Agreement to a Successor Operator at that time; and
- (b) the Stored Credit Balance which would be held by the Franchisee,

if the Franchise Agreement were to terminate on any day during the Reporting Period (the "**Relevant Reporting Period**") falling thirteen (13) Reporting Periods before such Reporting Period,

provided that for these purposes only:

- (i) Season Ticket Fares shall mean any Season Ticket Fare which expires more than seven (7) days after it first comes into effect;
- (ii) the Start Date shall be assumed, where relevant, to have occurred before the commencement of the Relevant Reporting Period; and
- (iii) if STL cannot reasonably be determined at the time at which the Franchisee is required under paragraph 5.4 to provide its estimate of the amount of the relevant Season Ticket Bond (including because the Relevant Reporting Period has not yet occurred), the Relevant Reporting Period shall be the Reporting Period falling twenty six (26) Reporting Periods before the Reporting Period in the relevant Bond Year;

RPI equals the quotient of the Retail Prices Index for the month for which the Retail Prices Index has most recently been determined at the time the Franchisee is required under paragraph 5.4 to provide its estimate of the amount of the relevant Season Ticket Bond divided by the Retail Prices Index for the month falling twelve (12) months before such month;

k has the value attributed to it in Schedule 5 (*Fares and Smart Ticketing*) for the Fare Year in which the Reporting Period in the relevant Bond Year falls; and

Z equals **+1** or, if the Relevant Reporting Period falls twenty six (26) Reporting Periods before such Reporting Period, an amount equal to:

$$\frac{(RPI \times 100) + k}{100} = K$$

where **RPI** and **k** are determined for the twelve (12) months and the Fare Year preceding the twelve (12) months and the Fare Year for which **RPI** and **k** are respectively determined above.

5.4 The Franchisee shall supply to the Secretary of State, not later than three (3) Reporting Periods before the end of each Bond Year, its estimate of the amount of the Season Ticket Bond for each Reporting Period during the following Bond Year and shall supply such details as the Secretary of State may request in connection therewith.

5.5 The Franchisee and the Secretary of State shall endeavour to agree the amount of such Season Ticket Bond by no later than two (2) Reporting Periods before the end of each Bond Year. If the Parties are unable to agree the amount of the Season Ticket Bond in respect of any Reporting Period during the following Bond Year, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules.

5.6 If the amount of the Season Ticket Bond for each Reporting Period during a Bond Year has not been agreed two (2) Reporting Periods before the end of the preceding Bond Year, then, until the amount is agreed or determined in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules, the amount thereof shall be the amount determined by the Secretary of State.

5.7 The Secretary of State and the Franchisee may agree to increase or reduce the amount covered or required to be covered under a Season Ticket Bond from time to time.

5.8 Demands under the Season Ticket Bond

(a) The Season Ticket Bond shall be on terms that it is payable without further enquiry by the Bond Provider to the Secretary of State in full in London on first written demand by the Secretary of State on the Bond Provider, certifying as to any one or more of the following:

(i) that the Franchise Agreement has terminated or expired;

(ii) that a railway administration order has been made in relation to the Franchisee pursuant to sections 60 to 62 of the Act; or

(iii) that an Event of Default:

(A) under paragraph 1.12(a) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) in relation to the Season Ticket Bond; or

(B) under paragraph 1.12(c) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*),

has occurred (whether or not the Franchise Agreement is, or is to be, terminated as a result thereof).

(b) If the Secretary of State makes a demand under the Season Ticket Bond, he shall account to the Franchisee for the proceeds of such Season Ticket Bond remaining following settlement of all liabilities or obligations of the Franchisee in respect of any Season Ticket Fares and/or Stored Credit Balance that may be transferred or is transferred whether under a Transfer Scheme (or otherwise) to a Successor Operator.

5.9 Characteristics of Season Ticket Bond Provider

(a) In determining whether a Bond Provider under any replacement Season Ticket Bond is acceptable, the Secretary of State may exercise his discretion and shall not be obliged to accept a Bond Provider accepted under any previous Season Ticket Bond.

(b) The Franchisee shall provide such information relating to any Bond Provider or proposed Bond Provider as the Secretary of State may require from time to time.

- (c) The Secretary of State agrees that, subject to receipt of a Season Ticket Bond in an amount determined in accordance with paragraph 5.3 in respect of any Bond Year, he shall release the relevant Bond Provider from any liability under the Season Ticket Bond provided in relation to the preceding Bond Year on the expiry of such Bond Year, provided that no Event of Default has occurred and is unremedied or continuing.

5.9A **Provision of more than one Season Ticket Bond**

The Franchisee shall be permitted subject to the prior consent of the Secretary of State (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to meet its obligations to provide a valid and effective Season Ticket Bond by providing up to three (3) valid and effective Season Ticket Bonds, the aggregate value of which at all times is equal to the value determined under paragraph 5.3. With the exception of the value of each individual Season Ticket Bond the provisions of the Franchise Agreement in relation to the Season Ticket Bond shall be deemed to apply separately in relation to each such Season Ticket Bond. Where more than one (1) Season Ticket Bond is provided the Secretary of State shall have a discretion as to whether to make a demand under one or more of such Season Ticket Bonds and the extent to which he accounts to the Franchisee for the proceeds of each such Season Ticket Bond in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5.8(b).

5.10 **Meaning of "Reporting Period"**

References in this paragraph 5 to a **"Reporting Period"** shall be construed, where the Franchisee so requests and the Secretary of State consents (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), to be references to each consecutive seven (7) day period (or such other period as may be agreed) during such Reporting Period. The Franchisee may only make such a request in respect of a maximum of two (2) Reporting Periods in each Bond Year and only where the amount of the Season Ticket Bond over any such period would, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, differ materially if determined by reference to such seven (7) day periods.

6. **Tax Compliance**

6.1 The Franchisee represents and warrants that as at the Start Date, it has notified the Secretary of State in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance where the Franchisee (including where the Franchisee is an unincorporated joint venture or consortium, the members of that unincorporated joint venture or consortium) is the Affected Party (as defined in paragraph 6.3 below) or any litigation that it is involved in that is in connection with any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance where the Franchisee (including where the Franchisee is a joint venture or consortium, the members of that joint venture or consortium) is the Affected Party.

6.2 If, at any point during the Franchise Term, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs in relation to any Affected Party, the Franchisee shall:

- (a) notify the Secretary of State in writing of such fact within five (5) Weekdays of its occurrence; and
- (b) promptly provide to the Secretary of State:
 - (i) details of the steps which the Affected Party is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
 - (ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.

6.3 For the purposes of this paragraph 6, the following defined terms shall have the following meanings:

“Affected Party”

has the meaning given to it in the definition of Occasion of Tax Non Compliance;

“DOTAS”

means the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HM Revenue & Customs of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions by the National Insurance Contributions (Application of Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004) Regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under s.132A Social Security Administration Act 1992;

“General Anti-Abuse Rule”

means:

- (a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and
- (b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid national insurance contributions;

“Halifax Abuse Principles”

means the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others; and

“Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance”

means, in respect of the Franchisee (including where Franchisee is an unincorporated joint venture or consortium, the members of that unincorporated joint venture or consortium) or the Franchisee (such party being the **“Affected Party”**):

- (a) any tax return of the Affected Party submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 is found on or after 1 April 2013 is found to be incorrect as a result of:
 - (i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Affected Party under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;
 - (ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Affected Party was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime; and/or
- (b) any tax return of the Affected Party submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 gives rise, on or after 1 April

2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Start Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 12⁹⁸

Template Form of Performance Bond

[DOCUMENT "PB" - PERFORMANCE BOND]

Dated [INSERT DATE]

[INSERT NAME OF BOND PROVIDER]

[Template] Performance Bond

Secretary of State for Transport
33 Horseferry Road
London SW1P 4DR

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⁹⁸ **Note to Bidders:** This is a template document. DfT to populate based on the winning Bidder's details.

To: Secretary of State for Transport
33 Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 4DR
(the Secretary of State)

Whereas:

We are informed that you have entered into a franchise agreement dated [INSERT DATE] (the "**Franchise Agreement**") with [INSERT NAME OF FRANCHISEE] (the "**Franchisee**"). Pursuant to the Franchise Agreement the Franchisee will provide certain railway passenger services.

We are further informed that the Franchise Agreement requires that the Secretary of State receives a duly executed performance bond in the amount of fifteen million pounds sterling (£15,000,000), (the "**Bond Value**") to secure the performance by the Franchisee of and its compliance with their respective obligations under the Franchise Agreement and any Supplemental Agreement.

Accordingly:

We hereby unconditionally and irrevocably undertake to pay to you in full in London, immediately upon receipt of your first written demand on us in the form set out in the Schedule and, without further enquiry, the sum specified therein. Such written demand shall state:

- (a) the Call Event (as defined in Clause hereof) that has occurred; and
- (b) the date of occurrence of such Call Event.

You may call on us for the whole or part of the amount of our liability hereunder and you may make any number of calls on us up to a maximum aggregate amount of the Bond Value. All sums payable hereunder shall be paid free of any restriction or condition and free and clear of and (except to the extent required by law) without any deduction or withholding, whether for or on account of tax, by way of set-off or otherwise.

1. The undertaking given by us above shall operate provided that:

- (a) our maximum liability shall be limited to a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the Bond Value or such lesser amount as you may notify us of from time to time in writing, separately from any demand, shall constitute the Bond Value of this Bond; and
- (b) notwithstanding anything contained herein, our liability hereunder shall expire on the earliest of:
 - (i) the date falling six (6) months after the date on which any railway administration order is made in relation to the Franchisee pursuant to sections 60 to 62 of the Railways Act 1993; and
 - (ii) the latest of:
 - (A) the date falling one (1) month after the determination of the Purchase Price (as defined in any Supplemental Agreement) under each relevant Supplemental Agreement; and
 - (B) the date falling seven (7) Reporting Periods after the end of the Franchise Period; and
 - (C) the end of the Franchise Term; and

(iii)[INSERT DATE],

except in respect of any written demand for payment complying with all the requirements hereof which is received by us on or before such date for either the Bond Value, or for such lesser amount which, when aggregated with any previous demands, amounts to the Bond Value or less, after which date this undertaking shall be void whether returned to us or not.

2. **“Call Event”** means, in this Bond, any of:

- (a) the termination or expiry of the Franchise Agreement in circumstances where there are liabilities or obligations outstanding from the Franchisee to the Secretary of State;
- (b) the termination of the Franchise Agreement solely as a consequence of the occurrence of one or more Events of Default or a Termination Event of a type described in paragraphs 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) or pursuant to Clause 4.2(b) or 4.3(b) of the Conditions Precedent Agreement in circumstances where the Secretary of State has incurred or expects to incur losses, liabilities, costs or expenses in connection with early termination of the South Eastern franchise;
- (c) the making of a railway administration order in relation to the Franchisee pursuant to sections 60 to 62 of the Railways Act 1993;
- (d) the occurrence of an Event of Default under the Franchise Agreement in respect of:
 - (i) paragraph 1.12(a) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) of the Franchise Agreement in relation to the Performance Bond; or
 - (ii) paragraph 1.12(b) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) of the Franchise Agreement,whether or not the Franchise Agreement is, or is to be, terminated as a result thereof;
- (e) the failure by the Franchisee to perform or comply with its obligations under any Supplemental Agreement;
- (f) the failure by the Franchisee to provide the Secretary of State with a Replacement Performance Bond which complies with paragraph 4 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) of the Franchise Agreement at least six (6) months prior the scheduled expiry of the existing Performance Bond; or
- (g) the failure by the Franchisee to procure the execution and delivery of a new Performance Bond by a Bond Provider in favour of and acceptable to the Secretary of State when required to do so in accordance with paragraph 4.3(c) of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) of the Franchise Agreement.

3. This undertaking is made to you, your successors and your assigns.

4. This undertaking shall not be discharged or released by time, indulgence, waiver, alteration or release of, or in respect to, the obligations of the Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement or any other circumstances that might operate as a release of a guarantor at law or in equity.

5. You may make demand or give notice to us under this Bond in writing by hand or via email transmission to us as follows:

Address: [INSERT BOND PROVIDER'S ADDRESS]

Email Address: [INSERT BOND PROVIDER'S EMAIL ADDRESS]

6. References in this Bond to the Franchise Agreement and the Supplemental Agreement are to the Franchise Agreement and any Supplemental Agreement as amended from time to time.
7. Where used in this Bond, capitalised terms have the same meanings as in the Franchise Agreement.
8. This Bond shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

Executed as a deed this [INSERT DAY AND MONTH] of [INSERT YEAR].

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SCHEDULE TO THE PERFORMANCE BOND

SPECIMEN DEMAND NOTICE

To: [INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF BOND PROVIDER]

[INSERT DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE]

We refer to the performance bond issued by you on [INSERT DATE OF BOND] (the "**Performance Bond**") in connection with the franchise agreement (the "**Franchise Agreement**") entered into between the Secretary of State for Transport (the "**Secretary of State**") and [INSERT NAME OF FRANCHISEE] (the "**Franchisee**") on [INSERT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT SIGNATURE DATE].

We hereby notify you that the following Call Event (as defined in the Performance Bond) occurred on [INSERT DATE OF OCCURRENCE OF CALL EVENT]: [**DRAFTING NOTE: DELETE AS APPROPRIATE**]

- [The Franchise Agreement has [**terminated/expired**] on [INSERT DATE OF TERMINATION/EXPIRY] in circumstances where there are liabilities or obligations outstanding from the Franchisee to the Secretary of State.]
- The Franchise Agreement has terminated solely as a consequence of the occurrence of one or more Events of Default or a Termination Event of a type described in paragraphs 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) on [INSERT DATE OF TERMINATION] in circumstances where the Secretary of State has incurred or expects to incur losses, liabilities, costs or expenses in connection with early termination of the South Eastern franchise.
- [A railway administration order has been made in relation to the Franchisee pursuant to sections 60 to 62 of the Railways Act 1993.]
- [That an Event of Default under the Franchise Agreement has occurred under:
[(a) paragraph 1.12(a) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) of the Franchise Agreement in relation to the Performance Bond; or]
[(b) paragraph 1.12(b) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) of the Franchise Agreement.]]
- [The Franchise Agreement has terminated pursuant to Clause 4.2(b) or 4.3(b) of the Conditions Precedent Agreement in circumstances where the Secretary of State has incurred or expects to incur additional costs in connection with early termination of the South Eastern franchise.]
- [The Franchisee has failed to perform or comply with its obligations under any Supplemental Agreement.]
- [The Franchisee has failed to provide a Replacement Performance Bond (as described in the Franchise Agreement) complying with paragraph 4 of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) of the Franchise Agreement at least six (6) months prior to the scheduled expiry of the existing Performance Bond.]
- [The Franchisee has failed to procure the execution and delivery of a new Performance Bond by a Bond Provider acceptable to the Secretary of State when required to do so in accordance with paragraph 4.3(c) of Schedule 12 (*Financial Covenants and Bonds*) of the Franchise Agreement.]

We hereby demand immediate payment from you of [SPECIFY ALTERNATIVE AMOUNT IF NOT BOND VALUE] or the Bond Value, whichever is smaller.

Please arrange for immediate payment of the relevant amount as follows:

[INSERT ACCOUNT DETAILS TO WHICH BOND MONIES TO BE PAID INTO]

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For and on behalf of **Secretary of State for Transport**

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Template Form of Season Ticket Bond

DOCUMENT "STB" - SEASON TICKET BOND

Dated [INSERT DATE]

[INSERT NAME OF BOND PROVIDER]

[Template] Season Ticket Bond

Secretary of State for Transport
33 Horseferry Road
London SW1P 4DR

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⁹⁹ **Note to Bidders:** This is a template document. DfT to populate based on the winning Bidder's details.

To: Secretary of State for Transport
33 Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 4DR
(the "**Secretary of State**")

Whereas:

We are informed that you have entered into a franchise agreement dated [INSERT DATE] (the "**Franchise Agreement**") with [INSERT NAME OF FRANCHISEE] (the "**Franchisee**") under which the Franchisee will provide certain railway passenger services.

We are further informed that the Franchise Agreement requires that the Secretary of State receives a duly executed season ticket bond to secure the performance by the Franchisee of and its compliance with its obligations under the Franchise Agreement and any Supplemental Agreement.

Accordingly:

We hereby unconditionally and irrevocably undertake to pay to you in full in London, immediately upon receipt of your first written demand on us in the form set out in Schedule 1 (*Specimen Demand Notice*) and, without further enquiry, the sum specified therein. Such written demand shall state:

- (a) the Call Event (as defined in Clause 2) that has occurred; and
- (b) the date of occurrence of such Call Event.

You may call on us for the whole or part of the amount of our liability hereunder and you may make any number of calls on us up to a maximum aggregate amount of the Bond Value (as defined in Clause 3). All sums payable hereunder shall be paid free and clear of any restriction or condition and free and (except to the extent required by law) without any deduction or withholding, whether for or on account of tax, by way of set-off or otherwise.

1. The undertaking given by us above shall operate provided that:

- (a) our maximum liability shall be limited to a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the Bond Value on the date of occurrence of the Call Event stated in your written demand on us; and
- (b) you may only call on us (whether on one or more occasions) in relation to one Call Event, such Call Event to be determined by reference to the first written demand which is received by us in the form set out in Schedule 1 (*Specimen Demand Notice*).

2. "**Call Event**" means, in this Bond, any of:

- (a) the termination or expiry of the Franchise Agreement;
- (b) the making of a railway administration order in relation to the Franchisee pursuant to sections 60 to 62 of the Railways Act 1993; or
- (c) the occurrence of an Event of Default under paragraph 1.12(a) (in relation to a Season Ticket Bond) or paragraph 1.12(c) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) of the Franchise Agreement (whether or not the Franchise Agreement is, or is to be, terminated as a result thereof).

3. Bond Value shall mean, in respect of any date, the amount specified in Schedule 2 (*Bond Value*) as being the value of this Bond for such date (provided that for these purposes the date of occurrence of the Call Event specified in Clause 2(c) shall be deemed to be the last date for which a Bond Value is assigned under Schedule 2 (*Bond Value*) of this Bond).

4. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, but subject to Clause 5, our liability hereunder in respect of any Call Event shall expire no later than the end of the Franchise Term and:
- 4.1 in relation to a Call Event specified in Clauses 2(a) and 2(b), at noon (London time) on the date falling three (3) business days after the date of occurrence of such Call Event (business day being a day on which banks are open for business in the City of London); and
- 4.2 in relation to any other Call Event, on the day falling one (1) month after the last date for which a Bond Value is assigned under Schedule 2 of this Bond unless you notify us in writing prior to the relevant expiry time that the relevant Call Event has occurred (whether or not you call on us at the same time under this Bond).
5. If you do notify us under Clause 4 our liability shall expire on:
- 5.1 if the Call Event in respect of which you may call on us under this Bond is the termination of the Franchise Agreement, the date falling one (1) month after the determination of the Purchase Price (as defined in the Supplemental Agreement) under each relevant Supplemental Agreement;
- 5.2 if the Call Event in respect of which you may call on us under this Bond is the making of a railway administration order in relation to the Franchisee pursuant to sections 60 to 62 of the Railways Act 1993, the date falling three (3) months after the making of such railway administration order; or
- 5.3 if the Call Event in respect of which you may call on us under this Bond is the occurrence of an Event of Default under paragraph 1.12(a) (in relation to a Season Ticket Bond) or paragraph 1.12(c) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) of the Franchise Agreement (whether or not the Franchise Agreement is, or is to be, terminated as a result thereof), the date falling one (1) month after your notification to us under Clause 4,
- except, in each case, in respect of any written demand for payment complying with all the requirements hereof which is received by us on or before the relevant date, after which date this undertaking shall be void whether returned to us or not.
6. This undertaking is made to you, your successors and your assigns.
7. This undertaking shall not be discharged or released by time, indulgence, waiver, alteration or release of, or in respect to, the obligations of the Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement or any other circumstances that might operate as a release of a guarantor at law or in equity.
8. You may make demand or give notice to us under this Bond in writing by hand or via email transmission to us as follows:
- Address: [INSERT BOND PROVIDER'S ADDRESS]
- Email Address: [INSERT BOND PROVIDER'S EMAIL ADDRESS]
9. References in this Bond to the Franchise Agreement and the Supplemental Agreement are to the Franchise Agreement and the Supplemental Agreement as amended from time to time and terms defined therein shall have the same meaning in this Bond.
10. Where used in this Bond, capitalised terms have the same meanings as in the Franchise Agreement.
11. This Bond shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

Executed as a deed this [INSERT DAY AND MONTH] of [INSERT YEAR].

SCHEDULE 1 TO THE SEASON TICKET BOND

SPECIMEN DEMAND NOTICE

To: [INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF BOND PROVIDER]

[INSERT DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE]

We refer to the season ticket bond issued by you on [INSERT DATE OF BOND] (the "**Season Ticket Bond**") in connection with the franchise agreement (the "**Franchise Agreement**") entered into between the Secretary of State for Transport (the "**Secretary of State**") and [INSERT NAME OF FRANCHISEE] (the "**Franchisee**") on [INSERT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT SIGNATURE DATE].

We hereby notify you that the following Call Event (as defined in the Season Ticket Bond) occurred on [INSERT DATE OF OCCURRENCE OF CALL EVENT]: [**DRAFTING NOTE: DELETE AS APPROPRIATE**]

- [The Franchise Agreement [**terminated/expired**] on [INSERT DATE OF TERMINATION/EXPIRY].
- [A railway administration order has been made in relation to the Franchisee pursuant to sections 60 to 62 of the Railways Act 1993.]
- [An Event of Default occurred under paragraph 1.12(a) (in relation to a Season Ticket Bond) or paragraph 1.12(c) of Schedule 10.2 (*Events of Default and Termination Events*) of the Franchise Agreement.]

We hereby demand immediate payment from you of [SPECIFY ALTERNATIVE AMOUNT IF NOT BOND VALUE] or the Bond Value, whichever is smaller.

Please arrange for immediate payment of the relevant amount as follows:

[INSERT ACCOUNT DETAILS TO WHICH BOND MONIES TO BE PAID INTO]

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For and on behalf of **Secretary of State for Transport**

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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE SEASON TICKET BOND¹⁰⁰**Bond Value**

Call Event occurring in Reporting Period	Bond Value £
1	[INSERT AMOUNT]
2	[INSERT AMOUNT]
3	[INSERT AMOUNT]
4	[INSERT AMOUNT]
5	[INSERT AMOUNT]
6	[INSERT AMOUNT]
7	[INSERT AMOUNT]
8	[INSERT AMOUNT]
9	[INSERT AMOUNT]
10	[INSERT AMOUNT]
11	[INSERT AMOUNT]
12	[INSERT AMOUNT]
13	[INSERT AMOUNT]

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SCHEDULE 13

RAIL INDUSTRY INITIATIVES AND INNOVATION OBLIGATIONS

Schedule 13.1:	Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation
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Schedule 13.1

Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation

1. British Transport Police

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall give due consideration to any request by the British Transport Police to provide suitable accommodation (including additional or alternative accommodation) or facilities at Stations to enable the British Transport Police to effectively perform the services owed to the Franchisee under any contract or arrangement entered into between the British Transport Police and the Franchisee.
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall:
- (a) work with the British Transport Police to:
 - (i) reduce crime and anti-social behaviour on the railway;
 - (ii) reduce minutes lost to police-related disruption;
 - (iii) increase passenger confidence with personal security on train and on station;
 - (b) work in partnership with the British Transport Police and conduct an annual assessment of the security and crime risk at all Stations and across the Franchise generally;
 - (c) co-operate with the British Transport Police to provide it with access to records and/or systems maintained by the Franchisee which relate to lost property to enable the British Transport Police to have access to such information when dealing with items reported to them as lost; and
 - (d) consult with the British Transport Police as to its requirements in relation to records and/or systems and shall ensure that the British Transport Police has access to such records and/or systems within fifteen (15) Weekdays of the Start Date and in any event within five (5) Weekdays of the notification of a crime by the British Transport Police.
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall consult with the British Transport Police in relation to plans to develop any part of the land within a Property Lease which could affect staff or customers and give the British Transport Police an opportunity to advise on and/or provide comments on any opportunities for the enhancement of safety and reduction in crime.

2. Community Rail Partnerships

- 2.1 The Franchisee shall become a member of and shall continue to participate in the Community Rail Partnerships relevant to the Passenger Services, including but not limited to the Community Rail Partnerships listed in the table in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 13.1 (and any successor Community Rail Partnership). As part of such participation the Franchisee shall identify a senior Franchise Employee whose duties shall include:
- (a) supporting the Community Rail Partnerships;
 - (b) ensuring managerial focus within the Franchisee's organisation to enable the Franchisee to meet its Community Rail Partnership obligations; and
 - (c) leading on the Franchisee's development of community rail projects.
- 2.2 The Franchisee shall, at the request of the Secretary of State:
- (a) co-operate with the Secretary of State, the Infrastructure Managers, ACoRP, local transport authorities and/or any other person as the Secretary of State may nominate

for the purposes of developing and furthering the success of the Community Rail Partnerships;

- (b) co-operate with, establish and/or participate in any Community Rail Partnership;
 - (c) provide technical support in respect of timetable specification for the Community Rail Partnerships, including providing appropriate journey and revenue data; and
 - (d) co-operate in the development of the Secretary of State's initiatives to examine:
 - (i) options for a more cost effective delivery of the railway passenger services operated on any Community Rail Route (such options to include changes in working practices of the relevant Franchise Employees, reducing rolling stock lease costs and maximising opportunities for obtaining local funding of development at relevant stations and developing new ways of maintaining and renewing relevant railway infrastructure); and
 - (ii) the actual costs incurred in operating, maintaining and renewing the infrastructure relevant for such Community Rail Route.
- 2.3 The Franchisee shall use reasonable endeavours to develop and implement the Community Rail Partnership's initiatives in order to increase the use of the Passenger Services by non-users of the Passenger Services and tourists including, where appropriate, the development of and implementation of marketing strategies.
- 2.4 The Secretary of State may at any time, by proposing a Variation pursuant to paragraph 1.1(a) of Schedule 9.3 (*Variations to the Franchise Agreement and Incentivising Beneficial Changes*), require the Franchisee to develop and/or implement any changes to the Franchise Services and/or the transfer of any Franchise Services to another Train Operator in order to deliver either of the initiatives that were examined pursuant to paragraph 2.2(d).
- 2.5 The Franchisee shall become a member and shall continue to participate in the National Community Rail Steering Group.
- 2.6 Within three (3) months of the Start Date in respect of the first Franchisee Year and no later than three (3) months before the start of each subsequent Franchisee Year, the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State a report ("**Community Rail Report**") setting out the distribution of the CRP Amount in full amongst the Community Rail Partnerships identified in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2.
- 2.7 The Community Rail Report shall contain the following information:
- (a) a statement confirming that the Franchisee's distribution of funds to the Community Rail Partnerships takes account of the Secretary of State's then current published Community Rail Strategy;
 - (b) a statement confirming that the Franchisee has discussed the funding of the Community Rail Partnerships with ACoRP and has taken sufficient account of ACoRP's views;
 - (c) confirmation that the Franchisee has discussed with all Community Rail Partnerships the aims and needs of such partnerships and the funding required to achieve these;
 - (d) a table setting out the relevant portions of the CRP Amount which are to be paid to each Community Rail Partnership (on a non-indexed basis) over the next three (3) years (it being acknowledged that these amounts are likely to be different for each Community Rail Partnership);
 - (e) the activities undertaken by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 2.3 of this Schedule 13.1; and

- (f) such further information as the Secretary of State may from time to time request.
- 2.8 Within twenty-eight (28) days of the signature date of this Agreement, the Franchisee shall notify the Community Rail Partnerships of the CRP Amount which shall be distributed to such partnerships during the Franchise Term. The Franchisee shall within thirty (30) days of the commencement of each Franchisee Year, make the relevant payments totalling the CRP Amount to each of the Community Rail Partnerships identified in the Community Rail Report for that year.
- 2.9 The Franchisee shall hold an annual conference for the Community Rail Partnerships' officers and station adopters in conjunction with ACoRP to encourage the spread of best practice and to communicate plans for franchise development. The first such conference shall be held within six (6) months of the Start Date.
- 2.10 The Franchisee shall devise and implement, in collaboration with the relevant Community Rail Partnership, a **"station adopters scheme"** under which members of the local community can **"adopt"** a local Station and engage in activities such as:
- (a) promotion of the Passengers Services calling at the Station;
 - (b) monitoring and reporting faults, damage and anti-social and criminal behaviour;
 - (c) carrying out minor Station cleaning and maintenance tasks and the development and cultivation of station gardens.
- 2.11 The Franchisee shall take reasonable steps to promote the station adopters scheme and provide safety and other training and support to participants.
- 2.12 In collaboration with the relevant Community Rail Partnership and other Stakeholders the Franchisee shall use reasonable endeavours to identify sources of third party funding for the Community Rail Partnerships and encourage such third parties to make funding commitments.

3. **Development of Industry Systems**

The Franchisee shall fully and effectively co-operate, in a manner consistent with it being a responsible Train Operator of the Franchise, with the Infrastructure Managers, the Secretary of State, ORR and all other relevant railway industry bodies and organisations in relation to the development of anything that can reasonably be considered to be a railway industry system including systems in relation to the attribution of train delay, the allocation of revenue and the collection and dissemination of industry wide information.

4. **Co-operation with Industry Schemes**

The Franchisee shall co-operate (in good faith) with the Secretary of State, the relevant Local Authority and/or any other affected railway industry parties in the development and the implementation of initiatives relating to its participation in multi-modal fares schemes and Traveline (the **"Industry Schemes"**), where such Industry Schemes relate to the Franchise.

5. **Co-operation with Local Authorities**

5.1 **General co-operation with Local Authority in respect of schemes**

- (a) The Franchisee shall co-operate in good faith with any Local Authority that seeks to promote a scheme for the provision of additional or varied Passenger Services including by attending meetings, contributing to feasibility schemes and project plans and liaising with relevant industry participants including the Infrastructure Managers.
- (b) Paragraph 5.1 does not oblige the Franchisee to incur any cost in the actual provision of the revised Passenger Services.

6. **NOT USED**

7. **Route Efficiency Benefit Share Mechanism**

- 7.1 Where participation in a Route Efficiency Benefit Share Mechanism is made available under a Track Access Agreement, the Franchisee must elect **not to participate** in such a mechanism for all its Routes.

8. **Small and Medium-sized Enterprises**

- 8.1 The Franchisee shall at all times keep accurate and complete records of its use of and interaction with SMEs in delivering the Franchise Services.
- 8.2 By no later than 31 January in each year (and within one (1) month of the end of the Franchise Period) the Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State a breakdown of the number of SMEs used by the Franchisee in providing the Franchise Services during the calendar year (or part thereof) which ended on the immediately preceding 31 December or at the end of the Franchise Period (as applicable).

9. **Apprenticeships**

- 9.1 The Franchisee shall at all times keep accurate and complete records of the Apprenticeships (and the training provided to apprentices) offered by the Franchisee and (if applicable) its immediate UK based supply chain in delivering the Franchise Services. In particular, in relation to each Reporting Period the Franchisee shall record:
 - (a) the number of new Apprenticeships created, continuing and concluding in that Reporting Period;
 - (b) the date of commencement and conclusion of each Apprenticeship; and
 - (c) in relation to each Franchise Employee that commences an Apprenticeship in such Reporting Period:
 - (i) the level of such Apprenticeship as described in the Regulated Qualifications Framework;
 - (ii) the skills category (as described in the Standard Occupational Classification Codes) within which Apprenticeship falls;
 - (iii) the month and year of birth of that Franchise Employee;
 - (iv) the current occupation of that Franchise Employee;
 - (v) the gender of that Franchise Employee (except in relation to those Franchise Employees who do not permit disclosure);

- (vi) whether that Franchise Employee is of BAME origin (except in relation to those Franchise Employees who do not permit disclosure);
- (vii) the postcode of the location at which that Franchise Employee is principally employed at (e.g. the relevant train crew depot of train crew); and
- (viii) the first half of that Franchise Employee's residential postcode.

9.2 In order to comply with the Data Protection Act, the Franchisee must ensure that each Franchise Employee that commences an Apprenticeship is made aware that their Personal Data will be shared with the Rail Delivery Group and the Secretary of State in order to enable the Secretary of State to monitor the achievement of the apprenticeship targets set out in the Transport Infrastructure Skills Strategy and check for any inadvertent duplication of records. The Franchisee shall make each Franchise Employee that commences an Apprenticeship aware that their Personal Data shall be anonymised before appearing in any reports and shall be retained by the Secretary of State for a period of seven (7) years.

9.3 By no later than 31 January in each year (and within one (1) month of the end of the Franchise Period) the Franchisee shall deliver to the Secretary of State a breakdown of the information recorded pursuant to paragraph 9.1 of this Schedule 13.1 during the calendar year (or part thereof) which ended on the immediately preceding 31 December or at the end of the Franchise Period (as applicable).

9.4 The Franchisee shall ensure that the number of Franchise Employees who begin an Apprenticeship in any Franchisee Year shall constitute 2.5% of the total number of Franchise Employees (the "**Apprenticeships Requirement**"), provided that:

- (a) the Apprenticeships Requirement shall be subject to a pro rata reduction in relation to the first Franchisee Year, it being acknowledged that for such purposes the first Franchisee Year shall be treated as commencing on the date on which the Skills and Leadership Strategy is adopted by the Franchisee pursuant to paragraph 9.5 of this Schedule 13.1 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Co-operation*); and
- (b) the Apprenticeships Requirement shall be subject to a pro rata reduction in respect of the Final Franchisee Year in the event that the Final Franchisee Year consists of less than thirteen (13) Reporting Periods,

and the Franchisee shall provide evidence of the satisfaction of the Apprenticeships Requirement to the Secretary of State within ten (10) days of the end of each Franchisee Year.

9.5 The Franchisee shall submit a draft Skills and Leadership Strategy to the Secretary of State by no later than three (3) months after the Start Date. Such draft Skills and Leadership Strategy shall set out the comprehensive, robust and deliverable strategy of the Franchisee for providing an appropriately skilled and trained workforce of Franchise Employees based on a skills gap analysis including through the delivery of the Apprenticeships specified in the Apprenticeships Data Collection Form. The draft Skills and Leadership Strategy shall take into account the likely short, medium and long term requirements of the Franchisee and any Successor Operator including in the context of expected change to the Franchise Services (including as a result of technological change) and the age profile of the Franchise Employees. The draft Skills and Leadership Strategy shall include a management/leadership maturity model to help target and improve investment in developing leadership and management. The Franchisee shall meet with the Secretary of State to discuss the draft Skills and Leadership Strategy and shall have due regard to the opinions of the Secretary of State. The Skills and Leadership Strategy shall be finalised and adopted by the Franchisee within six (6) months of the Start Date and the Franchisee shall implement it in accordance with its terms from the date that it is adopted.

9.6 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) undertake and complete a review of its Skills and Leadership Strategy and compliance with the Apprenticeships Data Collection Form during each of the second and fourth Franchisee Years; and
- (b) provide the Secretary of State with any proposed revisions to the Skills and Leadership Strategy and the Apprenticeships Data Collection Form arising out of such review by no later than the end of each such Franchisee Year.

9.7 The aim of such review shall be to update the Skills and Leadership Strategy by reference to an updated skills gap analysis and to ensure that the Skills and Leadership Strategy continues to effectively achieve its purposes to the greatest extent reasonably practicable. The review shall check compliance with the targets contained in the Apprenticeships Data Collection Form and if they have not been met shall propose robust and effective strategies and methodologies to be contained in the revised Skills and Leadership Strategy to ensure delivery in future. The review may propose amendments to the Apprenticeships Data Collection Form that are consistent with any proposed revisions to the Skills and Leadership Strategy. Any revisions to the Skills and Leadership Strategy (including the Apprenticeships Data Collection Form) shall require the consent of the Secretary of State (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). The Franchisee shall implement any revised Skills and Leadership Strategy in accordance with its terms from the date that the Secretary of State consents to the relevant revisions.

9.8 For the purposes of this paragraph 9, the Franchisee shall submit the completed Apprenticeships Data Collection Form to the Rail Delivery Group for onward transmission to the Secretary of State on a quarterly basis or at such other time as the Secretary of State may specify.

10. Sustainability and other related initiatives

10.1 Sustainable Development Strategy

- (a) By no later than six (6) months following the Start Date, the Franchisee shall consult with the RSSB and such other Stakeholders as agreed between the Secretary of State and the Franchisee (or, in the absence of agreement, such Stakeholders as the Secretary of State shall determine) in order to agree:
 - (i) key priority sustainable development areas;
 - (ii) the outcomes associated with such key priority and sustainable development areas;
 - (iii) the annual traction carbon trajectory (CO₂E/vehicle km) for the duration of the Franchise Term; and
 - (iv) target levels according to the Rail Safety and Standards Board Sustainable Development Self-Assessment Framework that will be reached by the end of the third (3rd) and sixth (6th) Franchisee Years.
- (b) The Franchisee shall develop the Sustainable Development Strategy to reflect such consultation and the Franchisee shall propose and agree a final version of the Sustainable Development Strategy with the RSSB and the Secretary of State by no later than twelve (12) months after the Start Date for the purposes of the Franchise Agreement. Such agreed strategy shall be the Sustainable Development Strategy for the purposes of the Franchise Agreement, provided that in the absence of agreement between the Parties of the Sustainable Development Strategy shall be the strategy determined by the Secretary of State (acting reasonably).
- (c) The Franchisee shall at all times comply with the Sustainable Development Strategy. Any amendments to the Sustainable Development Strategy must be agreed by the Secretary of State.

- (d) By no later than three (3) months following the end of the third (3rd) and sixth (6th) Franchisee Years, the Franchisee shall procure a suitably qualified independent body (such independent body to be appointed only with the prior written approval of the Secretary of State) to undertake an assessment of performance against the Rail Safety and Standards Board's Sustainable Development Self-Assessment Framework and produce a report in respect of such assessment, such assessment to review performance against the targets set out in the Sustainable Development Strategy.
- (e) The Franchisee shall submit a copy of the assessment report produced by the independent body pursuant to paragraph 10.1(d) to the Secretary of State within six (6) months following the end of the third (3rd) and sixth (6th) Franchisee Years.
- (f) Where the assessment report identifies a significant shortfall against the targets set out in the Sustainable Development Strategy, the Franchisee must as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within two (2) months, produce an improvement plan which, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, is capable of achieving the targets set out within the Sustainable Development Strategy.
- (g) The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement the improvement plan referred to in paragraph 10.1(f) and improve its performance against the targets set out in the Sustainable Development Strategy against the agreed timeframes for performance as set out in the revised Sustainable Development Strategy.
- (h) The Franchisee shall, within three (3) months following the end of each Franchisee Year, provide to the Secretary of State a report showing:
 - (i) progress against the outcomes in key priority sustainable development areas;
 - (ii) progress on development of Franchisee Employees to ensure they have the skills and knowledge required to deliver a sustainable franchise; and
 - (iii) proposed revisions to the Sustainable Development Strategy (such revisions to include those revisions reflecting feedback and advice from Stakeholders, and which have been consulted on with RSSB).
- (i) The Franchisee shall obtain the Secretary of State's consent to any amendments to the Sustainable Development Strategy proposed pursuant to paragraph 10.1(h) (iii) before such amendments are adopted and the Sustainable Development Strategy updated.
- (j) On request by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee shall publish (in such form as the Secretary of State may reasonably determine):
 - (i) all or any part of its Sustainable Development Strategy; and/or
 - (ii) all or any of the information described in paragraphs 10.1(h)(i) to (h)(iii).

10.2 Environmental Management and Sustainability Accreditation

- (a) The Franchisee shall, by no later than the date which is eighteen (18) months after the Start Date, attain and, at all times thereafter, maintain certification pursuant to ISO14001:2015 and ISO50001:2011 or equivalent standards.
- (b) The Franchisee shall provide the Secretary of State with copies of the certification audit reports and a copy of their ISO50001 Energy Review within four (4) weeks of their certification and each subsequent recertification during the Franchise Period.

10.3 Sustainable Construction

For construction projects (including building refurbishment or fit out):

- (a) which are either being funded by the Franchisee or in respect of which the Franchisee has design responsibility; and
- (b) in respect of which the total capital cost exceeds £1,000,000 (indexed by the Retail Prices Index in the same way as variable costs are indexed in Appendix 1 (*Annual Franchise Payments*) to Schedule 8.1 (*Franchise Payments*)),

the Franchisee shall use reasonable endeavours to achieve at least an “**excellent**” rating from an accredited assessor using BREEAM (or a rating equivalent to “**excellent**” in an equivalent recognised standard such as the SKA Rating Standard as appropriate) at both the design stage and the post-construction stage unless the Secretary of State (acting reasonably) agrees that the relevant project is not of a suitable scale or type to be so assessed and the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State such information in relation to any construction project as the Secretary of State may reasonably request.

11. **National Joint ROSCO Project**

11.1 **National Joint ROSCO Project**

- (a) The Franchisee shall co-operate in good faith with the relevant third parties involved in the implementation of the National Joint ROSCO Project (including Network Rail and the relevant NJRP ROSCOs) with the intention of ensuring the timely, efficient and cost effective implementation of the National Joint ROSCO Project and, in particular assisting in the development, installation, testing, commissioning and implementation of the relevant ERTMS equipment on the first in class units for which the Franchisee is identified as the “**Lead TOC**” under the National Joint ROSCO Project.
- (b) The Parties agree and acknowledge that Network Rail shall be responsible for the capital costs arising from the design and fitment of the relevant ERTMS equipment on each first in class unit and the National Joint ROSCO Project.
- (c) If requested by the Secretary of State, the Franchisee shall provide an update on their engagement with the National Joint ROSCO Project at the Franchise Performance Meetings.

11.2 **NOT USED**

11.3 **NOT USED**

12. **NOT USED**

13. **HS2 Project**

13.1 The Franchisee shall from the Start Date until the completion of the HS2 Project fully and effectively co-operate and engage constructively with all relevant parties responsible for the delivery of the HS2 Project with the intention of assisting in the timely, efficient and cost effective implementation and delivery of the HS2 Project in a manner which provides the best overall solution for the network. To the extent that the HS2 Project leads to the Franchisee having rights under railway industry procedures including Network Change or Station Change the Franchisee shall not act in a way designed to directly or indirectly prevent, prejudice or frustrate the delivery of the HS2 Project and the Franchisee shall not unreasonably raise any objection under any railway industry procedure including Network Change or Station Change. It is acknowledged that the Franchisee may make reasonable objections with a view to mitigating the impact of the HS2 Project and their implementation on passengers and the Franchise Services, while recognising the need for the HS2 Project to be able to be undertaken in a reasonable manner.

13.2 The Franchisee shall provide such information in respect of the HS2 Project as the Secretary of State may reasonably request from time to time.

14. Suicide Prevention Strategy

14.1

- (a) As soon as reasonably practicable after the Start Date the Franchisee shall, in consultation with the British Transport Police and the wider cross-industry suicide prevention group, develop a draft suicide prevention plan that fully delivers and complies with the Suicide Prevention Strategy and the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders' Group's 9 Point Plan and submit it to the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders Group (or such other group as may replace the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders Group from time to time) for approval.
- (b) The Franchisee shall make such amendments to the draft suicide prevention plan as:
 - (i) the British Transport Police shall require for the purposes of ensuring that it fully delivers and complies with the Suicide Prevention Strategy; and
 - (ii) the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders Group (or such other group as may replace the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders Group from time to time) shall require for the purposes of ensuring that it fully delivers and complies with the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders' Group's 9 Point Plan.
- (c) The Franchisee shall submit a completed suicide prevention plan (the "**Plan**") to the Secretary of State together with written confirmation from the British Transport Police that the Plan complies with the requirements of the Suicide Prevention Strategy and from the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders Group (or such other group as may replace the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders Group from time to time) that the Plan complies with the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders' Group's 9 Point Plan as reasonably practicable and in any event within twelve (12) months of the Start Date.
- (d) The Franchisee shall review and update the Plan:
 - (i) at least every twelve (12) months; and
 - (ii) immediately following any amendment to, or replacement of, the Suicide Prevention Strategy and/or the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders' Group's 9 Point Plan.

Such review and any updating shall be by reference to changing circumstances, new relevant information and any amended or replaced Suicide Prevention Strategy and/or the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders' Group's 9 Point Plan with the intention that it is kept as up to date and effective as reasonably possible. The Franchisee shall consult with the British Transport Police and wider cross-industry suicide prevention group (as appropriate) in relation to any such review and update of the Plan. The Franchisee shall deliver a copy of any revised and/or updated Plan to the Secretary of State as soon as is reasonably practicable together with written confirmation from the British Transport Police that the Plan complies with the requirements of the Suicide Prevention Strategy and the Suicide Prevention Duty Holders' Group's 9 Point Plan and accordingly remains approved by it.

- 14.2 The Franchisee shall implement the Plan as it may be revised and/or updated pursuant to paragraph 14.1 in accordance with its then prevailing provisions.

15. Safeguarding Strategy

- 15.1 As soon as reasonably practicable after the Start Date, the Franchisee shall, in consultation with the British Transport Police and such other relevant groups as the Franchisee and/or the British Transport Police consider appropriate, develop a draft safeguarding strategy.

- 15.2 The draft safeguarding strategy shall be submitted to the British Transport Police for its approval that the Safeguarding Strategy complies with the requirements of the Safeguarding on Rail Audit and the Franchisee shall take into account any comments or amendments proposed by:
- (a) the British Transport Police; and
 - (b) such other relevant groups as the Franchisee and/or the British Transport Police consider appropriate,
- as are required to ensure that such draft safeguarding strategy complies with the Safeguarding on Rail Audit.
- 15.3 The Franchisee shall deliver a copy of the Safeguarding Strategy to the Secretary of State together with written confirmation of the approval issued by the British Transport Police that the Safeguarding Strategy complies with the requirements of the Safeguarding on Rail Audit as soon as reasonably practicable following such approval and in any event within twelve (12) months of the Start Date.
- 15.4 The Franchisee shall review and, as necessary, update the Safeguarding Strategy:
- (a) at least every (twelve) 12 months; and
 - (b) within one (1) month following the publication of any amendment to, or replacement of the Safeguarding on Rail Audit.
- 15.5 Any review and necessary updates to the Safeguarding Strategy in accordance with paragraph 15.4 shall take into account any changes to, or replacement of the Safeguarding on Rail Audit and any other relevant circumstances that would reasonably be considered to impact the objectives contained in the Safeguarding on Rail Audit and shall ensure that the Safeguarding Strategy remains up-to-date and appropriate for delivering the objectives contained in the Safeguarding on Rail Audit.
- 15.6 The Franchisee shall undertake any review and necessary updates to the Safeguarding Strategy in accordance with paragraph 15.4 in consultation with the British Transport Police and such other relevant groups as the Franchisee and/or the British Transport Police consider appropriate. The Franchisee shall submit such updated Safeguarding Strategy to the British Transport Police within one (1) month of such review for its approval that the Safeguarding Strategy complies with the requirements of the Safeguarding on Rail Audit and the Franchisee shall take into account any comments or amendments proposed by:
- (a) the British Transport Police; and
 - (b) such other relevant groups as the Franchisee and/or the British Transport Police consider appropriate,
- as are required to ensure that the Safeguarding Strategy remains up-to-date and appropriate for delivering the objectives contained in the Safeguarding on Rail Audit.
- 15.7 The Franchisee shall deliver a copy of any updated Safeguarding Strategy to the Secretary of State together with written confirmation of the approval issued by the British Transport Police as soon as reasonably practicable following such approval.
- 15.8 The Franchisee shall implement the approved Safeguarding Strategy as it may be revised and/or updated pursuant to this paragraph 15 from time to time.

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 13.1

Community Rail Partnerships

	Community Rail Partnership	Community Rail Route
1.	Kent Community Rail Partnership	Medway Valley Line SwaleRail
2.	Sussex Community Rail Partnership	Marshlink
(and any successor Community Rail Partnerships)		

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Schedule 13.2

Innovation Obligations

1. Innovation Strategy

- 1.1 By the first anniversary of the Start Date, the Franchisee shall submit its Innovation Strategy to the Secretary of State for approval (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld).
- 1.2 Thereafter every one (1) year, the Franchisee shall submit to the Secretary of State for approval (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) a revised Innovation Strategy updated in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 1.3.
- 1.3 Each Innovation Strategy submitted in accordance with this paragraph 1 must have regard to the following core requirements:
 - (a) how the Franchisee has developed, and proposes to develop during the Franchise Term, its innovation capability, including leadership, employees, systems and processes, and how progress is measured;
 - (b) how the Franchisee has utilised, and proposes to utilise during the Franchise Term, effective techniques for capturing ideas from employees, passengers, the community, industry partners and the supply chain; and
 - (c) how, during the Franchise Term, the Franchisee will partner and collaborate with other organisations and seek third party funding (where appropriate) in order to assist bringing new technologies, processes, business models and products to the rail market, that are viable for implementation during the Franchise Term.
- 1.4 The Franchisee shall at all times comply with its Innovation Strategy.

2. NOT USED.

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 13.2

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Mobile Communications Service**1. Purpose**

This Schedule sets out the Franchisee's requirements in respect of providing on train Wi-Fi to passengers from the Start Date and its subsequent requirement to improve and increase the provision of mobile connectivity to passengers on trains.

2. Definitions.

2.1 For the purposes of this Schedule 13.3 only, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings unless otherwise set out in clause 3 (*Definitions*):

"Active User" means a MCS Connected Passenger that is actively transmitting and/or receiving data by use of the MCS at the relevant time;

"Activity Ratio" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.3 (b);

"Annual Uplift Factor: Data" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7.3;

"Annual Uplift Factor: Speed" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1;

"Applicable Portion" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.4;

"Average Passenger Volume" means, with respect to a specific route section, the average number of passengers per train travelling in the main flow direction during the Morning Peak Hour or the Evening Peak Hour, whichever has the highest average;

"Bespoke Trackside Provision" means the provision of MCS External Connectivity to trains by use of trackside infrastructure installed, whether by the Franchisee or a third party, for the purpose of providing MCS External Connectivity;

"Connectivity Routes" means all MSL Core Connectivity Routes, MSL Secondary Connectivity Routes and Other Secondary Connectivity Routes;

"Delivery Timescales" has the meaning given in paragraph 9.1;

"Ethernet" means a system for connecting a number of computer systems to form a local area network, with protocols to control the passing of information and to avoid simultaneous transmission by two or more systems, in accordance with the IEEE 802.3 standard;

"Ethernet Backbone" shall mean a continuous Ethernet connection spanning all permanently or semi-permanently connected vehicles that form a unit or other fixed or semi fixed formation train set;

"Free of Charge" shall mean:

¹⁰¹ **Note to Bidders:** Schedule 13.3 (together with the ITT) sets out the minimum terms and conditions for Wi-Fi provision in the Franchise Agreement. Where the DfT wishes to contractualise Wi-Fi initiatives submitted in the bid as Committed Obligations, the DfT will provide Bidders with drafting which reflects such requirements. The DfT will include such initiatives in Schedule 6.2 (Committed Obligations) including any further details on the implementation and installation of the winning Bidder's proposed Wi-Fi solution.

- (a) the passenger does not have to pay to use the MCS provided in accordance with the MCS Minimum Service Level or in accordance with paragraph 4, whether on an ad-hoc or on-going basis; and
- (b) the use of the MCS by the passenger is independent of any Wi-Fi or cellular minutes or Wi-Fi or cellular data allowances (such as 3G or 4G mobile broadband) the individual passenger may have through any subscription with one or more telecommunication internet service providers or mobile network operators;

"HS1 Routes" means any routes which in whole or in part operate on the HS1;

"Mbps" means 1,000,000 bits per second;

"MByte" means 1,000,000 bytes of data (where a byte is 8 bits of information);

"MCS" (Mobile Connectivity Service) means a mobile connectivity service provided via MCS External Connectivity that allows passengers, at a minimum, to send and receive email electronically, browse web pages on the internet, use social media and make and receive voice over internet calls including using mobile network operators' 'Wi-Fi Calling' services, through any Wi-Fi connected mobile, tablet or computer device that they may use for this purpose;

"MCS Backstop Date" means 31 March 2021;

"MCS Chargeable Services" has the meaning given in paragraph 11.1;

"MCS Connected Passenger" means a passenger who is connected to the MCS provided by the Franchisee in accordance with this Schedule 13.3;

"MCS Connected Passenger Threshold" means with respect to a specific route section, a figure equivalent to 70% of the Average Passenger Volume for that route section;

"MCS Connectivity Service Contract" means a service contract between the Franchisee and one or more suppliers of MCS External Connectivity;

"MCS Emergency Protocol" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 17.1 (a);

"MCS Equipment" means the equipment fitted to rolling stock vehicles in relation to delivery of a MCS including the hardware, data communications cabling (including the Ethernet Backbone), power, equipment racks, internal Wi-Fi wireless access points and antennas, external aerials and cabling necessary to provide the MCS;

"MCS Evening Peak Hour" means the single busiest hour, by volume of passengers, during the Evening Peak as nominated by the Franchisee acting reasonably (it being acknowledged that it may be reasonable to adjust such nomination to take into account seasonal factors);

"MCS External Connectivity" means the provision of connectivity services to a train providing connectivity between the MCS Equipment and the internet, and with the capacity and capability to provide the MCS Minimum Service Level as applicable;

"MCS Minimum Service Level" means a level of service delivered by the MCS which is compliant with:

- (a) all of paragraphs 6 (Required Outputs One and Two – Minimum Data Speed and MCS Route Availability), 7 (Required Output Three – Minimum Data Allowance), and 9 (Required Output Five - Delivery Timescales); and
- (b) the MCS availability related measure within the NRPS Measure "Customer Services";

"MCS Morning Peak Hour" means the single busiest hour, by volume of passengers, during the Morning Peak as nominated by the Franchisee acting reasonably (it being acknowledged that it may be reasonable to adjust such nomination to take into account seasonal factors);

"MCS Relevant Route" means:

- (a) each MSL Core Connectivity Route; and
- (b) each MSL Secondary Connectivity Route;

"MCS Report" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 12.1;

"MCS Route Availability" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.5;

"MCS Route Signal and Capacity Survey" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 13.1;

"Minimum Data Allowance" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7.4;

"Minimum Data Speed" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 6.1;

"MSL Core Connectivity Routes" (Minimum Service Level Core Connectivity Routes) means the following routes (excluding any HS1 Routes) which, as at the Start Date, reflect the routes over which 80% of passenger journeys are made:

- (a) [To be completed¹⁰²];
- (b) [To be completed¹⁰³]; and
- (c) [To be completed¹⁰⁴];

"MSL Secondary Connectivity Routes" (Minimum Service Level Secondary Connectivity Routes) means each of the following routes (excluding any HS1 Routes):

- (a) [To be completed¹⁰⁵];

"Other Secondary Connectivity Routes" means each of the following routes:

- (a) HS1 Routes;

102 **Note to Bidders:** Bidder to populate. The Bidder must be able to demonstrate that at least 80% of passenger journeys are made over such routes at the date of bid submission and such routes may not include routes that wholly or partly operate on the HS1.

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105 **Note to Bidders:** Bidder to populate based on routes that fall outside of the required MSL Core Connectivity Routes and Other Secondary Connectivity Routes. For the avoidance of doubt such routes may not include routes that wholly or partly operate on the HS1.

(b) [To be completed¹⁰⁶];

“Public Communication Service Provider” means a third-party provider of mobile communication services to consumers and/or businesses;

3. Mobile Communications Service

3.1 Subject to paragraphs 4, 5.3 and 9, the Franchisee shall provide a MCS in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule 13.3 to all passengers using the Passenger Services on the Connectivity Routes.

3.2 Without prejudice to the ability of the Franchisee to separately charge for or otherwise monetise an incremental enhanced service pursuant to paragraph 11, the MCS which the Franchisee is required to deliver pursuant to this Schedule 13.3 shall be provided Free of Charge to all passengers who use the Passenger Services.

3.3 [The Franchisee is not required to fit MCS Equipment to the passenger carrying rolling stock vehicles set out in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 13.3.]

4. Continuation of Mobile Communications Service provided by the Previous Franchisee

Without prejudice to the requirements relating to the introduction of the MCS Minimum Service Level pursuant to paragraph 9.1, where the Previous Franchisee provided a MCS prior to the Start Date and the Franchisee acquires relevant assets and rights that enable it to provide the same MCS from the Start Date (which it shall use all reasonable endeavours to obtain) the Franchisee shall provide a broadly equivalent or better level of MCS as that delivered by the Previous Franchisee prior to the Start Date. Any such continued MCS shall be provided Free of Charge from the Start Date.

5. Train Fitment

5.1 [Subject to paragraph 3.3], [the/The] Franchisee shall ensure that all of the passenger carrying rolling stock vehicles comprised within the Train Fleet are fitted with MCS Equipment sufficient to enable them to deliver the MCS in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 13.3 (including to the Minimum Service Level on Relevant Routes) as soon as reasonably practicable following the Start Date and, in any event, by no later than the MCS Backstop Date, and the Franchisee shall keep such MCS Equipment in good repair and working order.

5.2 [Subject to paragraph 3.3], any MCS Equipment procured by the Franchisee in accordance with paragraph 3.1 shall include inter-carriage Ethernet Backbone connectivity capable of one (1) gigabit transmission speeds.

5.3 Where the Train Fleet at the Start Date includes rolling stock vehicles which are fitted with MCS Equipment which includes functional Ethernet Backbones which are not compliant with the requirements of paragraph 5.2 but are capable of complying with all of the other requirements of this Schedule 13.3 including achieving the MCS Minimum Service Level (if applicable) then, for the period that such rolling stock vehicles are able to so comply, the

¹⁰⁶ **Note to Bidders:** Bidder to populate based on routes that fall outside of the required MSL Core Connectivity Routes and MSL Secondary Connectivity Routes and which the Department for Transport is satisfied will lead to disproportionate costs being incurred to provide the MCS Minimum Service Level (as proposed by Bidders pursuant to paragraph 5.17.12(c) of the ITT.

Franchisee shall not be required to ensure that such rolling stock vehicles comply with the requirements of paragraph 5.2.

6. **Required Outputs One and Two – Minimum Data Speed and MCS Route Availability**

6.1 For the purposes of this Schedule 13.3, the **“Minimum Data Speed”** per MCS Connected Passenger shall be 1.0 Mbps for the period between (and including) the Start Date and until the day immediately prior to the third anniversary of the Start Date, and thereafter it shall increase on each anniversary of the Start Date (including, on the third anniversary of the Start Date) as follows:

Minimum Data Speed = MDS (Current) x (1 + Annual Uplift Factor: Speed)	
Where:	
“MDS (Current)”	is the Minimum Data Speed in force as at the day immediately prior to the relevant anniversary of the Start Date; and
“Annual Uplift Factor: Speed”	is 25%.

6.2 Subject to paragraph 6.3, but without prejudice to paragraph 6.5, and the Delivery Timescales, the Franchisee shall procure and maintain sufficient MCS External Connectivity (whether by means of Bespoke Trackside Provision, service provision by a Public Communication Service Provider, or a combination of both):

- (a) on MCS Relevant Routes; and
- (b) on all Other Secondary Connectivity Routes on a reasonable endeavours basis and to the extent economically and technically feasible,

such that: (i) the download speed achievable by MCS Connected Passengers on each train service whilst on the Applicable Portion of each MCS Relevant Route shall at all times meet or exceed the Minimum Data Speed in accordance with the MCS Route Availability requirements; and (ii) in all other cases, the download speed achievable by each MCS Connected Passenger meets or exceeds the Minimum Data Speed or, where that is not economically or technically feasible, is as near to the Minimum Data Speed as is economically and technically feasible.

6.3 In complying with its obligation at paragraph 6.2(a), the Franchisee may assume that:

- (a) the maximum number of MCS Connected Passengers at any one time on a particular train will not exceed the applicable MCS Connected Passenger Threshold; and
- (b) where the number of MCS Connected Passengers on a particular train is at or below the MCS Connected Passenger Threshold, the percentage of Active Users on that train (as a proportion of total MCS Connected Passengers on that train) will not exceed 25% (**“Activity Ratio”**)¹⁰⁷,

providing that, in all cases, the Franchisee shall ensure that the MCS shall be designed, installed and provided in all respects such that it will remain available to passengers where the

¹⁰⁷ **Note to Bidders:** An initial Minimum Data Speed per MCS Connected Passenger of 1Mbps – 1000kbps – equates for dimensioning purposes to the need to provision an average 250kbps continuous connection throughout the journey of a MCS Connected Passenger i.e. 1000kbps x Activity Ratio (25%) = 250kbps.

number of MCS Connected Passengers exceeds the MCS Connected Passenger Threshold albeit with a proportionate reduction in the Minimum Data Speed available to each MCS Connected Passenger (providing that any such reduction in the Minimum Data Speed must not affect MCS Connected Passengers on more than 5% of the average weekday Passenger Services on any given Applicable Portion).

- 6.4 Each MCS Relevant Route comprises a number of **"Applicable Portions"**, being individual routes between stations and/or junctions served by the Passenger Services which are designated for the purposes of calculating the Average Passenger Volume and hence the MCS External Connectivity requirements¹⁰⁸, as specified for the purpose of this Agreement. The MCS External Connectivity requirements are set out in Appendix 2 to this Schedule 13.3¹⁰⁹.
- 6.5 Subject to paragraph 9, the Franchisee shall ensure that MCS External Connectivity delivering a Minimum Data Speed to each MCS Connected Passenger¹¹⁰ shall be available as follows (**"MCS Route Availability"**):
- (a) subject to paragraph 6.6, for MSL Core Connectivity Routes, over 95% or more of the entire length of each Applicable Portion comprised within such MSL Core Connectivity Routes;
 - (b) for MSL Secondary Connectivity Routes, over 90% or more of the entire length of each Applicable Portion comprised within such MSL Secondary Connectivity Routes;

108 **Note to Bidders:** For example: for an Applicable Portion of a MSL Core Connectivity Route between station A and station B during the Peak Hour, then the Average Passenger Volume is calculated by taking the average of the number of passengers on each train travelling between A and B (in the direction of greatest flow) whether the trains stop at stations A or B or not. Assuming this is 560, then MCS External Connectivity up to the equivalent of 560 (Average Passenger Volume) x 70% (MCS Connected Passenger Threshold) x 1.0Mbps (Minimum Data Speed) x 25% (Activity Ratio) = 98.0Mbps per train will need to be procured for that Applicable Portion subject to actual MCS Connected Passenger demand and future forecast increases if actual demand is less than the MCS Connected Passenger Threshold. This approach is designed to ensure that all MCS Connected Passengers, up to the MCS Connected Passenger Threshold, on trains travelling through the route between stations A and B receive at least a 1.0Mbps equivalent data speed (over at least 95% of the route – see MCS Route Availability).

109 **Note to Bidders:** Bidder to populate each Applicable Portion of each MCS Relevant Route, either here, or with reference to an appended document, including details of the calculated MCS Connected Passenger Threshold for each Applicable Portion. The Franchisee shall maintain this list from time to time throughout the term should the Average Passenger Volume change by more than ±10%.

110 **Note to Bidders:** For example, by measuring the provisioned MCS External Connectivity data speed (via the 'MCS Signal and Capacity Survey') across the Applicable Portion the percentage of the route where the data speed exceeds the calculated requirements can be reported. For example: if actual demand on an Applicable Portion of a MSL Core Connectivity Route is 200 MCS Connected Passengers (versus say the MCS Connected Passenger Threshold of 560 x 70% = 392 of the previous footnote example) and a 10% increase is forecast for the next relevant period, then the Franchisee should ensure that at least 200 x (1+10%) x 1.0Mbps x 25% = 55.0Mbps per train MCS External Connectivity is available over ≥95% of the route. The Franchisee must continue to source additional MCS External Connectivity periodically as required to meet demand (up to the MCS Connected Passenger Threshold limit, and to ensure the Annual Uplift Factor: Speed requirement is met).

(c) for Other Secondary Connectivity Routes, on a reasonable endeavours basis and to the extent economically and technically feasible.

6.6 The provisions of this Schedule 13.3 shall not apply to any tunnels that form a part of the Connectivity Routes.

6.7 In all cases, the Franchisee shall ensure that the upload speed achievable by MCS Connected Passengers is appropriate given, in particular:

- (a) the intended use of the MCS (as referenced in the definition of that term);
- (b) the download speed achievable at each point on the MCS Relevant Routes; and
- (c) the need to mitigate any latency experienced by MCS Connected Passengers whilst using the MCS.

7. **Required Output Three – Minimum Data Allowance**

7.1 Subject to paragraph 9, the Franchisee shall ensure that each MCS Connected Passenger travelling over any MCS Relevant Route is given a minimum data allowance per journey ("**Minimum Data Allowance**") dependent on the applicable Service Group.

7.2 For the purposes of this Schedule 13.3, the Minimum Data Allowance shall be calculated by multiplying the average journey time in minutes (for the applicable Service Group) by the Data Allowance Per Minute (as defined at paragraph 7.3 below), provided that the Minimum Data Allowance shall never fall below 30 MBytes per MCS Connected Passenger per individual journey¹¹¹.

7.3 For the purposes of paragraph 7.2, the applicable "**Data Allowance Per Minute**" for the period between (and including) the Start Date and until the day immediately prior to the third anniversary of the Start Date shall be 1.0 MByte per minute and thereafter it shall increase on each anniversary of the Start Date (including, the third anniversary of the Start Date) as follows:

Data Allowance Per Minute = DAPM (Current) x (1 + Annual Uplift Factor: Data)	
Where:	
"DAPM (Current)"	is the Data Allowance Per Minute (for the applicable Service Group) in force as at the day immediately prior to the relevant anniversary of the Start Date; and
"Annual Uplift Factor: Data"	is 25%.

7.4 The Franchisee shall ensure that a reasonable data allowance per journey is made available to each MCS Connected Passenger travelling over Other Secondary Connectivity Routes.

¹¹¹ **Note to Bidders:** For example: if the average journey time for the Franchisee's long distance Service Group is 75 minutes, and the initial factor is 1.0MByte per minute, the Minimum Data Allowance per MCS Connected Passenger shall be 75 MBytes, increasing 25% year-on-year after the third anniversary. For a commuter Service Group where the average journey time is 22 minutes then, with the same initial conditions, the Minimum Data Allowance shall be 30 MBytes, increasing 25% year-on-year after the third anniversary.

8. **Required Output Four – Passenger Satisfaction as measured by National Rail Passenger Surveys**

8.1 Passenger satisfaction in respect of the delivery of the MCS in accordance with this Schedule 13.3 shall be measured for each NRPS Service Group in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*) and the appropriate availability indicator of the Customer Services NRPS Measure.

9. **Required Output Five – Delivery Timescales**

9.1 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) deliver the MCS with respect to each MSL Core Connectivity Route in accordance with the MCS Minimum Service Level as soon as reasonably practicable following the Start Date and, in any event, not later than the third anniversary of the Start Date;
- (b) deliver the MCS with respect to each MSL Secondary Connectivity Route in accordance with the MCS Minimum Service Level as soon as reasonably practicable following the Start Date and, in any event, not later than the fifth anniversary of the Start Date; and
- (c) use reasonable endeavours to deliver the MCS with respect to each Other Secondary Connectivity Route, by the MCS Backstop Date,

(the “**Delivery Timescales**”).

9.2 The Franchisee shall make the MCS available to Passengers on each Connectivity Route as soon as reasonably practicable after MCS External Connectivity is available addressing a reasonable number of Passenger Services and/or Applicable Portions but, in any event not later than the Delivery Timescales set out in paragraph 9.1.

10 **Fair Usage Policies**

10.1 To ensure a non-discriminatory service is offered to passengers, the Franchisee shall be permitted to:

- (a) dynamically manage the available bandwidth to MCS Connected Passengers in accordance with a reasonable fair-usage policy to be published by the Franchisee subject to compliance with the applicable MCS Minimum Service Level requirements and ensuring:
 - (i) that any bandwidth throttling applied to a particular MCS Connected Passenger shall be set to no lower than twice the current Minimum Data Speed until the Minimum Data Allowance of that MCS Connected Passenger has been fully consumed; and
 - (ii) once the Minimum Data Allowance has been consumed by a particular MCS Connected Passenger, any throttling applied to such MCS Connected Passenger connection is applied fairly and in accordance with the determined policy for MCS Connected Passengers consuming additional data outside of their Minimum Data Allowance; and
- (b) filter the type of services which may be accessed by a passenger using the MCS, including by restricting passenger access to video and audio streaming services, peer-to-peer file sharing and inappropriate content.

11. **Ability to charge passengers for enhanced services**

11.1 Where the Franchisee can demonstrate in the MCS Report to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that the MCS exceeds the MCS Minimum Service Level and the MCS Connected Passenger requirements on all MCS Relevant Routes the Franchisee shall be permitted to charge, or otherwise monetise, on an incremental basis, an additional enhanced service for passengers that delivers a bandwidth in excess of the Minimum Data Speed (as varied from time to time in accordance with paragraph 6.1), a higher data allowance and/or access to additional internet services ("**MCS Chargeable Services**").

11.2 If the Franchisee does charge, or otherwise monetise, it shall ensure that passengers shall have the right to choose not to use the MCS Chargeable Services and continue to be able to utilise a MCS compliant with paragraphs 6 to 10 and the other provisions of this Schedule 13.3 on a Free of Charge basis.

12. **Reporting Requirements**

12.1 The Franchisee shall monitor the performance of the MCS for the purposes of providing to the Secretary of State a report on the performance of the MCS in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 13.3 in relation to each Franchisee Year (provided that no such report will be required to be produced in relation to the Final Franchisee Year if it is of less than six (6) months in duration). Such report shall be submitted to the Secretary of State one (1) month after the end of the Franchisee Year and without prejudice to the ability of the parties to agree more frequent reporting (the "**MCS Report**").

12.2 The MCS Report shall include information on the:

- (a) delivery of the MCS and MCS Minimum Service Level in accordance with this Schedule 13.3;
- (b) actual demand using customer usage statistics to demonstrate whether the MCS Minimum Service Level has been met on the MCS Relevant Routes in respect of the applicable period including:
 - (i) the number of passengers using the MCS;
 - (ii) the average number of trains per weekday and equivalent week day percentage where the MCS Connected Passenger Threshold has been exceeded;
 - (iii) the average duration (in minutes and seconds) of connections to the MCS;
 - (iv) the average data (in Mbytes) received and transmitted by MCS Connected Passengers per journey;
 - (v) information on the average internet speed (in Mbps) provided to MCS Connected Passengers in respect of each connected device which is using the MCS, by route, together with any factors which, in the Franchisee's reasonable opinion, have affected and/or contributed to such average internet speed figures; and
 - (vi) information on the average latency figures (in milliseconds) experienced by MCS Connected Passengers.
- (c) customer usage statistics in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 12.2(b) in relation to Other Secondary Connectivity Routes;
- (d) statistics on the equipment and service availability of the MCS including the duration of any significant periods of time during which the MCS was not available, the reason for

such unavailability and the action taken by the Franchisee in respect of such unavailability; and

- (e) plans by the Franchisee to source additional MCS External Connectivity for Applicable Portions of MCS Relevant Routes and/or other routes to meet the forecasted growth in demand and/or annual uplift requirements in accordance with paragraph 6.

12.3 The MCS Report shall be presented with sufficient granularity to permit the information required in this paragraph 12 to be provided by reference to:

- (a) MSL Core Connectivity Routes;
- (b) MSL Secondary Connectivity Routes;
- (c) Other Secondary Connectivity Routes;
- (d) the MCS Morning Peak Hour and MCS Evening Peak Hour;
- (e) the weekday average data speed per MCS Connected Passenger; and
- (f) the overall averages of data speeds per MCS Connected Passenger over the period in relation to which the MCS Report is provided.

12.4 The MCS Report shall provide details of the calculation methodology used to derive the customer usage statistics set out in paragraphs 12.2 and 12.3 above, and in particular the derivation of the Connectivity Passenger Thresholds per Applicable Portions of MCS Relevant Routes.

12.5 Where, in the Secretary of State's reasonable opinion, the performance of the MCS reported in the MCS Report is not in accordance with the MCS Minimum Service Level (in instances where the provisions of this Schedule 13.3 require that the Minimum Service Level is met), or has changed significantly between Reporting Periods, the Franchisee shall provide reasons with supporting evidence explaining such poor performance and/or fluctuating performance (as applicable) to the Secretary of State, together with any remedial or mitigating action that the Franchisee proposes to take in respect of the poor and/or fluctuating performance of the MCS and its compliance with the MCS Minimum Service Level (where applicable).

12.6 Without prejudice to any other obligations of the Franchisee including pursuant to Schedule 15.1 (*Reletting Provisions*) the Franchisee shall make all MCS Reports available to the Successor Operator.

12.7 The Franchisee shall separately report to the Secretary of State all National Rail Passenger Survey results relating to the delivery of the MCS in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 13.3 as soon as reasonably practicable after it receives relevant information together with a report identifying trends and commenting on the findings for the purpose of helping the Secretary of State better understand such results and the factors that the Franchisee reasonably believes is influencing them.

12.8 A report and data in respect of the MCS Report shall be shared with the Secretary of State by the Franchisee in an appropriate format that will not require the Secretary of State to acquire any specialist software to access or interpret the information. The Franchisee shall grant to the Secretary of State a perpetual, non-exclusive, irrevocable, world-wide, paid-up, royalty-free licence to use, copy, modify, transmit, distribute and publish the MCS Report for any purpose, and such licence shall be transferrable and/or capable of being sub-licensed.

13. **Route Signal and Capacity Survey**

13.1 The Franchisee shall undertake a signal-strength and capacity survey of all Connectivity Routes ("**MCS Route Signal and Capacity Survey**") for the purpose of the delivery of the MCS to determine the MCS External Connectivity coverage, bandwidth and availability of data services to trains on all Connectivity Routes.

13.2 The MCS Route Signal and Capacity Survey shall be:

- (a) undertaken as part of the initial planning and design activities associated with the implementation of the MCS and installation of the MCS Equipment to establish an initial non-binding baseline; and
- (b) repeated annually, or as the Secretary of State directs, to support the information supplied as part of the MCS Report.

13.3 A report and data in respect of the MCS Route Signal and Capacity Survey shall be shared with the Secretary of State by the Franchisee in an appropriate format that will not require the Secretary of State to acquire any specialist software to access or interpret the information. The Franchisee shall grant to the Secretary of State a perpetual, non-exclusive, irrevocable, world-wide, paid-up, royalty-free licence to use, copy, modify, transmit, distribute and publish the MCS Route Signal Survey for any purpose, and such licence shall be transferrable and/or capable of being sub-licensed.

14. **Marketing and Terms and Conditions**

14.1 The Franchisee shall market the availability of the MCS available on the Connectivity Routes to passengers by way of:

- (a) the Franchisee's public webpage, together with terms and conditions, a fair-usage policy and "how to use the service" guides; and
- (b) on-board physical or electronic notices, for example, a notice which reads: "Free Wi-Fi Available Here".

14.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that users of the MCS and MCS Equipment are provided with access to terms and conditions that govern its use and that such terms and conditions shall ensure as a minimum that:

- (a) the Franchisee shall deal with a user's Personal Data in compliance with the current data protection legislation in the United Kingdom;
- (b) the Franchisee has a privacy policy which is incorporated into the terms and conditions of use;
- (c) the user may opt out from giving the Franchisee a right to use a user's name, address and relevant information for marketing purposes and/or to provide that data to third parties;
- (d) the MCS is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis with no guarantee and that the Franchisee's liability in respect of a user's use of the MCS will not exclude liability for death or personal injury; and
- (e) includes any other provisions that the Franchisee is required by law to include within the terms and conditions.

15. **MCS Connectivity Service Contracts**

15.1 The Franchisee may propose to the Secretary of State that it should enter into a MCS Connectivity Service Contract with a term extending beyond the Franchise Term on the basis that such MCS Connectivity Service Contract delivers better value-for-money or is required to deliver a commercial return on investment.

15.2 The Franchisee shall provide with its request a form of draft MCS Connectivity Service Contract agreed with the proposed counter party and shall provide such additional information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require. The Secretary of State shall approve the entering into of such contract if it:

- (a) does not have a term exceeding the Franchise Term by more than three years with at least two thirds of such term to be within the Franchise Term (and for such purposes no account shall be taken of any extension of the Franchise Term consequent upon a change to the Expiry Date pursuant to Clause 5.2 of the Franchise Agreement);
- (b) does, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, allocate costs or liabilities in a reasonably appropriate way so that the profile of payments due to any MCS Connectivity Service Contract provider avoids any disproportionate or inappropriate allocation to a Successor Operator;
- (c) does not contain any term which would prevent or hinder it from being designated as a Primary Franchise Assets and transferred pursuant to a Transfer Scheme to the Successor Operator;
- (d) is in all of the circumstances on reasonable commercial and legal terms and does not impose any obligations on a Successor Operator that could be reasonably considered to be disproportionate, onerous or inappropriate.

15.3 If the Secretary of State approves the form of draft MCS Connectivity Service Contract the Franchisee shall enter into it in such form. It is agreed that such completed MCS Connectivity Service Contract shall be:

- (a) designated as a Primary Franchise Asset and not be capable of de-designation without the consent of the Franchisee; and
- (b) designated as a Key Contract.

16. **Co-operation with Other Train Operators**

16.1 Where the Franchise shares a Connectivity Route with one or more other Train Operators, the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to explore means of sharing on a fair and reasonable basis access to any MCS External Connectivity which enables the MCS of any such other Train Operator and applicable costs.

16.2 Where the Franchisee identifies an opportunity of the type referred to in paragraph 16.1 above it shall not implement it without the consent of the Secretary of State (which shall not be unreasonably withheld). It is agreed that it will be reasonable for the Secretary of State to withhold his consent unless arrangements are made for him to obtain a reasonably appropriate share of any financial gain made by the Franchisee.

17. **Security Requirements**

17.1 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) ensure that, in relation to the MCS (including, for these purposes, any enhanced service provided in accordance with paragraph 11) it implements and follows at all times a

protocol which enables the emergency switch-off and reinstatement of MCS in the event of counter terrorist, security concern or other incident or response as directed by the British Transport Police (the “**MCS Emergency Protocol**”);

- (b) provide to the Secretary of State not less often than once in each Franchisee Year a copy of the MCS Emergency Protocol and make such amendments to the MCS Emergency Protocol as the Secretary of State may require;
- (c) undertake a security risk assessment of the MCS and MCS Equipment using the assessment methodology of ISO27001 or ISO/EC27002:2013 (or equivalent) to determine the impact of providing the MCS and MCS Equipment and the process to be followed prior to installing the MCS Equipment during the Franchise Period;
- (d) provide the Secretary of State promptly following the assessment referred to at paragraph 17.1(c) with a written report setting out the details of the assessment and its conclusions; and
- (e) ensure that no train control systems or safety critical systems are connected to the MCS Equipment-related Ethernet Backbone train communications infrastructure or any element of the MCS Equipment and shall ensure that a physical ‘air’ gap exists and is maintained between (i) any train control systems or safety critical systems; and (ii) the train communications infrastructure or any element of the MCS Equipment.

18. **Other Obligations**

18.1 The provisions of paragraphs 5 (Review of Compliance), 6 (Consequences of Late Competition or Non-Delivery of Committed Obligations) and 8 (Third Party Consents, Agreement and Conditions) of Part 2 (Special Terms related to the Committed Obligations) of Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) shall apply in respect of the obligations of the Franchisee specified in this Schedule 13.3, provided that references to a ‘Committed Obligation’ in paragraphs 5, 6 and 8 of Part 2 (Special Terms related to the Committed Obligations) of Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*) shall be construed as references to the Franchisee’s obligations under this Schedule 13.3 in respect of the MCS.

19. **Bespoke Trackside Provision**

19.1 The Franchisee shall incur a minimum expenditure of £[]¹¹² for Bespoke Trackside Provision on the Connectivity Routes (other than the HS1 Routes) sufficient to enable the Franchisee to deliver the MCS in respect of the same in accordance with the Delivery Timescales.

19.2 To the extent that the Franchisee is able to deliver the MCS on the Connectivity Routes (other than the HS1 Routes) without incurring the full amount of the minimum expenditure required pursuant to paragraph 19.1, due to cost savings or otherwise, the difference in amount between the required minimum spend pursuant to paragraph 19.1 and the amount actually incurred by the Franchisee shall be treated as Underspend for the purposes of Part 2 of Schedule 6.2 and the Parties shall seek to agree, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 6.2, an additional scheme for the improvement of the standard of the MCS (unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of State).

19.3 In the event that the operating costs incurred by the Franchisee in its delivery of the MCS on the Connectivity Routes are less than the costs assumed by the Franchisee for the delivery of the MCS on the Connectivity Routes in its Financial Model such that the Franchisee benefits from

¹¹² **Note to Bidders:** Bidder to populate.

a saving in operational costs, the Secretary of State may, having consulted with the Franchisee, notify the Franchisee that it shall make an adjustment to the Franchise Payment in accordance with paragraph 19.4 to reflect such saving (the "**Bespoke Trackside Provision Saving**").

19.4 The Secretary of State shall determine the Bespoke Trackside Provision Saving acting reasonably and taking into account the values set out in the following rows of the Financial Model:

- (a) []¹¹³ row, sheet []¹¹⁴;
- (b) any other row of the Financial Model which is reasonably relevant to determine the Bespoke Trackside Provision Saving,

and the Secretary of State shall be entitled to make an adjustment to the Franchise Payments to reflect the Bespoke Trackside Provision Saving as:

- (i) a lump sum deduction to the Franchise Payment;
- (ii) an adjustment to the Franchise Payment on a per Reporting Period basis; or
- (iii) a mixture of the above options,

the ("**Bespoke Trackside Provision Adjustment**"), which shall be expressed as a negative number.

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¹¹³ **Note to Bidders:** Bidder to populate with relevant cross reference to Financial Model.

¹¹⁴ **Note to Bidders:** Bidder to populate with relevant cross reference to Financial Model.

[Information relating to Rolling Stock Vehicles]

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¹¹⁵ **Note to Bidders:** Please see paragraph 3.3. Bidders to populate.

[MCS External Connectivity Requirements]

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¹¹⁶ **Note to Bidders:** Please see paragraph 6.4. Bidders to populate.

SCHEDULE 14

PRESERVATION OF ASSETS

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Maintenance of Franchise

1. Maintenance as a going concern

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall maintain and manage the business of providing the Franchise Services so that, to the greatest extent possible and practicable:
 - (a) the Franchisee is able to perform its obligations under the Franchise Agreement; and
 - (b) a Successor Operator would be able to take over the business of providing the Franchise Services immediately at any time.
- 1.2 The Franchisee's obligation under paragraph 1.1 shall include an obligation to ensure that any computer and information technology systems of the Franchisee shared in whole or in part with Affiliates or third parties can be operated by a Successor Operator as a stand alone system without continued reliance on such Affiliates or other third parties immediately from the date of termination of the Franchise Agreement without any reduction in functionality or any increase in maintenance or support costs to the Successor Operator (this obligation being without prejudice to any requirement for the Franchisee to obtain consent to such arrangements relating to sharing computer and information technology systems from the Secretary of State).
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that such Successor Operator would have immediate access to all Franchise Employees and Primary Franchise Assets for such purpose.
- 1.4 The Franchisee shall maintain and manage the business of providing the Franchise Services on the basis that such business will be transferred, in the manner contemplated under the Franchise Agreement, as a going concern at the end of the Franchise Period to, and continued immediately thereafter by, a Successor Operator.
- 1.5 The Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that an appropriate number of employees (having sufficient skills, qualifications and experience) will transfer by operation of Law to any Successor Operator following the expiry of the Franchise Period and in so doing shall plan for the recruitment and training of Franchise Employees to continue up until the end of the Franchise Term.
- 1.6 The Franchisee shall comply with all reasonable requirements of the Secretary of State to obtain or maintain the property and rights that a Successor Operator would require, or that it would be convenient for it to have, on the basis that the same will transfer by operation of Law to any Successor Operator following the expiry of the Franchise Term.

2. Post-Franchise Timetables

- 2.1 Both prior to and following the selection of a Successor Operator (whether a franchisee or otherwise and whether or not subject to the satisfaction of any conditions), the Franchisee shall:
 - (a) co-operate with, where a Successor Operator has been appointed, that Successor Operator, or where not, the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) take such steps as may reasonably be requested by the Secretary of State,

so as to ensure the continuity of, and orderly handover of control over of the Franchise Services.
- 2.2 The steps that the Secretary of State may reasonably request the Franchisee to take pursuant to paragraph 2.1 include:

- (a) participating in any timetable development process that takes place during the Franchise Period, but which relates to any timetable period applying wholly or partly after the expiry of the Franchise Term ("**Successor Operator Timetable**"), including bidding for and securing any Successor Operator Timetable, whether or not:
- (i) the Successor Operator has been identified; or
 - (ii) there is in place an Access Agreement relating to the period over which that Successor Operator Timetable is intended to be operated;
- (b) using reasonable endeavours to seek amendments to and/or extensions of Access Agreements which can be transferred to the Successor Operator on expiry of the Franchise Period;
- (c) assisting the Secretary of State or the Successor Operator (as the case may be) in the preparation and negotiation of any new Access Agreement relating to any Successor Operator Timetable; and/or
- (d) entering into that Access Agreement in order to secure the relevant priority bidding rights required by the Successor Operator to operate that Successor Operator Timetable, provided that the Franchisee shall not be required to enter into any such Access Agreement unless the Secretary of State has first provided to it confirmation in writing that he will include that Access Agreement in any Transfer Scheme pursuant to paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*).

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Maintenance of Operating Assets

1. Operating Assets

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall maintain, protect and preserve the Operating Assets in good standing or good working order, subject to fair wear and tear.
- 1.2 The Franchisee shall carry out its obligations under paragraph 1.1 so that the Operating Assets may be transferred at the end of the Franchise Period to a Successor Operator and used by such Successor Operator in the provision or operation of similar services to the Franchise Services.
- 1.3 Where any Operating Asset is lost, destroyed or otherwise beyond repair, the Franchisee shall replace the Operating Asset with property, rights or liabilities in modern equivalent form to the Operating Asset to be replaced. The Franchisee shall at all times maintain an appropriate volume of Spares, and/or an appropriate level of access to Spares from a third party, to enable it to perform its obligations under the Franchise Agreement.
- 1.4 The Secretary of State may at any time require the Franchisee to provide to the Secretary of State a schedule specifying the condition of any asset or class of assets that he specifies for this purpose. Such schedule shall cover such aspects of asset condition as the Secretary of State may reasonably require. If the Parties are unable to agree the content of such schedule of condition, either Party may refer the dispute for resolution in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules. Until such dispute is resolved, the Franchisee shall comply with the Secretary of State's requirements in respect of such schedule of condition.

2. Spares

The obligation of the Franchisee to maintain, preserve and protect the Operating Assets under this Schedule 14.2 shall, in respect of Spares, include the obligation to replace any Spare which has been designated as a Primary Franchise Asset, which subsequent to its designation ceases to be part of the stock of Spares available to the Franchisee for use in the provision of the Franchise Services, with an equivalent Spare of equal or better quality than the Spare so replaced.

3. Brand Licence and Branding

3.1 Brand Licences

The Franchisee shall comply with its obligations under each of the Brand Licences.

3.2 Branding

Subject to any applicable obligations or restrictions on the Franchisee (including the terms of the Rolling Stock Leases), the Franchisee shall apply the registered or unregistered trade marks specified in the Brand Licence(s) and in Appendix 1 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) to all those assets owned or used by it in the operation and provision of the Franchise Services, including but not limited to:

- (a) the Train Fleet;
- (b) the Stations;
- (c) staff uniforms;

- (d) marketing materials;
- (e) publications;
- (f) ticket sales channels; and
- (g) visual display screens.

3.3 NOT USED.

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Key Contracts

1. Key Contracts

1.1 This Schedule sets out the rights of the Secretary of State to:

- (a) designate certain contracts or categories of contracts as Key Contracts where the Secretary of State considers that such contracts or categories of contract are necessary for the purposes of securing continuity of the Franchise Services by a Successor Operator on expiry of the Franchise Period; and
- (b) in accordance with paragraph 5, require the Franchisee to procure that a counterparty to a Key Contract enters into a Direct Agreement with the Secretary of State.

This Schedule 14.3 shall apply to all contracts designated as Key Contracts from time to time.

1.2

- (a) The Key Contracts as at the date of the Franchise Agreement are set out in Appendix 1 (List of Key Contracts) to this Schedule 14.3.
- (b) The Franchisee shall enter into any and all Key Contracts which are necessary for the Franchise Agreement to continue in accordance with clause 5 (*Duration of the Franchise Agreement*).
- (c) Where at any time after the date of this Franchise Agreement the Franchisee proposes to enter into any agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement which falls within one of the categories listed in Appendix 1 (List of Key Contracts) to this Schedule 14.3 the Franchisee shall:
 - (i) inform the Secretary of State from time to time of any such agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement which it may be intending to enter into; and
 - (ii) comply with the provisions of paragraph 5.1 in respect of any such agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement.

1.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Schedule 14.3, Appendix 1 (List of Key Contracts) to this Schedule 14.3 shall be amended as considered necessary from time to time to take account of any:

- (a) designation by the Secretary of State of any actual or prospective agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement or any category of agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement, to which or under which the Franchisee is (or may become) a party or a beneficiary pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule 14.3; or
- (b) de-designation by the Secretary of State of any Key Contract pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Schedule 14.3; or
- (c) re-designation by the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Schedule 14.3.

2. Designation of Key Contracts

2.1 Where the Secretary of State considers that it is reasonably necessary for securing the continued provision of the Franchise Services or the provision of services similar to the

Franchise Services by a Successor Operator in accordance with the Franchise Agreement, he may make a designation pursuant to paragraph 2.2.

2.2 The Secretary of State may at any time, by serving notice on the Franchisee, designate as a Key Contract:

- (a) any actual or prospective agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement; and/or
- (b) any category of agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement, to which or under which the Franchisee is (or may become) a party or a beneficiary,

with effect from the date specified in such notice.

2.3 Key Contracts may include any agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement whether in written, oral or other form, whether formal or informal and whether with an Affiliate of the Franchisee or any other person and may include any arrangement for the storage of assets (including electronic systems or Computer Systems) or accommodation of employees.

3. **De-designation of Key Contracts**

The Secretary of State may at any time, by serving a notice on the Franchisee, de-designate any Key Contract from continuing to be a Key Contract with effect from the date specified in such notice.

4. **Re-designation of Key Contracts**

The Secretary of State may at any time, by serving notice on the Franchisee, re-designate as a Key Contract anything which has ceased to be designated as a Key Contract in accordance with paragraph 3 with effect from the date specified in such notice.

5. **Direct Agreements**

5.1 Unless the Secretary of State otherwise agrees, or unless directed to do so by the ORR, the Franchisee shall not enter into any prospective Key Contract unless the counterparty to that prospective Key Contract:

- (a) is a Train Operator; or
- (b) has entered into a Direct Agreement with the Secretary of State in respect of that prospective Key Contract, providing on a basis acceptable to the Secretary of State, amongst other things, for the continued provision of the Passenger Services and/or the continued operation of the Stations and Depots in the event of:
 - (i) breach, termination or expiry of such Key Contract;
 - (ii) termination or expiry of the Franchise Agreement; or
 - (iii) the making of a railway administration order in respect of the Franchisee.

5.2 Where the Secretary of State designates or re-designates as a Key Contract:

- (a) any agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement to which the Franchisee is already a party; or
- (b) any category of agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement where the Franchisee is already a party to a contract, licence or other arrangement which, by virtue of the Secretary of State's designation or re-designation, is classified in such category,

the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to assist the Secretary of State in entering into a Direct Agreement as envisaged by paragraph 5.1(b).

- 5.3 The Franchisee shall pay to the Secretary of State an amount equal to any losses, costs, liabilities, charges or expenses which may be suffered or incurred by the Secretary of State under the provisions of any Direct Agreement and which may be notified to the Franchisee as a result of, or in connection with:
- (a) any breach by the Franchisee of the terms of the Key Contract to which the relevant Direct Agreement relates; or
 - (b) any unsuccessful claim being brought by the Franchisee against the counterparty of any such Key Contract in relation to the termination of such Key Contract.

6. **Emergencies**

- 6.1 Where any emergency may arise in connection with the provision and operation of the Franchise Services, the Franchisee:
- (a) may enter into on a short-term basis such contracts, licences or other arrangements as it considers necessary or appropriate to deal with the emergency;
 - (b) need not procure that the relevant counterparty enters into a Direct Agreement in respect of such contracts or use all reasonable endeavours to assist the Secretary of State in entering into the same;
 - (c) shall promptly inform the Secretary of State of any such emergency and contracts, licences or other arrangements which it proposes to enter into; and
 - (d) shall take such action in relation to such emergency, contracts, licences or other arrangements as the Secretary of State may request.

7. **No Amendment**

The Franchisee shall not without the prior consent of the Secretary of State (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) vary, or purport to vary, the terms or conditions of any Key Contract at any time, unless directed to do so by the ORR.

8. **Replacement of Key Contracts**

The Franchisee shall, prior to the scheduled expiry date of any Key Contract (or, if earlier, such other date on which it is reasonably likely that such Key Contract will terminate), take all reasonable steps to enter into an appropriate replacement contract (whether with the counterparty to the existing Key Contract or not) and shall comply with the reasonable instructions of the Secretary of State in relation to such replacement contract.

9. **Termination of Key Contracts**

The Franchisee shall, to the extent so requested by the Secretary of State, exercise its right to terminate any Key Contract on the Expiry Date.

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 14.3

List of Key Contracts

Subject to any de-designations by the Secretary of State under paragraph 3 of Schedule 14.3 (*Key Contracts*), the following items have as at the date of the Franchise Agreement been agreed between the Parties to be Key Contracts:

1. any Access Agreement to which the Franchisee is a party other than in its capacity as a Facility Owner;
2. any Property Lease and all side agreements relating to such relevant Property Lease;
3. any Rolling Stock Related Contract including the Rolling Stock Leases listed in Table 1 (Original Rolling Stock), Table 2 (Specified Rolling Stock) and Table 3 (Unspecified Additional Rolling Stock) of Appendix 1 (*The Composition of the Train Fleet*) to Schedule 1.6 (*The Rolling Stock*);
4. any contract for the maintenance and renewal works at Stations including any framework delivery contracts for the provision of building and civil engineering works, mechanical and electrical works at Stations;
5. any contract or arrangement for the lending, seconding, hiring, contracting out, supervision, training, assessment, or accommodation by another Train Operator or other third party of any train drivers, conductors or other train crew used by the Franchisee in the provision of the Passenger Services;
6. any contract or arrangement for the subcontracting or delegation to another Train Operator or other third party of the provision of any of the Passenger Services (whether or not the consent of the Secretary of State is required to such subcontracting or delegation under paragraph 8 (*Subcontracting any Passenger Services*) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*));
7. any contract or arrangement with a Train Operator or other third party (other than an Access Agreement) for the provision to the Franchisee of train dispatch, performance or supervision of platform duties, security activities, evacuation procedures, advice or assistance to customers, assistance to disabled customers, operation of customer information systems, cash management or ticket issuing systems administration;
8. any contract or arrangement with a Train Operator or other third party for the provision of breakdown or recovery, and track call services to assist in the provision of the Passenger Services;
9. any contract or arrangement for the supply of spare parts or Spares;
10. any contract or arrangement for the maintenance of track and other related infrastructure;
11. any licences of Marks to the Franchisee;
12. any contract or arrangement relating to the operation of smart ticketing;
13. any licence of any CRM System or Yield Management System;
14. any contract or arrangement for the provision or lending of Computer Systems (other than the CRM System and Yield Management System) that the Secretary of State reasonably considers is essential for the delivery of the Franchise Services;
15. any MCS Connectivity Service Contract;

15. agreement with NG Bailey Facilities Services Ltd commencing on 9 November 2014 in relation to provision of PPM and reactive station maintenance;
16. any Funding and/or other agreements relating to the funding, design and development of a new depot at Chart Leacon to which the Franchisee is a party¹¹⁷; and
16. [INSERT ANY OTHER SPECIFIC AGREEMENT, CONTRACT, LICENCE OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT THE PARTIES AGREE TO BE A KEY CONTRACT PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.]¹¹⁸

¹¹⁷ **Note to Bidders:** This provision relates to the proposed funding and construction of a new depot for the South Eastern franchise at Chart Leacon. Following the completion of the new depot the intention is that the existing South Eastern high speed trains will be removed from Ashford Depot, with GTR replacing them with 6 x 8 car Class 700 units as part of the Thameslink Programme. The DfT anticipates that the role of Bidders in the delivery of the new depot will be limited to being largely project management in nature and Bidders are not expected to incur any significant expenditure beyond that role.

¹¹⁸ **Note to Bidders:** To be updated with any other specific agreement, contract, licence or other arrangement that the Winning Bidder and DfT agree to be a Key Contract prior to signature of the Franchise Agreement.

Designation of Franchise Assets

1. Franchise Assets

- 1.1 Subject to paragraph 1.2, all property, rights and liabilities of the Franchisee from time to time during the Franchise Period shall be designated as Franchise Assets and shall constitute Franchise Assets for the purposes of section 27(11) of the Act.
- 1.2 The rights and liabilities of the Franchisee in respect of the following items shall not be designated as Franchise Assets and shall not constitute franchise assets for the purposes of section 27(11) of the Act:
- (a) any contracts of employment;
 - (b) the Franchise Agreement and any Transfer Scheme or Supplemental Agreement;
 - (c) the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;
 - (d) any sums placed on deposit with a bank or other financial institution;
 - (e) such other property, rights and liabilities as the Franchisee and the Secretary of State may agree from time to time or as the Secretary of State may de-designate as Franchise Assets under paragraph 10.2; and
 - (f) any Rolling Stock Leases.
- 1.3 The Franchisee shall keep vested in it at all times during the Franchise Period all Franchise Assets designated as such pursuant to Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) as it may require in order to comply with:
- (a) the Licences;
 - (b) any contracts of employment with Franchise Employees;
 - (c) any relevant Fares;
 - (d) any Key Contracts; and
 - (e) any applicable safety legislation regulations or safety standards and the Safety Certificate,

in order to ensure that the Secretary of State may designate such assets as Primary Franchise Assets.

2. Primary Franchise Assets

- 2.1 The following property, rights and liabilities shall (to the extent that they constitute Franchise Assets) be designated as Primary Franchise Assets with effect from the following dates:
- (a) the property, rights and liabilities listed as such in the table in Appendix 1 (List of Primary Franchise Assets) to this Schedule 14.4 (which constitute Primary Franchise Assets agreed between the Parties as at the date of the Franchise Agreement), on the Start Date;
 - (b) any additional property, rights and liabilities designated under paragraph 3 during the Franchise Period, on the date of such designation;

- (c) any property or right which is vested in the Franchisee and used for the purpose of maintaining, replacing, repairing or renewing any property designated as Primary Franchise Assets and which forms or replaces part or all of such designated property on completion of such maintenance, replacement, repair or renewal, on the date of its use for such purpose;
- (d) the rights and liabilities of the Franchisee under any Key Contract designated under paragraph 5, on the date of such designation;
- (e) the rights and liabilities of the Franchisee in respect of the terms of any Fare or Discount Card designated under paragraph 6, on the date of such designation;
- (f) any CRM Data and/or Yield Management Data and, to the extent that any CRM System and/or Yield Management System is the property of the Franchisee, such CRM System and/or Yield Management System on the later of the Start Date and:
 - (i) in relation to CRM Data or Yield Management Data, the date on which such CRM Data or Yield Management Data (as applicable) is collected; or
 - (ii) in relation to any such CRM System or Yield Management System, the date on which such CRM System or Yield Management System is created,
 save, in relation to CRM Data and Yield Management Data, any data in respect of which the Data Subject has not consented to such data being disclosed and processed by any Successor Operator and/or the Secretary of State;
- (g) any licence of any CRM System and/or Yield Management System, on the date of such licence;
- (h) an RV Asset on the date in which such RV Asset is brought into operational use as specified in the applicable Certification of Completion;
- (i) Actual Passenger Demand information (and all Intellectual Property Rights in respect of the same), on the date such information is supplied to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 1.5 (*Information about Passengers*); and
- (j) any property and rights comprised in Committed Obligations and designated by the Secretary of State as Primary Franchise Assets pursuant to paragraph 10 of Schedule 6.2 (*Committed Obligations*), on the date of such designation.

2.2 **NOT USED.**

3. **Designation of Additional Primary Franchise Assets**

- 3.1 The Secretary of State may at any time and from time to time, by serving notice on the Franchisee, designate any or all of the Franchise Assets as Primary Franchise Assets.
- 3.2 Such designation shall take effect from the delivery of such notice and may refer to all or certain categories of property, rights or liabilities. Any such notice shall specify the reasons for such designation.
- 3.3 On or before designation of any Franchise Asset as a Primary Franchise Asset, the Secretary of State may agree not to subsequently de-designate such Primary Franchise Asset without the prior written consent of the Franchisee. If the Secretary of State so agrees, the notice designating the relevant Franchise Asset as a Primary Franchise Asset shall state the commitment not to de-designate.

4. **Designation during last twelve (12) months of Franchise Period**

4.1 If the Secretary of State designates a Franchise Asset as a Primary Franchise Asset under paragraph 3 at any time during the last twelve (12) months of the Franchise Period then, within twenty eight (28) days of such designation, the Secretary of State may, subject to paragraph 4.2, de-designate such Primary Franchise Asset by serving notice on the Franchisee. Such de-designation shall take effect upon delivery of such notice.

4.2 Where, the Secretary of State has given a commitment not to de-designate a Primary Franchise Asset pursuant to paragraph 3.3, he shall not de-designate such Primary Franchise Asset pursuant to paragraph 4.1 without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Franchisee.

5. **Designation of Key Contracts as Primary Franchise Assets**

The Secretary of State shall, subject to paragraphs 1.2(b) and 7, be entitled to designate any Key Contract as a Primary Franchise Asset at any time during the Franchise Period by serving notice on the Franchisee. Such designation shall take effect from delivery of such notice.

6. **Designation of Fares and Discount Cards**

The Secretary of State may designate any Fare or Discount Card as a Primary Franchise Asset at any time during the Franchise Period by serving a notice on the Franchisee. Such designation shall take effect from delivery of such notice.

7. **Rights and Liabilities**

The Secretary of State, in designating the rights and liabilities of the Franchisee (whether under a particular contract or other arrangement) as a Primary Franchise Asset may, in his discretion, elect to designate some but not all of the rights and liabilities under a particular contract or other arrangement, or to designate only those rights and liabilities arising after or otherwise relating to a period after a particular time (including the period after the expiry of the Franchise Period) or to those relating only to the Franchise Services or a particular part thereof.

8. **Disputes over Designation**

8.1 The Franchisee may object in writing to the Secretary of State to any designation pursuant to paragraph 3 or 4.

8.2 Such objection may be made solely on the grounds that the designation of the relevant property, rights or liabilities specified in the objection is not, in the Franchisee's opinion, reasonably necessary to secure the continued provision of the Franchise Services by a Successor Operator on the expiry of the Franchise Period on a basis reasonably acceptable to the Secretary of State or to facilitate the transfer to such Successor Operator of the provision of the Franchise Services at such time.

8.3 Any such objection may only be made within twenty eight (28) days of a designation made more than twelve (12) months prior to the end of the Franchise Period or fourteen (14) days of a designation made during the last twelve (12) months of the Franchise Period.

8.4 The Secretary of State shall respond to any such objection as soon as reasonably practicable and shall take account of any representations made by the Franchisee regarding the use of the relevant Primary Franchise Asset otherwise than in the provision and operation of the Franchise Services.

8.5 If the Franchisee's objection cannot be resolved by agreement within a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of submission of that objection, the Franchisee may refer the dispute for resolution in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules.

8.6 Any body duly appointed to resolve such dispute shall determine whether or not the designation of the relevant property, rights or liabilities was reasonably necessary for securing that the Franchise Services may continue to be provided by a Successor Operator on the expiry of the Franchise Period on a basis reasonably acceptable to the Secretary of State or otherwise facilitating the transfer of the provision of the Franchise Services at such time, and accordingly whether or not they should cease to be so designated.

8.7 If any dispute as to any designation pursuant to paragraph 3 remains outstanding on the expiry of the Franchise Period, then such dispute shall be deemed to cease immediately before the expiry of the Franchise Period and the relevant Franchise Assets shall continue to be designated as Primary Franchise Assets on and after the expiry of the Franchise Period.

9. **Provision of Information to the Secretary of State**

9.1 The Franchisee shall provide such information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in order to satisfy the Secretary of State that any Franchise Assets which are to be designated as Primary Franchise Assets after the Start Date under this Schedule 14.4 will at the time of such designation be vested in the Franchisee. Such information may include details of any Security Interests over such property, rights and liabilities.

9.2 The Franchisee shall further provide such information as to the property, rights and liabilities of the Franchisee as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in connection with the designation of Primary Franchise Assets. Such information shall be supplied to the Secretary of State within such timescale as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.

10. **De-Designation of Franchise Assets and Primary Franchise Assets**

10.1 The Secretary of State and the Franchisee may agree in writing at any time that a:

(a) Franchise Asset shall cease to be designated as a Franchise Asset; or

(b) Primary Franchise Asset shall cease to be designated as a Primary Franchise Asset,

and the relevant Franchise Asset or Primary Franchise Asset (as the case may be) shall cease to be designated upon such agreement coming into effect.

10.2 The Secretary of State may, in addition at any time during the Franchise Period, by serving notice on the Franchisee:

(a) cause a Franchise Asset which is not a Primary Franchise Asset to cease to be designated as a Franchise Asset. Such Franchise Asset shall cease to be designated on the date specified in such notice; or

(b) subject to paragraph 10.3, cause a particular Primary Franchise Asset to cease to be designated as such. Such Primary Franchise Asset shall cease to be designated on the date specified in such notice.

10.3 Where, the Secretary of State has given a commitment not to de-designate a Primary Franchise Asset pursuant to paragraph 3.3, he shall not de-designate such Primary Franchise Asset pursuant to paragraph 10.2(b) without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Franchisee.

10.4 The Secretary of State's rights pursuant to paragraph 10.2(b) may be exercised, in respect of any rights and liabilities in respect of a Fare or Discount Card, at any time and, in respect of any other Primary Franchise Asset, no later than one (1) year prior to the expiry of the Franchise Term.

11. **Amendment of the List of Primary Franchise Assets**

The table in Appendix 1 (List of Primary Franchise Assets) to this Schedule 14.4 shall be amended as the Secretary of State considers necessary or desirable from time to time to take account of designation and de-designation of Primary Franchise Assets pursuant to this Schedule 14.4.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 14.4

List of Primary Franchise Assets¹¹⁹

Description of Primary Franchise Asset*	Commitment not to de-designate	To Transfer to Successor Operator at Nil Value
Brompton Docks hire station	[DfT to confirm]	Yes
Gravesend Cycle Hub	[DfT to confirm]	Yes
The Escrow Agreement (as defined in the TSSSA)	Yes	Yes
The Purchase Agreements	Yes	Yes
The Perpetuum Agreement	Yes	Yes
The Portability Deed	Yes	Yes
[Javelin Trade Mark UK00002397248]	[No]	Yes
75 Tablets for Gateline Staff (68 to be kept operational)	No	Yes
1300 Tablets for Train Crew (1,200 to be kept operational)	No	Yes
62 Ticket Vending Machines (TVM) at the following stations: Adisham, Ashford, Aylesford, Aylesham, Barming, Bat and Ball, Bekesbourne, Beltring, Brixton, Charing, Chartham Chestfield and Swalecliffe, Chilham, Crowhurst, Cuxton, Dumpton Park, Dunton Green, East Farleigh, East Malling, Etchingham, Eynsford, Farningham Road, Frant, Gravesend, Halling, Harrietsham, Higham, High Brooms, Hollingbourne, Kearsney, Kemsing, Kemsley, Lenham, Maidstone Barracks, Marden, Martin, Mill, Minster, New Hythe, Northfleet, Pluckley, Queenborough, Robertsbridge, Rochester, Sandling, Selling, Shepherds Well, Shoreham, Snodland, Snowdown, Sole Street, Stone Crossing,	No	Yes

¹¹⁹ **Note to Bidders:** To be updated and populated by the winning Bidder and DfT. The List of Primary Franchise Assets to be updated on a periodic basis.

Stonegate, Strood, Sturry, Swale, Swanscombe, Teynham, Tonbridge, Watringbury, West St Leonards, Westenhanger, Wye and Yalding		
Funding and other agreements relating to the funding, design and development of a new depot at Chart Leacon to which the Franchisee is a party ¹²⁰	[Yes/No]	[Yes]

**Note that the Secretary of State may elect to designate under Schedule 14.4 as Primary Franchise Assets any assets delivered by the Franchisee as part of a Committed Obligation under Schedule 6.2 (Committed Obligations).*

¹²⁰ **Note to Bidders:** This provision relates to the proposed funding and construction of a new depot for the South Eastern franchise at Chart Leacon. Following the completion of the new depot the intention is that the existing South Eastern high speed trains will be removed from Ashford Depot, with GTR replacing them with 6 x 8 car Class 700 units as part of the Thameslink Programme. The DfT anticipates that the role of Bidders in the delivery of the new depot will be limited to being largely project management in nature and Bidders are not expected to incur any significant expenditure beyond that role.

Dealing with Franchise Assets

1. Assets not Designated as Primary Franchise Assets

- 1.1 This paragraph 1 relates to any Franchise Assets that are property or rights and are not designated as Primary Franchise Assets.
- 1.2 For the purposes of section 27(3) of the Act, the Secretary of State consents to the Franchisee:
 - (a) transferring or agreeing to transfer any such Franchise Assets or any interests in, or right over, any such Franchise Assets; and
 - (b) creating or extinguishing, or agreeing to create or extinguish, any interest in, or right over, any such Franchise Assets.

2. Liabilities not Designated as Primary Franchise Assets

- 2.1 This paragraph 2 relates to any liabilities which are not designated as Primary Franchise Assets.
- 2.2 For the purposes of section 27(3) of the Act, the Secretary of State consents to the Franchisee entering into any agreement under which any such liability is released or discharged, or transferred to another person.

3. Franchise Assets and Primary Franchise Assets

- 3.1 This paragraph 3 relates to Franchise Assets (whether or not designated as Primary Franchise Assets) which are property or rights.
- 3.2 The Secretary of State hereby consents to the installation of Spares which have been designated as Primary Franchise Assets on any rolling stock vehicles. Any Spare which is so installed shall cease to be so designated on such installation.
- 3.3 For the purposes of section 27(3) of the Act, the Secretary of State hereby consents to the Franchisee creating or agreeing to create any Security Interest over any of these Franchise Assets to the extent that the terms of any such Security Interest provided that:
 - (a) if the relevant Franchise Asset becomes the subject of a transfer scheme made under section 12 and Schedule 2 of the Railways Act 2005, it shall be fully and automatically released from the relevant Security Interest immediately before the coming into force of such transfer scheme;
 - (b) if the relevant Franchise Asset is assigned, novated or otherwise transferred to another person pursuant to and in accordance with the Franchise Agreement, it shall be fully and automatically released from the relevant Security Interest immediately before such assignment, novation or transfer; and
 - (c) such Security Interest shall not be enforced or enforceable until the date on which such Franchise Asset ceases to be designated as a Franchise Asset.

4. Prohibition on Other Security Interests

The Franchisee shall not create or agree to create a Security Interest over any Franchise Asset except on the terms permitted under paragraph 3.3.

5. **Miscellaneous**

The Franchisee shall promptly inform the Secretary of State of any Security Interest arising at any time over any of its property or rights and shall provide the Secretary of State with such information in relation thereto as he may reasonably require.

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Schedule 14.6

Residual Value Mechanism

1. Provisions relating to RV Assets

1.1 The provisions of paragraphs 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10 to 11 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) (inclusive) and paragraph 2 of Schedule 14.2 (*Maintenance of Operating Assets*) shall not apply in respect of any RV Asset.

1.2 De-Designation of RV Assets as Primary Franchise Assets

The Secretary of State may, at any time during the Franchise Period, by serving notice on the Franchisee cause a particular RV Asset designated as a Primary Franchise Asset pursuant to paragraph 2.1(h) of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) to cease to be designated as such on the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) such RV Asset is lost, destroyed or otherwise beyond repair after the date upon which it is designated as a Primary Franchise Asset pursuant to paragraph 2.1(h) of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*) and such RV Asset is not replaced; or
- (b) the Secretary of State and the Franchisee agree in writing at any time during the Franchise Period that such RV Asset shall cease to be so designated as a Primary Franchise Asset; or
- (c) for an RV Asset that is a Network Rail Fixture Asset the applicable Station Access Conditions or Depot Access Conditions are amended at any time after the date of designation of such RV Asset such that the Franchisee ceases to be responsible under the applicable Station Access Conditions or Depot Access Conditions (as the case may be) for the maintenance, repair and renewal of such RV Asset; or
- (d) for an RV Asset that is a HS1 Fixture Asset the applicable HS1 Station Access Conditions are amended at any time after the date of designation of such RV Asset such that the Franchisee ceases to be responsible under the applicable HS1 Station Access Conditions for the maintenance, repair and renewal of such RV Asset.

Such RV Asset shall cease to be designated as a Primary Franchise Asset with effect from the date specified in any notice served by the Secretary of State pursuant to this paragraph 1.2 and the table in Appendix 1 to Schedule 14.6 (List of the RV Assets) shall be deemed to be amended and thereafter shall be amended to take account of any such de-designation.

1.3 Process for issue of a Certificate of Completion for RV Assets

- (a) Within twenty (20) days of the date upon which an RV Asset is brought into operational use the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State such information as is required by the Secretary of State for, and in the detail needed for demonstrating that such RV Asset has been brought into operational use and evidencing the actual capital cost incurred by the Franchisee on the procurement of such RV Asset including the following:
 - (i) information described in paragraph 9 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*), including such information as the Secretary of State may require pursuant to paragraph 9.2 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*);
 - (ii) information which shows the actual date upon which such RV Asset was brought into operational use (including photographic evidence or any other kind of record which shows that such RV Asset has been brought into operational use);
 - (iii) in respect of an RV Asset that is a Network Rail Fixture Asset, written confirmation from Network Rail that:

- (A) such RV Asset will be owned by the Franchise and remain the unencumbered asset of the Franchisee for the duration of the asset life of such RV Asset or the duration of the Franchise Period (whichever is the shorter); and
- (B) the Franchisee has the responsibility under the Station Access Conditions or the Depot Access Conditions (as the case may be) applicable in relation to such Station or Depot (as the case may be) to maintain, repair and renew such RV Asset from the date upon which such RV Asset property is brought into operational use for the duration of the asset life of such RV Asset or the duration of the Franchise Period (whichever is the shorter);
- (iv) information evidencing the actual capital cost of procuring such RV Asset (including receipts and other supporting evidence) or where all information required to evidence the actual capital cost of procuring such RV Asset is not yet available the Franchisee's reasonable estimate of such actual capital cost with a commentary explaining how the estimate has been arrived at;
- (v) information which shows that such RV Asset satisfies the requirements of the Committed Obligations to which it relates;
- (vi) information required by paragraph 2.1;
- (vii) such other information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require for the purposes of verifying the actual capital costs incurred by the Franchisee on the procurement of such RV Asset; and
- (viii) in respect of an RV Asset that is a HS1 Fixture Asset, written confirmation from HS1 Limited that:
- (A) such RV Asset will be owned by the Franchise and remain the unencumbered asset of the Franchisee for the duration of the asset life of such RV Asset or the duration of the Franchise Period (whichever is the shorter); and
- (B) the Franchisee has the responsibility under the HS1 Station Access Conditions applicable in relation to such Station to maintain, repair and renew such RV Asset from the date upon which such RV Asset property is brought into operational use for the duration of the asset life of such RV Asset or the duration of the Franchise Period (whichever is the shorter).
- (b) Subject to receipt of the information required in paragraph 1.3(a) and none of the events described in paragraph 1.2 having occurred, the Secretary of State shall issue to the Franchisee a certificate of completion ("**Certificate of Completion**") which shall specify for the purposes of this Agreement the date upon which the relevant RV Asset was brought into operational use provided that nothing in this paragraph 1.3(b) shall oblige the Secretary of State to issue a Certificate of Completion in respect of any RV Asset:
- (i) if the Secretary of State, acting reasonably is not satisfied that such RV Asset will at the time of such designation be vested in the Franchisee;
- (ii) if the Secretary of State reasonably determines that such RV Asset does not satisfy the requirements of the Committed Obligation to which it relates; or
- (iv) where the confirmation from Network Rail referred in paragraph 1.3(a)(iii) has not been issued.
- (c) The Secretary of State may, prior to the issue of a Certificate of Completion in respect of an RV Asset, exercise his rights under paragraph 6 (Right to Inspect) of Schedule 11.2

(*Management Information*) to inspect an RV Asset for the purposes of satisfying himself that such RV Asset satisfies the requirements of the Committed Obligation to which it relates.

- (d) Where the Franchisee is only able to provide an estimate of the capital cost of procuring an RV Asset pursuant to paragraph 1.3(a)(iv) above it shall notify the Secretary of State of the actual capital cost of procuring the RV Asset (with receipts and other supporting evidence) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within six months of the date of issue of a Certificate of Completion of such RV Asset. The Franchisee shall provide the Secretary of State with such further information as he may reasonably require for the purposes of verifying the actual capital costs incurred by the Franchisee on the procurement of such RV Asset.

1.4 Adjustments to the Transfer Value

If:

- (a) the Franchise Agreement is extended as contemplated in clause 5 (*Duration of the Franchise Agreement*) then the Secretary of State shall adjust the RV Asset Transfer Value applicable to each RV Asset by depreciating each such RV Asset on a straight line basis from the date specified for such RV Asset in Column 3 of Appendix 1 to this Schedule 14.6 ("**Planned Delivery Date**") until the end of the Franchise Period (as extended) and so that:
- (i) the Revised RV Asset Transfer Value will be the residual value of the RV Asset following such depreciation as at the end of the Franchise Period (as extended) or, if the RV Asset has been fully depreciated on that basis at that time, nil; and
 - (ii) from the date of the extension of the Franchise Agreement Column 2 of the table in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 14.6 (List of the RV Assets) shall be deemed to be and shall be restated in the amounts of the Revised RV Asset Transfer Value; or
- (b) the actual capital cost incurred by the Franchisee in procuring any RV Asset is less than the amount specified in Column 6 of the table in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 14.6 (List of the RV Assets) in respect of any such RV Asset, then:
- (i) the Secretary of State shall adjust the RV Asset Transfer Value applicable to such RV Asset by using the same principles as were specified in the Financial Model and Record of Assumption for the calculation of the initial RV Asset Transfer Value except that actual capital cost for such RV Asset shall replace the capital cost specified for such RV Asset in Column 6 of the table of Appendix 1 to this Schedule 14.6 (List of the RV Assets) in order to calculate the Revised RV Asset Transfer Value. Such adjustment shall be deemed to take effect from the date upon which a Certificate of Completion is issued including in the circumstance where the actual capital cost is notified to the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph 1.3(d) after the date of issue of a Certificate of Completion; and
 - (ii) Column 2 of the table in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 14.6 (List of the RV Assets) shall be restated and shall be restated in the amounts of the Revised RV Asset Transfer Value such restatement to be deemed to be effective from the date of issue of a Certificate of Completion.
- (c) For the purposes of this paragraph 1.4:
- (i) "**RV Asset Transfer Values**" means each of the transfer values relating to the RV Assets as specified in Column 2 of the table in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 14.6 (List of RV Assets);

- (ii) **"Revised RV Asset Transfer Values"** means each of the RV Asset Transfer Values as adjusted by the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1.4(a) or paragraph 1.4(b) (as applicable).

2. **Maintenance Requirements for RV Assets**

- 2.1 At the same time as the Franchisee provides the information required pursuant to paragraph 1.3(a) in respect of any RV Asset, the Franchisee shall submit to the Secretary of State a schedule of condition specifying the condition of such RV Asset as at the date upon which such RV Asset was brought into operational use as specified in the applicable Certificate of Completion. Such schedule of condition must be approved by the Secretary of State and shall be in respect of such aspects of an RV Asset as the Secretary of State may reasonably require. The Franchisee shall ensure that each RV Asset is maintained, preserved and protected in at least the same condition, subject to fair wear and tear, as specified in the applicable schedule of condition as approved by the Secretary of State in respect of such RV Asset pursuant to this paragraph 2.1. In respect of any RV Asset that is a Network Rail Fixture Asset the Franchisee shall ensure that any schedule of condition prepared as required by this paragraph 2.1 shall comply with the Franchisee's maintenance obligations relating to such Network Rail Fixture Asset under the applicable Station Access Conditions and/or Depot Access Conditions (as the case may be). In respect of any RV Asset that is a HS1 Fixture Asset the Franchisee shall ensure that any schedule of condition prepared as required by this paragraph 2.1 shall comply with the Franchisee's maintenance obligations relating to such HS1 Fixture Asset under the applicable HS1 Station Access Conditions.
- 2.2 Subject to paragraph 2.3, where the Franchisee has failed to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Secretary of State that it has complied with its maintenance obligations in paragraph 2.1 in respect of any RV Asset then the Secretary of State may by notice in writing to the Franchisee require that the RV Asset Transfer Value payable by a Successor Operator required pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement to pay to the Franchisee the RV Asset Transfer Value for such RV Asset ("**Relevant Successor Operator**") is adjusted downwards by an amount that is equal to the amount that is agreed by the Franchisee and the Relevant Successor Operator (or on failure to agree, as reasonably determined by the Secretary of State) as being the amount reasonably expected to be incurred by the Relevant Successor Operator for putting such RV Asset in the condition required pursuant to paragraph 2.1.
- 2.3 The provisions of paragraph 2.2 shall not apply in circumstances where the Franchisee and the Relevant Successor Operator agree that the Franchisee shall either:
- (a) rectify any relevant non-compliance with the requirements of paragraph 2.1; or
 - (b) indemnify the Relevant Successor Operator (the form of such indemnity to be in a form that is acceptable to the Relevant Successor Operator) against the reasonable costs of putting the relevant RV Asset in the condition required by paragraph 2.1.

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 14.6

List of the RV Assets

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Description of the RV Assets¹²¹	RV Asset Transfer Value (£)¹²²	Planned Delivery Date¹²³	Is RV Asset a Network Rail Fixture Asset (Yes/No)¹²⁴	Is RV Asset an HS1 Fixture Asset (Yes/No)¹²⁵	Capital Cost (£)¹²⁶

¹²¹ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate. Description of assets to be populated by Bidders. Assets to be included in the table must comply with each of the principles set out in the ITT.

¹²² **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate. Bidders to include the residual value of the asset listed in Column 1 of the table, such value to be determined in accordance with the principles set out in the ITT.

¹²³ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate. The date in which the asset listed in Column 1 is to be delivered and brought into use is to be specified by the Bidders in this Column.

¹²⁴ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate.

¹²⁵ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate.

¹²⁶ **Note to Bidders:** Bidders to populate. The capital cost specified in this Column shall comply with the requirements for capital costs as set out in the ITT.

Incentivising Long Term Investment

This Schedule sets out the Secretary of State's guidance on how he approaches incentivising long term investment. Nothing in this Schedule is intended to limit or be limited by the provisions of paragraph 2.2 of Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*)

1. The Secretary of State wishes to encourage the Franchisee to:
 - (a) improve the efficiency;
 - (b) reduce the cost; and
 - (c) enhance the revenue earning potential of the delivery of services to passengers, from the commencement of the Franchise, through the Franchise Term and into the successor franchises.
2. It is recognised however that the Franchise Term may be perceived to be a barrier to undertaking investment or change programmes where:
 - (a) the time scale for implementation limits the benefit to the Franchisee; or
 - (b) the business case for such investment or change has a payback period longer than the Franchise Term.
3. In this context investment or change may be considered to encompass:
 - (a) capital investments undertaken solely by the Franchisee;
 - (b) capital investments undertaken by the Franchisee in association with others;
 - (c) total or partial substitution of certain train services by bus services where an enhanced service level could be provided for reduced cost or where the provision of bus services improves the overall capacity of the network or delivers other benefits;
 - (d) changes in working practices of the Franchisee's employees;
 - (e) changes in the contracted roles and responsibilities between the Franchisee and its major suppliers; and
 - (f) operational changes.
4. Accordingly, the Franchisee is encouraged to propose schemes that seek to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 1 for consideration by the Secretary of State during the Franchise Term.
5. In considering the Franchisee's proposals for any investment or change proposed to be undertaken, the Secretary of State will recognise:
 - (a) the capital cost and proposed payment profile;
 - (b) legitimate costs of the Franchisee in developing, procuring, delivering and project managing the project;
 - (c) the life of any capital assets and the duration of the benefits stream arising;

- (d) the remaining Franchise Term and the projected payback period;
 - (e) the benefits associated with undertaking the investment early rather than waiting until the Franchise is re-let;
 - (f) the risks of cost overrun or under performance of the projected benefits;
 - (g) a profit element for undertaking the project commensurate with the risks of the proposed project; and
 - (h) alternative benefit sharing arrangements which could be based on:
 - (i) a capital lump sum when the expenditure is incurred;
 - (ii) an enhanced Franchise Payment over the Franchise Term;
 - (iii) a balloon payment on expiry of the Franchise which allocates a proportion of future benefits to the Franchisee;
 - (iv) an ongoing payment if the benefits materialise after the Franchise Term; and/or
 - (v) any combination of any of paragraphs 5(h)(i) to 5(h)(iv) inclusive.
6. In evaluating the Franchisee's proposals for any investment or change proposed to be undertaken and to enable best value for money to be obtained from third party financiers, the Secretary of State shall also give consideration to the appropriateness of the provision, by the Secretary of State, of an undertaking (or other form of comfort) pursuant to section 54 of the Act.

SCHEDULE 15

OBLIGATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TERMINATION

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Reletting Provisions

1. Reletting of Franchise

- 1.1 The Franchisee acknowledges that the Secretary of State may wish, at or before the expiry of the Franchise Period, either to invite persons to tender for the right to provide all or some of the Passenger Services under a franchise agreement or alternatively to enter into a franchise agreement in respect of all or some of the Passenger Services without having gone through a tendering process.
- 1.2 The Franchisee further acknowledges that the Secretary of State has in certain circumstances a duty under section 30 of the Act to secure the continued provision of services equivalent to the Passenger Services on expiry or termination of the Franchise Agreement. The Franchisee accordingly accepts and agrees to the restrictions and obligations imposed on it under Part 1 (Franchise Services) of Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*), Schedule 14 (*Preservation of Assets*) and this Schedule 15 (*Obligations Associated with Termination*).

2. Preparation for Reletting

- 2.1 The Franchisee shall, if so requested by the Secretary of State provide the Secretary of State and his representatives and advisers with access to officers, the Franchise Employees and all books, records and other materials kept by or on behalf of the Franchisee in connection with the Franchise Services (including electronic or magnetic records, any CRM System and any Yield Management System) for the purpose of assisting such representatives and advisers:
- (a) to prepare reports or other documents in connection with any invitation to potential Successor Operators to tender for the right and obligation to operate all or any of the Franchise Services;
 - (b) to prepare invitations to other potential franchisees to tender for the right and obligation to provide any other railway passenger services or operate any other additional railway asset; or
 - (c) to enter into any franchise agreement or other agreement (including any agreement entered into by the Secretary of State in fulfilment of his duties under section 30 of the Act) relating to the services equivalent to the Franchise Services, without undergoing a tendering process,

provided that the exercise of such access rights by the Secretary of State and his representatives and advisers shall not unduly interfere with the continuing provision and operation of the Franchise Services by the Franchisee.

3. Data Site Information

- 3.1 The Franchisee shall, at the request of the Secretary of State, make available to the Secretary of State and his representatives and advisers:
- (a) the information relating to the Franchise Services as specified in the document in the agreed terms marked **DSMI** (the "**Data Site Monitor and Index**"); and
 - (b) such other information as they shall reasonably require in connection with the matters referred to in paragraph 2.1,

in each case, by no later than three (3) months after the date of any such request. For the purposes of this paragraph 3 the information referred to in paragraphs 3.1(a) and 3.1(b) shall be the **"Data Site Information"**.

- 3.2 The Data Site Monitor and Index shall be amended and updated by the Secretary of State from time to time. Such amended and updated Data Site Monitor and Index shall, from the date that the Franchisee receives notification from the Secretary of State of any such amendment or update, be the applicable Data Site Monitor and Index for the purposes of this paragraph 3.2.
- 3.3 The Franchisee shall prepare and present the Data Site Information in such manner and in such format (including in disaggregated form) as the Secretary of State may specify in the Data Site Monitor and Index or otherwise require, and shall provide such assistance as the Secretary of State may require in connection with the verification and the updating of such Data Site Information.
- 3.4 The Franchisee shall provide such confirmation in relation to the accuracy of:
- (a) the contents of the documents referred to in paragraph 2.1; and
 - (b) any Data Site Information uploaded to such electronic data site as the Secretary of State may require pursuant to paragraph 3.5,

in each case, as the Secretary of State shall require from time to time.

- 3.5 The Franchisee shall upload the Data Site Information to such electronic data site as the Secretary of State may specify and shall make a sufficient number of appropriate staff available for that purpose. The Franchisee shall ensure that such staff are trained in the use of such data site (such training to be at the expense of the Secretary of State).

- 3.6 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) comply with its obligations under paragraph 2.1 and this paragraph 3 promptly and in any case in accordance with any reasonable timetable with which the Secretary of State requires the Franchisee by notice in writing to comply;
- (b) where the Secretary of State raises with the Franchisee any query in relation to any Data Site Information, make a full and substantive response to such query within five (5) Weekdays. Such response shall include any further information requested by the Secretary of State in relation to such query; and
- (c) nominate a person to whom:
 - (i) all queries or requests for information pursuant to paragraph 3.6(b);
 - (ii) requests for access to premises pursuant to paragraph 5; and
 - (iii) requests for access to employees,

shall be addressed and who shall be responsible for complying with any such queries or requests for information and such requests for access to employees and premises. The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State (his representatives and advisers) of the name and contact details of such person.

- 3.7 In connection with any proposal (whether or not yet finalised) to enter into separate franchise agreements and/or other agreements with more than one Successor Operator, each relating to some only of services equivalent to the Franchise Services (whether or not together with other railway passenger services) at or following the end of the Franchise Period, the Franchisee agrees and acknowledges that the Secretary of State may require:

- (a) that the Franchisee provides the Secretary of State with additional information and reports and analysis in respect of such Service Groups as the Secretary of State may specify. This may include:
 - (i) information relating to the operational and financial performance of the Franchisee in relation to such Service Groups; and
 - (ii) identification of those employees, assets and liabilities which relate to such Service Groups together with an indication of the extent to which the same are shared between the operation of different Service Groups; and
- (b) subject to paragraph 3.8, that the Franchisee reorganises the business of providing services equivalent to the Franchise Services in order to facilitate the transfer anticipated by this Schedule 15.1 on an ongoing basis of the business of providing the Franchise Services within each of such Service Groups to separate Successor Operators. This may include, to the extent reasonably practicable:
 - (i) the re-organisation of personnel such that an appropriate number of employees (having sufficient skills, qualifications and experience) will transfer by operation of Law to each Successor Operator of each such Service Group; and/or
 - (ii) entering into additional or clarificatory contractual or other arrangements so that the Successor Operator of each such Service Group will have the necessary assets and rights to operate the Franchise Services within that Service Group; and
- (c) that the Franchisee uploads Data Site Information to more than one data site.

3.8 Subject to paragraph 3.9, the Secretary of State shall reimburse any reasonable out of pocket expenses that the Franchisee may incur in complying with its obligations under this paragraph 3.

3.9 Without prejudice to any other rights the Secretary of State may have (under the Franchise Agreement or otherwise) in respect of any contravention by the Franchisee of its obligations under this paragraph 3, if the Secretary of State is of the reasonable opinion that the Franchisee does not have sufficient resources to enable its compliance with its obligations under this paragraph 3 he may:

- (a) require the Franchisee (at its own cost) to employ; or
- (b) after notification to the Franchisee, employ,

such suitable additional resource as may be required to ensure that the Franchisee can comply with its obligations under this paragraph 3. The Franchisee shall reimburse to the Secretary of State, by way of adjustment to Franchise Payments, any proper costs (including staff costs) incurred by him in the employment of any such additional resource pursuant to paragraph 3.9(b).

3.10 To the extent reasonably practicable, prior to taking any of the actions referred to in paragraph 3.9, the Secretary of State shall allow the Franchisee a reasonable opportunity to make representations to him concerning the exercise by the Secretary of State of his rights under paragraph 3.9 but the Secretary of State shall not be obliged by those representations to refrain from exercising any of the actions specified under paragraph 3.9.

4. **Non-Frustration of Transfer to Successor Operator**

4.1 The Franchisee shall take no action or steps which is or are designed, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to prevent, prejudice or frustrate the transfer as a going concern of the business of providing the Franchise Services at the end of the Franchise Period to a Successor Operator; or
- (b) to avoid, frustrate or circumvent any provision of the Franchise Agreement (including in particular the provisions of Schedule 14 (*Preservation of Assets*) and this Schedule 15) which is included in whole or in part for the purpose of preventing any such preventive, prejudicial or frustrating action or steps.
- 4.2 Subject to the restrictions set out in paragraph 4.1 and the other provisions of the Franchise Agreement, the Franchisee may take such action as it may require for the purposes of bidding to become, or becoming, a Successor Operator.
5. **Inspection Rights during the Tendering/Reletting Process**
- 5.1 Without limiting any other rights of the Secretary of State under the Franchise Agreement and subject to paragraph 5.3, the Franchisee shall permit the undertaking of inspections (including the taking of inventories) or surveys of:
- (a) trains;
- (b) Stations;
- (c) Depots;
- (d) sidings; and/or
- (e) other premises owned or occupied by the Franchisee or any of its Affiliates or used in connection with the provision of the Franchise Services by the Franchisee or any of its Affiliates,
- ("Inspections") by the Secretary of State (or his nominee, which for these purposes shall include potential Successor Operators including potential bidders who have expressed an interest in tendering for the right and obligation to operate any or all of the Franchise Services, and who carry suitable identification and evidence of authorisation ("**Nominee**") as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in connection with any Tendering/Reletting Process.
- 5.2 The Franchisee shall provide a travel permit(s) which will allow the Secretary of State or a Nominee to travel free of charge on the Routes in order to carry out the Inspections.
- 5.3 The Secretary of State shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any Inspections shall be undertaken so as not to unduly interfere with the continuing provision and operation of the Franchise Services by the Franchisee.

Last Twelve (12) or Thirteen (13) Months of Franchise Period and Other Conduct of Business Provisions

1 Last Twelve (12) or Thirteen (13) Month Period

- 1.1 Where reference is made in the Franchise Agreement to the last twelve (12) or thirteen (13) months of the Franchise Period, such period shall be deemed to commence on the earliest of the following dates:
- (a) the date which is twelve (12) or thirteen (13) months, as the case may be, prior to the Expiry Date or if the actual date of expiry of the Franchise Period is known the date which is twelve (12) or thirteen (13) months prior to that date;
 - (b) the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the Franchisee that such period of twelve (12) or thirteen (13) months shall be deemed to commence on the grounds that the Secretary of State reasonably considers that an Event of Default may occur within the following twelve (12) months; or
 - (c) the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the Franchisee that such period of twelve (12) or thirteen (13) months shall be deemed to commence on the grounds that the Secretary of State considers it reasonably likely that the Franchise Agreement will be terminated by agreement between the Parties within such period.
- 1.2 Any such period (which may be longer or shorter than twelve (12) or thirteen (13) months, as the case may be) shall expire on the Expiry Date or, if earlier:
- (a) in the case of periods commencing under paragraph 1.1(b) or 1.1(c), the date falling twelve (12) or thirteen (13) months after the date of any notice under paragraph 1.1(b) or 1.1(c); or
 - (b) such earlier date as the Secretary of State may determine.

2. Terms of Employment of Existing Employees

- 2.1 The Franchisee shall not, and shall secure that each other relevant employer shall not, without the prior consent of the Secretary of State (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), vary or purport or promise to vary the terms or conditions of employment of any Franchise Employee (in particular, the Franchisee shall not promise to make any additional payment or provide any additional benefit or vary any term or condition relating to holiday, leave or hours to be worked) where such variation or addition:
- (a) takes effect in the last twelve (12) months of the Franchise Period unless it is in the ordinary course of business and, when aggregated with any other variation or addition which takes effect during such period, represents an increase in the remuneration of a Franchise Employee of no more than the amount determined in accordance with the following formula:

$\frac{MAWE + JAW E + SAWE + DAWE}{4}$
where:

MAWE	is the change in the Average Weekly Earnings between March in the preceding twelve (12) months and the corresponding March one (1) year before, expressed as a percentage;
JAWE	is the change in the Average Weekly Earnings between June in the preceding twelve (12) months and the corresponding June one (1) year before, expressed as a percentage;
SAWE	is the change in the Average Weekly Earnings between September in the preceding twelve (12) months and the corresponding September one year before, expressed as a percentage; and
DAWE	is the change in the Average Weekly Earnings between December in the preceding twelve (12) months and the corresponding December one (1) year before, expressed as a percentage;

- (b) wholly or partly first takes effect after the end of the Franchise Period;
- (c) results in any such employment not being terminable by the Franchisee or other relevant employer within six (6) months of the expiry of the Franchise Period;
- (d) relates to a payment or the provision of a benefit triggered by termination of employment;
- (e) relates to the provision of a benefit (excluding base salary) which any such employee will or may have a contractual right to receive after the expiry of the Franchise Period; or
- (f) prevents, restricts or hinders any such employee from working for a Successor Operator or from performing the duties which such employee performed for the Franchisee.

It is agreed that the Franchisee will be permitted to make a decrease in the remuneration of any Franchise Employee that takes effect in the last twelve (12) months of the Franchise Period without first obtaining the consent of the Secretary of State in circumstances where such decrease is in the ordinary course of business and when aggregated with any other variation which takes effect during such period, represents a decrease in the remuneration of a Franchise Employee of no more than the amount determined in accordance with the formula contained in paragraph 2.1(a) where a calculation pursuant to such formula gives rise to a negative percentage. In any other circumstances the prior consent of the Secretary of State will be required to any decrease in the remuneration of a Franchise Employee in the last twelve (12) months of the Franchise Period.

2.2 Without limiting the foregoing, the Franchisee shall consult the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable in any circumstances in which the Secretary of State's consent under paragraph 2.1 may be required. Further, it shall always be deemed to be reasonable for the Secretary of State to withhold his consent to a variation or addition which is prohibited without such consent under paragraph 2.1(a) provided the Secretary of State:

- (a) makes an overall increase in Franchise Payments equal to the amount of the direct net losses suffered by the Franchisee on the days when the Passenger Services are affected by Industrial Action taken by the Franchise Employees which is a consequence of a refusal by the Secretary of State to agree to the variation or addition; and

(b) agrees that, to the extent that the Franchisee would otherwise be in contravention of the Franchise Agreement as a consequence of the Industrial Action referred to in this paragraph 2.2, no such contravention shall have occurred, save where such contravention relates to safety requirements.

2.3 The expression “**promise to vary**” when used in paragraph 2.2 includes any offer or indication of willingness to vary (whether or not such offer or willingness is made conditional upon obtaining the Secretary of State's consent).

3. **Terms of Employment of New Employees**

3.1 The Franchisee shall not, and shall secure that each other relevant employer shall not, without the prior consent of the Secretary of State (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), create or grant, or promise to create or grant, terms or conditions of employment for any Franchise Employee where the employment of such Franchise Employee by the Franchisee or such other relevant employer may commence on or after the Start Date if and to the extent that:

(a) such terms or conditions are, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, materially different from the terms or conditions of employment of equivalent or nearest equivalent Franchise Employees at the date on which such employment is scheduled to commence; and

(b) if such terms or conditions were granted to such equivalent Franchise Employees already employed by the Franchisee by way of variation to their terms or conditions of employment, the Franchisee would be in contravention of paragraph 2.1.

4. **Changes in Numbers and Total Cost of Employees**

4.1 Subject to and excluding any increase in the remuneration of Franchise Employees permitted under paragraph 2.1, the Franchisee shall not, and shall secure that each other relevant employer shall not, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) increase or decrease in the last twelve (12) months of the Franchise Period the number of Franchise Employees such that:

(a) the total number of Franchise Employees or the total cost per annum to the Franchisee and each other relevant employer of employing all Franchise Employees is increased; or

(b) the total number of Franchise Employees is decreased,

in each case, by more than five per cent (5%) during such period of twelve (12) months provided that where the last twelve (12) or thirteen (13) months of the Franchise Period has been deemed to have commenced under paragraph 1.1 and the period of the restriction contemplated by this paragraph 4 lasts longer than twelve (12) months such restriction shall apply in respect of the longer period.

5. **Fares**

5.1 **Reduction in Prices of Fares**

(a) During the last thirteen (13) months of the Franchise Period the Franchisee shall not, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State (not to be unreasonably withheld), set the Price or Child Price of or sell (except to the extent required to do so under the terms of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement as a result of the Price or Child Price of a Fare being set by another person) any Fare which would entitle the purchaser of such Fare to travel on all or any of the Passenger Services after the Franchise Period for an amount which is less than the Price or the Child Price of that Fare immediately before the commencement of such thirteen (13) month period or, in the

case of a new Fare, the Price of its nearest equivalent immediately before the commencement of such period.

- (b) Paragraph 5.1(a) shall not prevent the Franchisee from giving any discount or reduction to which the purchaser of a Fare may be entitled by virtue of:
- (i) presenting a Discount Card (or any equivalent replacement thereof) issued by the Franchisee before the commencement of such thirteen (13) month period and to which the purchaser would have been entitled before the commencement of such period;
 - (ii) presenting a Discount Card issued by another train operator;
 - (iii) the Passenger's Charter or the passenger's charter of any other train operator; or
 - (iv) any relevant conditions of carriage.
- (c) The Franchisee shall procure that persons acting as its agent (except persons acting in such capacity by virtue of having been appointed under Parts II to VI of Chapter 9 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement or by being party to the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) shall comply with the provisions of paragraph 5.1(a) to the extent that such provisions apply to the selling of Fares by the Franchisee.

5.2 Percentage Allocations

- (a) Except to the extent that the Secretary of State may consent from time to time (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), the Franchisee shall not, in the last thirteen (13) Reporting Periods of the Franchise Period, take any action or step which may result in its Percentage Allocation (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) in respect of any Rail Product (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) being reduced.
- (b) The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State before taking any such action or step in the last thirteen (13) Reporting Periods of the Franchise Period and upon becoming aware of any other person proposing to take any action or step which may have the same effect. The Franchisee shall take such action as the Secretary of State may reasonably request in order to prevent any such reduction, including submitting any dispute to any relevant dispute resolution procedures.

5.3 Restrictions in respect of Sale of Advance Purchase Train-specific Fares

- (a) It is acknowledged that the Franchisee will make available for sale prior to the end of the Franchise Period Advance Purchase Train-specific Fares which are valid for travel after the end of the Franchise Period.
- (b) In making such Advance Purchase Train-specific Fares available for purchase the Franchisee shall not change its commercial practice in terms of the number of such Advance Purchase Train-specific Fares made available or the Passenger Services on which they are valid for use when compared with its previous commercial practice in respect of Advance Purchase Train-specific Fares valid for travel prior to the end of the Franchise Period.
- (c) The Franchisee will be permitted to take into account reasonable seasonal factors in determining its previous commercial practice. In assessing reasonableness, account will be taken of the Franchisee's practice in addressing such seasonal factors in the corresponding period in the previous year.

6. Voting on Scheme Councils

6.1 Subject to paragraph 7.4, during the last twelve (12) months of the Franchise Period the Franchisee shall give the Secretary of State reasonable notice of:

- (a) any meeting of:
 - (i) a scheme council of an Inter-Operator Scheme on which the Franchisee is represented; or
 - (ii) a scheme management group of any Inter-Operator Scheme:
 - (A) in which the Franchisee has a permanent position; or
 - (B) where the Franchisee employs a member of such group;
- (b) the resolutions to be voted upon at any such meeting; and
- (c) the Franchisee's voting intentions.

6.2 Subject to paragraph 7, the Franchisee shall vote at any such meeting in the manner required by the Secretary of State.

7. Successor Operator

7.1 Where the Franchisee has been notified by the Secretary of State that a Successor Operator has been selected (whether a franchisee or otherwise and whether or not such selection is conditional), the Franchisee shall give such Successor Operator reasonable notice of:

- (a) any meeting referred to in paragraph 6.1(a);
- (b) any resolutions to be voted upon at any such meeting where such resolutions might reasonably be considered to affect the interests of such Successor Operator; and
- (c) the Franchisee's voting intentions.

7.2 The Franchisee shall discuss with the Successor Operator in good faith with a view to agreeing the way the Franchisee should vote on the resolutions referred to in paragraph 7.1(b). In the absence of any agreement, the Franchisee shall, as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, having regard to the deadline for voting on such resolutions, refer the matter to the Secretary of State for determination.

7.3 The Secretary of State shall reasonably determine the way the Franchisee should vote on any resolutions referred to him in accordance with paragraph 7.2, having regard to the transfer of the Franchise Services as a going concern at the end of the Franchise Period.

7.4 Where paragraph 7 applies, the Franchisee shall vote at any meeting referred to in paragraph 6.1(a) in accordance with any agreement pursuant to paragraph 7.2 or determination pursuant paragraph 7.3.

Handover Package

1. Handover Package Status

1.1 The Franchisee shall:

- (a) on or before the Start Date, provide to the Secretary of State:
 - (i) the package which contains the information specified in Appendix 1 (Form of Handover Package) to this Schedule 15.3 and such other information as the Secretary of State may reasonably specify from time to time (the "**Handover Package**"); and
 - (ii) a letter in a form approved by and addressed to the Secretary of State confirming the details of any insurer providing insurance to the Franchisee and authorising the insurer (and any relevant broker) to release any insurance-related information to any of the Secretary of State, a Successor Operator or its agent on demand;
- (b) maintain the Handover Package and update it at least every three (3) Reporting Periods; and
- (c) in respect of the information required pursuant to paragraph 1.1(a)(ii), supply revised information and/or letters to the Secretary of State as and when required in order to ensure that such information and letters remain accurate and up to date.

1.2 The Franchisee shall ensure that any Successor Operator will have immediate access to the Handover Package on the expiry of the Franchise Period.

1.3 The Franchisee shall also ensure that the Key Contacts List is provided to the Secretary of State within twenty four (24) hours of the receipt of any Termination Notice.

1.4 From the date that the Station Asset Management Plan or the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan is created pursuant to Schedule 1.7 (*Stations*) the Franchisee shall update the Handover Package to include the Station Asset Management Plan and the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan and shall update the Station Asset Management Plan and the Station Social and Commercial Development Plan included in the Handover Package pursuant to this paragraph 1.4 whenever such plans are updated in accordance with Schedule 1.7 (*Stations*).

2. Director's Certificate

2.1 At the same time as the Franchisee is required to provide the Annual Business Plan to the Secretary of State as required by paragraph 10.2 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*), the Franchisee shall provide to the Secretary of State the latest version of the Handover Package (updated as required pursuant to paragraph 1.1(b) of this Schedule 15.3) together with:

- (a) a certificate signed by a statutory director of the Franchisee, addressed to the Secretary of State, which confirms that:
 - (i) the Handover Package contains the information specified in Appendix 1 (Form of Handover Package) to this Schedule 15.3 (and such other information specified from time to time by the Secretary of State); and
 - (ii) such information is accurate as at the date of the certificate; and

- (b) a document setting out all the changes that have made to the Handover Package since the last version of the Handover Package provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to this paragraph 2.1.

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APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 15.3

Form of Handover Package

1. All information in the Handover Package must be provided electronically in a form that is acceptable to the Secretary of State.

2. **Property**

A list of all property owned, leased, operated or occupied by the Franchisee which shall include the address and contact telephone number of each property. Where applicable, the list will also include the name, address and telephone number of the lessor and/or the party which has granted authority to use or occupy the property, and any relevant reference numbers applicable to that lease or occupation.

2. **Contracts**

A list of all contracts (sales, purchases or otherwise including leases and licences) between the Franchisee and the counterparty or counterparties to each such contract, showing the name, address and telephone number of each counterparty; the contract reference number of the Franchisee and each counterparty (if any); and the contract price/value, term and expiry date. This requirement shall apply to all contracts unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State.

3. **Systems**

A list of the electronic systems in use by the Franchisee, together with the name, office address and telephone number of the Franchisee's Information Technology Manager (or the holder of any equivalent post) who is responsible for administration of each such system.

4. **Asset Register**

A list of all assets owned or operated by the Franchisee, together with their location.

5. **Insurance**

A list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all insurers and any relevant broker providing insurance to the Franchisee, together with the relevant policy numbers and other references and details of any outstanding claims or unresolved disputes.

6. **Safety Certificate**

A complete copy of the Safety Certificate, an electronic copy of the Franchisee's application for the Safety Certificate and full details of the Franchisee's safety management system in place to support the Safety Certificate.

7. **Key Contacts**

A list of key contacts to include all Key Personnel. This must include operations, commercial, personnel and public affairs departments (or in each case their nearest equivalents). This list must include the name, address and office telephone numbers of such key contacts (including any out of business hours contact details that such key contacts will usually provide to the Franchisee for emergency or business continuity reasons) and a brief description of the person's role and responsibilities in the business.

Provisions applying on and after Termination

1. **Novation of Access Agreements on Termination of the Franchise Agreement**

- 1.1 The Franchisee shall, to the extent so requested by the Secretary of State on termination of the Franchise Agreement, in relation to any Access Agreement to which it is a party, novate its interest under any relevant Access Agreement (and any related Collateral Agreement) to the Secretary of State or as he may direct.
- 1.2 Such obligation to novate shall be subject to the agreement of any counterparty to such Access Agreement or Collateral Agreement and, to the extent applicable, the ORR.
- 1.3 Such novation shall be on such terms as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, including:
- (a) that the Franchisee shall not be released from any accrued but unperformed obligation, the consequences of any breach of the relevant agreement which is the subject of arbitration or litigation between the Parties or any liability in respect of any act or omission under or in relation to the relevant agreement prior to, or as at the date of, any such novation (except to the extent that the Secretary of State or his nominee agrees to assume responsibility for such unperformed obligation, such liability or the consequences of such breach in connection with the relevant novation); and
 - (b) that neither the Secretary of State nor his nominee shall be obliged, in connection with such novation, to agree to assume responsibility for any unperformed obligation, liability or consequences of a breach of the relevant agreement referred to in paragraph 1.3(a),
- but shall not, unless the Franchisee otherwise agrees, be on terms which release any counterparty to the relevant agreement from any liability to the Franchisee arising prior to the date of such novation.
- 1.4 The Franchisee shall, on the occurrence of the circumstances specified in paragraph 1.1 in relation to any other Train Operator who is a party to an Access Agreement to which the Franchisee is also party, agree to the novation of the relevant Train Operator's interest under the relevant Access Agreement to the Secretary of State or as he may direct, subject, to the extent applicable, to the consent of the ORR. The provisions of paragraph 1.3 shall apply to any such novation.
- 1.5 The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State on becoming aware of any circumstances which might lead to the Secretary of State being able to require the Franchisee to novate its interest or agree to the novation of another Train Operator's interest under this paragraph 1.

2. **Co-operation with Successor Operator**

- 2.1 In order to ensure the continuity of, and an orderly handover of control over, the Franchise Services, the Franchisee shall co-operate with:
- (a) where a Successor Operator has been appointed, such Successor Operator; or
 - (b) where a Successor Operator has not been so appointed, the Secretary of State,
- and shall take such steps as may be reasonably requested by the Secretary of State in connection therewith.
- 2.2 In satisfaction of its obligations under paragraph 2.1, the Franchisee shall make appropriately skilled and qualified Franchise Employees reasonably available to attend such meetings with the

Secretary of State, the Successor Operator, the Infrastructure Managers, any rolling stock lessor and/or and other relevant third party as are reasonably required in order to determine:

- (a) those actions that are required in order to facilitate such continuity and orderly handover, in particular those actions arising under, but not limited to, the following agreements:
 - (i) Access Agreements;
 - (ii) Property Leases;
 - (iii) agreements in relation to Shared Facilities;
 - (iv) Rolling Stock Leases;
 - (v) Rolling Stock Related Contracts;
 - (vi) any other Key Contract; and
- (b) without prejudice to the Secretary of State's rights under this Schedule 15.4, those rights and liabilities as may be specified in any Transfer Scheme.

3. **Transfer of Primary Franchise Assets**

3.1 **Option Arrangements**

- (a) The Secretary of State hereby grants to the Franchisee the right to require the Secretary of State to make, and the Franchisee hereby grants to the Secretary of State the right to make, a Transfer Scheme in accordance with section 12 and Schedule 2 of the Railways Act 2005 for the transfer of any or all Primary Franchise Assets on the expiry of the Franchise Period.
- (b) On or within fourteen (14) days before the expiry of the Franchise Period:
 - (i) either Party may serve notice on the other Party specifying the Primary Franchise Assets to be transferred; and
 - (ii) the other Party may (within such timescale) serve a subsequent notice specifying any additional Primary Franchise Assets to be transferred.
- (c) The Secretary of State may (and shall if required by the Franchisee) make one or more such Transfer Schemes for the transfer of the Primary Franchise Assets specified in any such notice within fourteen (14) days after service of such notice (except in relation to any such Primary Franchise Assets which are, in accordance with Schedule 14.4 (*Designation of Franchise Assets*), de-designated as such prior to the end of the Franchise Period).
- (d) Any Franchise Assets or Primary Franchise Assets which are not so transferred shall cease to be designated as such fourteen (14) days after service of such notice.

3.2 **Supplemental Agreement**

Without prejudice to the duties, powers, rights and obligations of the Secretary of State under the Railways Act 2005 in respect of any Transfer Scheme, any Transfer Scheme shall impose on the Franchisee and the transferee an obligation to enter into an agreement substantially in the form of the Supplemental Agreement which shall provide for the determination of amounts to be paid in respect of the property, rights and liabilities which are transferred under such Transfer Scheme. The Franchisee shall enter into any such Supplemental Agreement and shall comply with its obligations thereunder.

3.3 **Payment of Estimated Transfer Price**

- (a) The Secretary of State may require the Franchisee to pay to any transferee under a Transfer Scheme, or may require any such transferee to pay to the Franchisee, on the day on which the Transfer Scheme comes into force such sum as the Secretary of State may determine should be so paid having regard to:
 - (i) his estimate of the sum likely to be paid under the relevant Supplemental Agreement in respect of the Primary Franchise Assets being transferred under the relevant Transfer Scheme;
 - (ii) his estimate of any other sums likely to be paid thereunder;
 - (iii) the financial condition of the Franchisee and the transferee and whether any estimate so paid would be likely to be repaid, if in excess of the sums eventually payable thereunder; and
 - (iv) such other matters as the Secretary of State may consider appropriate.
- (b) The Franchisee shall pay to any such transferee the sum determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 3.3(a) on the day on which the relevant Transfer Scheme comes into force.

3.4 **Possession of Franchise Assets**

On the coming into force of a Transfer Scheme, the Franchisee shall deliver up to the Secretary of State (or his nominee) possession of the Primary Franchise Assets transferred under such Transfer Scheme.

4. **Associated Obligations on Termination**

4.1 **Assistance in Securing Continuity**

- (a) In order to facilitate the continuity of the Franchise Services on expiry of the Franchise Period, the Franchisee shall take such steps, both before and after the expiry of the Franchise Period, as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, to assist and advise any Successor Operator in providing and operating the Franchise Services.
- (b) In particular, the Franchisee shall provide any Successor Operator with such records and information relating to or connected with the Franchise Services as the Secretary of State may reasonably require (other than confidential financial information but including all records relating to the Franchise Employees).

4.2 **Access**

On the expiry of the Franchise Period, the Franchisee shall grant the Secretary of State and his representatives such access as the Secretary of State may reasonably request to any property owned, leased or operated by the Franchisee at such time, for the purpose of facilitating the continued provision of the Franchise Services.

4.3 **Key Contracts**

- (a) The Franchisee shall provide such assistance to any Successor Operator as the Secretary of State may reasonably require in ensuring that, pursuant to any Direct Agreements, such Successor Operator may enter into (or enjoy the benefit of) contracts equivalent to the relevant Key Contracts (or part thereof).
- (b) In satisfaction of its obligations under paragraph 4.3(a), the Franchisee shall terminate, surrender, cancel or undertake not to enforce its rights under any Key Contract (or part

thereof) provided that nothing in this paragraph shall require the Franchisee to undertake not to enforce any rights under a Key Contract relating to the period prior to the expiry of the Franchise Period.

4.4 **Change of Name**

The Franchisee shall cease to use any trade marks which are licensed to the Franchisee under any of the Brand Licences forthwith upon expiry of the Franchise Period and shall take all necessary steps to change any company name which incorporates any such marks as soon as practicable.

4.5 **Property Leases**

- (a) The Franchisee shall, on the expiry of the Franchise Period, if requested by the Secretary of State, assign its interest under all or any Property Leases to the Secretary of State or as he may direct, subject where applicable to the agreement of any other party to such Property Lease or the ORR.
- (b) Such assignment shall be on such terms as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, including:
 - (i) that the Franchisee shall not be released from any accrued but unperformed obligation, the consequences of any antecedent breach of a covenant or obligation in the Property Leases or any liability in respect of any act or omission under or in relation to the Property Lease prior to, or as at the date of, any such assignment (except to the extent that the Secretary of State or his nominee agrees to assume responsibility for such unperformed obligation, such liability or the consequences of such breach in connection with the relevant assignment); and
 - (ii) that neither the Secretary of State nor his nominee shall be obliged, in connection with such assignment, to agree to assume responsibility for any unperformed obligation, liability or consequences of a breach referred to in paragraph 4.5(b)(i), and the Franchisee shall indemnify the Secretary of State or his nominee, as the case may be, on demand, on an after-tax basis against any costs, losses, liabilities or expenses suffered or incurred in relation thereto.
- (c) The Franchisee shall, on the occurrence of any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 4.5(a) in relation to any other Train Operator who is a party to a Property Lease to which the Franchisee is also party, agree to the assignment of such Train Operator's interest under the relevant Property Lease to the Secretary of State or as he may direct, subject, where applicable, to the consent of the relevant Infrastructure Manager. The provisions of paragraph 4.5(b) shall apply to any such assignment.
- (d) The Franchisee shall notify the Secretary of State on becoming aware of any circumstances which might lead to the Secretary of State being able to require the Franchisee to assign its interest or agree to the assignment of another Train Operator's interest under this paragraph 4.

5. **Actions required immediately on Handover**

- 5.1 The Franchisee shall immediately on the expiry of the Franchise Period make available to the Secretary of State:
 - (a) information as to the status of each purchase order or contract, including its award date, anticipated delivery date, confirmation of receipt of goods or services and the payment records for each purchase order, together with any matters in dispute with the appointed subcontractor and, to the extent that the Franchisee is a subcontractor to another Train Operator, equivalent information in respect of that Train Operator; and

- (b) information concerning any contract necessary for the continued operation of the Franchise where a procurement or bidding process has been initiated.

5.2 The Franchisee agrees that the Secretary of State or his agents may have access to and use free of charge any information contained in any Computer System or in hard copy format as he sees fit (for the purposes of continuing the operation of the Franchise Services).

6. **Maintenance Records**

6.1 The Franchisee shall immediately on expiry of the Franchise Period provide to the Secretary of State:

- (a) records of the status of the maintenance of the rolling stock vehicles used in the provision of the Passenger Services;
- (b) records of the status of the maintenance of any lifting equipment;
- (c) a list of any deferred maintenance; and
- (d) records of the status of the maintenance of any depot or station which is a Franchise Asset,

including the extent of completion of examinations and the modification status of each such rolling stock vehicle

7. **Ticketing Arrangements**

7.1 The Franchisee shall provide immediately on expiry of the Franchise Period a statement certifying:

- (a) all ticketing transactions with the public or credit card agencies that are in process and not yet complete, together with any allocations on multi-modal travel with other agencies or local authorities;
- (b) the extent of any outstanding claims with ticketing settlement agencies;
- (c) refund arrangements (whether under the Passenger's Charter or not) with members of the public or other Train Operators or ticketing settlement agencies that are in process and not yet complete; and
- (d) commissions owed and/or due.

8. **Franchisee's Intellectual Property**

8.1 On the expiry of the Franchise Period, the Franchisee will grant to any Successor Operator licences of any Intellectual Property Rights which:

- (a) are owned by or licensed to the Franchisee;
- (b) were not owned by or licensed to it immediately prior to the Start Date;
- (c) have not been designated as a Primary Franchise Asset;

- (d) do not represent or constitute a Mark; and
- (e) may, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, be necessary for any Successor Operator to operate the Franchise Services on an efficient and economic basis after the expiry of the Franchise Period.

8.2 When agreeing the terms on which Intellectual Property Rights are to be licensed to it, the Franchisee shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that such terms include the right to sub-license such Intellectual Property Rights in accordance with this paragraph 8. The Franchisee shall not enter into a licence that does not include such a provision without first obtaining the Secretary of State's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

8.3 Any licence of any Intellectual Property Rights shall be granted to the relevant Successor Operator for such period as the Secretary of State may determine to be reasonably necessary for the purpose of securing continuity of the provision of the Franchise Services. Such licence shall be free of charge and royalty-free for a minimum of three (3) months.

8.4 If the licence of any Intellectual Property Rights is for a period in excess of three (3) months, the grant of the licence shall be subject to payment of a reasonable royalty (backdated to the expiry of the Franchise Period) on the basis of a willing licensor and licensee entering into a licence on comparable terms to similar licences of such Intellectual Property Rights. If the Franchisee and the relevant Successor Operator are unable to agree such royalty, the Franchisee shall submit such dispute for resolution in accordance with such dispute resolution rules as the Secretary of State may require.

8.5 Any such licence shall be in such form as the Secretary of State shall reasonably determine and shall:

- (a) be non-exclusive and limited to use solely for the purposes of the provision and operation of the Franchise Services and will not provide for any right to use such Intellectual Property Rights for any other purpose (including its marketing or exploitation for any other purpose);
- (b) be terminable on material breach by the Successor Operator;
- (c) contain an indemnity from the Franchisee to the effect that to the best of its knowledge and belief it owns the relevant Intellectual Property Rights or has the right to license them and the licensing of such Intellectual Property Rights and the subsequent use of the Intellectual Property Rights will not infringe any third party Intellectual Property Rights; and
- (d) require the Successor Operator, to the extent that it relates to any trade marks, to use such trade marks in such manner as may reasonably be required by the Franchisee provided that it shall not be reasonable for the Franchisee to require any such trade mark to be used in a manner materially different from its use during the Franchise Period.

9. **Information about Passengers**

9.1 The Franchisee shall immediately on the expiry of the Franchise Period make available to the Secretary of State and/or his nominee:

- (a) passenger numbers information specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1.5 (*Information about Passengers*), in such format and to such level of disaggregation as the Secretary of State and/or his nominee may reasonably require; and
- (b) the CRM Data and Yield Management Data.

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 15.4
Template Form of Transfer Scheme

Dated [INSERT DATE]

TRANSFER SCHEME
OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT
MADE PURSUANT TO SCHEDULE 2 OF THE RAILWAYS ACT 2005

IN FAVOUR OF
[INSERT NAME OF SUCCESSOR OPERATOR]

IN RESPECT OF
CERTAIN PROPERTY, RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

OF
[INSERT NAME OF FRANCHISEE]

Secretary of State for Transport
33 Horseferry Road
London SW1P 4DR

TRANSFER SCHEME

Whereas:

- (A) [INSERT NAME OF FRANCHISEE] (the "Transferor") has been providing certain services for the carriage of passengers by railway and operating certain stations and light maintenance depots pursuant to a franchise agreement with the Secretary of State for Transport (the "Secretary of State") dated [INSERT DATE] (the "Franchise Agreement").
- (B) The Franchise Agreement terminated or is to terminate on [INSERT DATE] and [INSERT NAME OF SUCCESSOR OPERATOR] (the "Transferee") is to continue the provision of all or part of such services or the operation of all or some of such stations and light maintenance depots under a new franchise agreement or in connection with the performance or exercise of the duties and powers of the Secretary of State to secure the provision of such services or the operation of such stations or light maintenance depots.
- (C) Certain property, rights and liabilities of the Transferor which were designated as franchise assets for the purpose of the Franchise Agreement are to be transferred to the Transferee under a transfer scheme made by the Secretary of State under section 12 and Schedule 2 of the Railways Act 2005.

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Schedule 2 of the Railways Act 2005, hereby makes the following scheme:

1. Definitions and Interpretation

In this Transfer Scheme functions has the meaning ascribed to it in the Railways Act 2005 and relevant enactment has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 of the Railways Act 2005.

2. Transfer of Property, Rights and Liabilities

With effect from [INSERT DATE] the property, rights and liabilities of the Transferor specified or described in the Schedule shall be transferred to, and vest in, the Transferee.

3. Statutory Functions

Subject to any amendment to the relevant enactment which comes into force on or after the date on which this Transfer Scheme is made, there shall be transferred to the Transferee all the functions of the Transferor under any relevant enactments if and to the extent that any such relevant enactment:

- (a) relates to any property which is to be transferred by this Transfer Scheme; or
- (b) authorises the carrying out of works designed to be used in connection with any such property or the acquisition of land for the purpose of carrying out any such works.

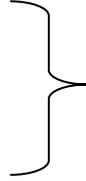
4. Supplemental Agreement

Each of the Transferor and the Transferee shall enter into the Supplemental Agreement (as defined in the Franchise Agreement) on the coming into force of this Transfer Scheme.

This Transfer Scheme is made by the Secretary of State on [INSERT DATE].

SEAL REF NO:

THE CORPORATE SEAL OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR TRANSPORT IS
HEREUNTO AFFIXED:



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**Authenticated by authority of the
Secretary of State for Transport**

WITHDRAWN JANUARY 2026

SCHEDULE TO THE TRANSFER SCHEME

[LIST RELEVANT FRANCHISE ASSETS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO SUCCESSOR OPERATOR]

WITHDRAWN JANUARY 2026

APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 15.4

Template Form of Supplemental Agreement

Dated [INSERT DATE]

[INSERT NAME OF OUTGOING FRANCHISEE]

- and -

[INSERT NAME OF SUCCESSOR OPERATOR]

[Template] SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

to the transfer scheme dated [INSERT DATE] made
by the Secretary of State for Transport in respect of
certain property rights and liabilities of
[INSERT NAME OF OUTGOING FRANCHISEE]

Secretary of State for Transport
33 Horseferry Road
London SW1P 4DR

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT is made on [INSERT DAY] [INSERT YEAR]

BETWEEN:

- (1) [INSERT NAME OF OUTGOING FRANCHISEE] whose registered office is at [INSERT ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE] (the "Transferor"); and
- (2) [INSERT NAME OF SUCCESSOR OPERATOR] whose registered office is at [INSERT ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE] (the "Transferee").

WHEREAS

- (A) The Transferor has been providing certain services and the carriage of passengers by railway and operating certain stations and light maintenance depots pursuant to a franchise agreement with the Secretary of State for Transport (the "Secretary of State") dated [INSERT DATE] (the "Franchise Agreement").
- (B) The Franchise Agreement terminated or is to terminate on [INSERT DATE] and the Transferee has been selected by the Secretary of State to continue the provision of all or part of such services pursuant either to a franchise agreement with the Secretary of State or arrangements made with the Secretary of State in connection with the Secretary of State's duties and powers.
- (C) Certain property, rights and liabilities of the Transferor are to be transferred to the Transferee pursuant to a transfer scheme made by the Secretary of State on [INSERT DATE] under section 12 and Schedule 2 of the Railways Act 2005 (the "Transfer Scheme").
- (D) This Agreement is supplemental to the Transfer Scheme and sets out certain terms between the Transferor and the Transferee in relation to the transfer of such property, rights and liabilities under the Transfer Scheme and the transfer of certain other property, rights and liabilities at the same time.

IT IS AGREED THAT:

1. **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

Definitions

- 1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the following meaning:

"**Business**" means such of the undertaking or part of the undertaking of the Transferor prior to the Transfer Date as may be continued by the Transferee after the Transfer Date;

"**Credit**" has the meaning assigned to that term under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

"**Debit**" has the meaning assigned to that term under the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

"**DfT Funded Assets**" means those property, rights and liabilities that are legally or beneficially owned by the Franchisee and which are funded through the following schemes, funds or budgets:

(a) **NOT USED**;

(b) the Minor Works' Budget; [or]

(c) an Approved CCI Scheme; [or]

(d) [ANY OTHER RELEVANT FRANCHISE SPECIFIC SCHEME, FUND OR BUDGET/NOT USED]¹²⁷.

"Estimated Completion Payment" has the meaning ascribed to that term in Clause 2.1;

"Net Asset Statement" means the statement to be drawn up pursuant to Clause 2.2;

"Net Asset Value" means the aggregate of the amounts of the Relevant Franchise Assets, the Relevant Contract Liabilities, the Relevant Debits and Credits and the Relevant Employee Liabilities as shown in the Net Asset Statement agreed or determined pursuant to Clause 2.2;

"Purchase Price" has the meaning ascribed to that term in Clause 2.1;

"Relevant Contract Liabilities" means such rights and liabilities of the Transferor as may be transferred to the Transferee on the expiry of the Franchise Period in relation to any Licence, Access Agreement or Property Lease under paragraphs 1 and 4.5 of Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*) of the Franchise Agreement;

"Relevant Debits and Credits" means such Debits and Credits of the Transferor which relate to Fares sold before the Transfer Date and which may be received by the Transferee as a result of Clause 11-33 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement;

"Relevant Employee Liabilities" means such rights and liabilities of the Transferor (or any other relevant employer or person) under any contracts of employment relating to the Relevant Employees which have been or are to be transferred to the Transferee by virtue of the operation of Law (including the Transfer Regulations);

"Relevant Employees" means all persons employed in the Business immediately before the Transfer Date (whether employed by the Transferor or otherwise) whose contract of employment has been or is to be transferred to the Transferee by virtue of the operation of Law (including the Transfer Regulations) or any other person employed at any time in the Business in respect of whom liabilities arising from a contract of employment or employment relationship have or will be transferred by virtue of the operation of Law (including the Transfer Regulations);

"Relevant Franchise Assets" means such of the property, rights and liabilities that are legally or beneficially owned by the Transferor and which are or are to be transferred to the Transferee under the Transfer Scheme;

"Reporting Accountants" means such firm of accountants as may be selected by agreement between the Parties within four (4) weeks of the preparation of the Net Asset Statement or, in the absence of such agreement, selected by the Secretary of State upon the request of either party;

"Season Ticket Fare" means a Fare which entitles the purchaser to make an unlimited number of journeys in any direction during the period for which, and between the stations and/or the zones for which, such Fare is valid;

"Stored Credit Balance" means any monetary amount held by the Franchisee which a passenger can apply at a future date to the purchase of a Fare (stored in any medium);

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Note to Bidders: This will be populated on a Franchise-specific and a bidder-specific basis to reflect any other relevant funds, budgets or schemes which are used to purchase Franchise assets.

"Taxation" comprises all forms of taxation, duties, contributions and levies of the United Kingdom whenever imposed and (except in so far as attributable to the unreasonable delay or default of the Transferee) all penalties and interest relating thereto;

"TOGC" has the meaning assigned to that term in Clause 6.2;

"Transfer Date" means the date and, where relevant, the time on or at which the Transfer Scheme comes into force;

"Transfer Regulations" means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (as amended, replaced or substituted from time to time);

"Transferring Assets and Liabilities" has the meaning assigned to that term in Clause 2.1; and

"Undisclosed Employee" has the meaning assigned to that term in Clause 7.1(d).

Construction and Interpretation

1.2 In this Agreement terms and expressions defined in the Franchise Agreement shall have the same meaning and the terms **"contract of employment"**, **"collective agreement"**, **"employee representatives"** and **"trade union"** shall have the same meanings respectively as in the Transfer Regulations.

2. TRANSFER PRICE

2.1 Amount and Payment

The price for the transfer of:

- (a) the Relevant Franchise Assets;
- (b) the Relevant Contract Liabilities;
- (c) the Relevant Debits and Credits; and
- (d) the Relevant Employee Liabilities,

(together the **"Transferring Assets and Liabilities"**) shall (subject to adjustment as expressly provided in this Agreement) be an amount equal to the Net Asset Value (the **"Purchase Price"**). The sum of [INSERT AMOUNT], as determined under paragraph 3.3 of Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*) of the Franchise Agreement (the **"Estimated Completion Payment"**) shall be paid in immediately available funds by the Transferor to the Transferee, or by the Transferee to the Transferor, as determined under paragraph 3.3 of Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*) of the Franchise Agreement, on the Transfer Date. On determination of the Purchase Price a balancing payment (if any) shall be made by the Transferor to the Transferee or the Transferee to the Transferor (as the case may be) in accordance with Clause 2.1.

2.2 Net Asset Statement

The Transferee shall procure that, as soon as practicable and in any event not later than two (2) months following the Transfer Date, there shall be drawn up a statement showing a true and fair view of the aggregate of the amount of each separate asset and liability of the Transferring Assets and Liabilities as at the Transfer Date.

2.3 The Net Asset Statement shall be:

- (a) drawn up in the manner described in the Schedule;

- (b) prepared on such basis as would enable the Transferee's auditors, if so requested, to give an unqualified audit report thereon to the effect that it had been drawn up in accordance with the schedule; and
- (c) presented, initially as a draft, to the Transferor immediately following its preparation for review in conjunction with its auditors.

2.4 If the Transferor and the Transferee have failed to agree the Net Asset Statement within four (4) weeks following such presentation, the matter shall be referred to the Reporting Accountants who shall settle and complete the Net Asset Statement as soon as practicable and shall determine the amount of the Net Asset Value as shown by the Net Asset Statement.

2.5 **Adjustment of Price**

If the Purchase Price exceeds or is less than the Estimated Completion Payment, the Transferee shall pay to the Transferor or, as the case may be, the Transferor shall pay to the Transferee, in either case within fourteen (14) days of the agreement or determination of the Net Asset Value, an amount equal to such excess or deficiency together in either case with interest thereon calculated from the Transfer Date at the Interest Rate.

3. **REFERENCES TO THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS**

Whenever any matter is referred under this Agreement to the decision of the Reporting Accountants:

- (a) the Reporting Accountants shall be engaged jointly by the parties on the terms set out in this Agreement and otherwise on such terms as shall be agreed, provided that neither party shall unreasonably (having regard, amongst other things, to the provisions of this Agreement) refuse its agreement to terms proposed by the Reporting Accountants or by the other party. If the terms of engagement of the Reporting Accountants have not been settled within fourteen (14) days of their appointment having been determined (or such longer period as the Parties may agree) then, unless one party is unreasonably refusing its agreement to those terms, such accountants shall be deemed never to have been appointed as Reporting Accountants, save that the accountants shall be entitled to their reasonable expenses under Clause 3(d), and new Reporting Accountants shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;
- (b) if Reporting Accountants acting or appointed to act under this Agreement resign, withdraw, refuse to act, or are disqualified for any reason from performing their duties then, except as may be agreed between the Parties, the parties shall appoint a replacement in accordance with the definition of Reporting Accountants;
- (c) the Reporting Accountants shall be deemed to act as experts and not as arbitrators;
- (d) the Reporting Accountants shall have power to allocate their fees and expenses for payment in whole or in part by any party at their discretion. If not otherwise allocated they shall be paid as to half by the Transferor and as to half by the Transferee;
- (e) each of the parties shall promptly on request supply to the Reporting Accountants all such documents and information as they may require for the purpose of the reference;
- (f) the decision of the Reporting Accountants shall (in the absence of objection on the grounds of any manifest error discovered within fourteen (14) days of the issue of their decision) be conclusive and binding (and in accordance with Clause 3(g) below) and shall not be the subject of any appeal by way of legal proceeding or arbitration or otherwise; and
- (g) without prejudice to Clauses 3(a) to 3(f) above, either party may, prior to or during the course of the reference to the Reporting Accountants, seek a declaration from the court

on a relevant point of law, including but not limited to a point of legal interpretation. Upon such application for a declaration being issued and served all applicable time limits relative to the reference to the Reporting Accountant shall be stayed pending the outcome of such application (including any appeal). The Reporting Accountants are bound to make their determination in a manner consistent with the findings of the Court.

4. **WARRANTY**

The Transferor warrants and represents to the Transferee that the Relevant Contract Liabilities and the Relevant Franchise Assets are, to the extent they are property or rights, transferring to the Transferee free and clear of all Security Interests.

5. **INTEREST**

If the Transferor or the Transferee defaults in the payment when due of any sum payable under this Agreement (whether determined by agreement or pursuant to an order of a court or otherwise) the liability of the Transferor or the Transferee (as the case may be) shall be increased to include interest on such sum from the date when such payment is due until the date of actual payment (after as well as before judgement) at a rate equal to the Interest Rate. Such interest shall accrue from day to day.

6. **VALUE ADDED TAX**

6.1 All amounts under this Agreement are expressed as exclusive of Value Added Tax where Value Added Tax is applicable.

6.2 The Transferor and the Transferee shall use all reasonable endeavours to secure that the transfer of the Transferring Assets and Liabilities is treated for Value Added Tax purposes as the transfer of a business as a going concern ("**TOGC**") and accordingly as neither a supply of goods nor a supply of services for the purposes of Value Added Tax.

6.3 If HM Revenue & Customs direct that the transfer of the Transferring Assets and Liabilities cannot be treated as a TOGC, the Transferor shall provide the Transferee with a copy of such direction within five (5) days of receipt thereof by the Transferor.

6.4 The Transferee shall thereafter pay upon the receipt of a valid tax invoice the amount of any Value Added Tax which as a result of that direction may be chargeable on the transfer of the Transferring Assets and Liabilities. If the aforementioned direction was issued as a result of any action or inaction of the Transferee then the Transferee shall in addition to the Value Added Tax indemnify the Transferor for any penalties and interest that may be incurred upon receipt of such evidence from HM Revenue & Customs.

6.5 If the Transferee considers the direction issued by HM Revenue & Customs referred to in Clause 6.3 to be incorrect then, without prejudice to the Transferee's obligation under Clause 6.4 to pay to the Transferor the amount of any Value Added Tax which as a result such direction may be chargeable on the transfer of the Transferring Assets and Liabilities, the Transferee may, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such direction by the Transferor, give notice to the Transferor that it requires the Transferor to appeal such direction. Upon requesting such an appeal the Transferee agrees to indemnify the Transferor for all reasonable costs that the Transferor may incur in taking such action upon receipt of evidence of those costs. If such an appeal is successful the Transferor agrees to reimburse the Transferee for such reasonable costs and penalties and interest to the extent that those costs have been reimbursed by HM Revenue & Customs.

6.6 If any amount paid by the Transferee to the Transferor in respect of Value Added Tax pursuant to this Agreement is subsequently found to have been paid in error the Transferor shall issue a valid tax credit note for the appropriate sum to the Transferee and promptly repay such amount to the Transferee.

- 6.7 If any amount is payable by the Transferor to the Transferee in respect of the transfer of the Relevant Franchise Assets, Relevant Contract Liabilities, Relevant Debits and Credits and Relevant Employee Liabilities pursuant to this Agreement, Clauses 6.3 to 6.6 inclusive shall apply mutatis mutandis to such payment substituting Transferor for Transferee and vice versa.
- 6.8 All of the records referred to in section 49 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 relating to the Business (being the purchase records) shall be retained by the Transferor and the Transferor shall undertake to the Transferee to:
- (a) preserve those records in such manner and for such periods as may be required by law; and
 - (b) give the Transferee as from the Transfer Date reasonable access during normal business hours to such records and to take copies of such records.

7. EMPLOYEES

7.1 Transfer Regulations

The parties accept that, to the extent that the undertaking or part of the undertaking of the Transferor is continued by the Transferee after the Transfer Date, this Agreement and the transfer of the Business which is effected in connection with the Transfer Scheme are governed by the Transfer Regulations and the following provisions shall apply in connection therewith:

- (a) the contract of employment of each of the Relevant Employees (save, to the extent provided by the Transfer Regulations, insofar as such contract relates to any occupational pension scheme) shall be transferred to the Transferee with effect from the Transfer Date which shall be the **"time of transfer"** under the Transfer Regulations and the Transferee shall employ each such Relevant Employee on the terms of those contracts of employment (save, to the extent provided by the Transfer Regulations, insofar as such contract relates to any occupational pension scheme) with effect from the Transfer Date;
- (b) the Transferor shall perform and discharge all its obligations in respect of all the Relevant Employees for its own account up to and including the Transfer Date including, without limitation, discharging all wages and salaries of the Relevant Employees, all employer's contributions to any relevant occupational pension scheme and all other costs and expenses related to their employment (including, without limitation, any Taxation, accrued holiday pay, accrued bonus, commission or other sums payable in respect of service prior to the close of business on the Transfer Date) and shall indemnify the Transferee and keep the Transferee indemnified against each and every action, proceeding, liability (including, without limitation, any Taxation), cost, claim, expense (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees) or demand arising from the Transferor's failure so to discharge;
- (c) the Transferor shall indemnify the Transferee and keep the Transferee indemnified against each and every action, proceeding, cost, claim, liability (including, without limitation, any Taxation), expense (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees) or demand which relates to or arises out of any act or omission by the Transferor or any other event or occurrence prior to the Transfer Date and which the Transferee may incur in relation to any contract of employment or collective agreement concerning one or more of the Relevant Employees pursuant to the provisions of the Transfer Regulations or otherwise including, without limitation, any such matter relating to or arising out of:
 - (i) the Transferor's rights, powers, duties and/or liabilities (including, without limitation, any Taxation) under or in connection with any such contract of employment or collective agreement, which rights, powers, duties and/or liabilities (as the case may be) are or will be transferred to the Transferee in accordance with the Transfer Regulations; or

- (ii) anything done or omitted before the Transfer Date by or in relation to the Transferor in respect of any such contract of employment or collective agreement or any Relevant Employee, which is deemed by the Transfer Regulations to have been done or omitted by or in relation to the Transferee save where the thing done or omitted to be done before the Transfer Date relates to the Transferee's failure to comply with its obligations referred to in Clause 7.4;
- (d) if any contract of employment or collective agreement which is neither disclosed in writing to the Transferee by the Transferor prior to the Transfer Date nor made available to the Secretary of State under Schedule 15.3 (*Handover Package*) of the Franchise Agreement prior to the Transfer Date shall have effect as if originally made between the Transferee and any employee (the "**Undisclosed Employee**") or a trade union or employee representatives as a result of the provisions of the Transfer Regulations (without prejudice to any other right or remedy which may be available to the Transferee):
 - (i) the Transferee may, upon becoming aware of the application of the Transfer Regulations to any such contract of employment or collective agreement terminate such contract or agreement forthwith;
 - (ii) the Transferor shall indemnify the Transferee against each and every action, proceeding, cost, claim, liability (including, without limitation, any Taxation), expense (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees) or demand relating to or arising out of such termination and reimburse the Transferee for all costs and expenses (including, without limitation, any Taxation) incurred in employing such employee in respect of his employment following the Transfer Date; and
 - (iii) the Transferor shall indemnify the Transferee in respect of any Undisclosed Employee on the same terms mutatis mutandis as the Transferor has indemnified the Transferee in respect of a Relevant Employee pursuant to the terms of Clauses 7.1(b) and 7.1(c); and
- (e) the Transferor shall indemnify the Transferee and keep the Transferee indemnified against each and every action, proceeding, cost, claim, liability (including without limitation, any Taxation) expense (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees) or demand which relates to or arises out of any dismissal (including, without limitation, constructive dismissal) by the Transferor of any employee (not being a Relevant Employee) and which the Transferee may incur pursuant to the provisions of the Transfer Regulations.

7.2 Transferee's Indemnities

The Transferee shall indemnify the Transferor and keep the Transferor indemnified against each and every action, proceeding, liability (including, without limitation, any Taxation), cost, claim, loss, expense (including reasonable legal fees) and demand arising out of or in connection with:

- (a) any substantial change in the working conditions of the Relevant Employees to his or her detriment or any of them occurring on or after the Transfer Date;
- (b) the change of employer occurring by virtue of the Transfer Regulations and/or the Franchise Agreement being significant and detrimental to any of the Relevant Employees;
- (c) the employment by the Transferee on or after the Transfer Date of any of the Relevant Employees other than on terms (including terms relating to any occupational pension scheme) at least as good as those enjoyed prior to the Transfer Date or the termination of the employment of any of them on or after the Transfer Date; or

- (d) any claim by any Relevant Employee (whether in contract or in tort or under statute (including the Treaty of the European Community or European Union and any Directives made under any such Treaty or any successor thereof)) for any remedy (including, without limitation, for unfair dismissal, redundancy, statutory redundancy, equal pay, sex or race discrimination) as a result of any act or omission by the Transferee after the Transfer Date.

7.3 The Transferee shall indemnify the Transferor and keep the Transferor indemnified against each and every action, proceeding, liability, cost, claim, loss, expense (including reasonable legal fees) and demand which arises as a result of it not providing or not having provided, in accordance with its obligations under the Transfer Regulations, the Transferor in writing with such information and at such time as will enable the Transferor to carry out its duties under Regulation 13(2)(d) and 13(6) of the Transfer Regulations concerning measures envisaged by the Transferee in relation to the Relevant Employees.

7.4 **Details of Relevant Employees**

Without prejudice to the Transferor's duties under the Transfer Regulations, the Transferor warrants to the Transferee that it has (to the extent not made available to the Secretary of State under Schedule 15.4 (*Provisions applying on and after Termination*) of the Franchise Agreement prior to the Transfer Date) provided the Transferee prior to the Transfer Date with full particulars of:

- (a) each Relevant Employee, including name, sex, and the date on which continuity of employment began for each Relevant Employee for statutory purposes;
- (b) terms and conditions of employment of each such person;
- (c) all payments, benefits or changes to terms and conditions of employment promised to any such person;
- (d) dismissals of Relevant Employees or termination of employment effected within twelve (12) months prior to the Transfer Date including the Transfer Date;
- (e) all agreements or arrangements entered into in relation to the Relevant Employees between the Transferor, any Affiliate of the Transferor or any other relevant employer and any trade union or association of trade unions or organisation or body of employees including employee representatives and elected representatives; and
- (f) all strikes or other Industrial Action taken by any Relevant Employee within twelve (12) months prior to the Transfer Date including the Transfer Date.

7.5 The Transferor and Transferee shall deliver to each of the Relevant Employees letters in an agreed form from the Transferor and Transferee as soon as is practicable after the execution of this Agreement (to the extent not already delivered prior to the Transfer Date).

8. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

8.1 **Variations in Writing**

No variation of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by duly authorised representatives of the parties.

8.2 **Partial Invalidity**

If any provision in this Agreement shall be held to be void, illegal, invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, under any enactment or rule of law, such provision or part shall to that extent be deemed not to form part of this Agreement but the legality, validity and enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected.

8.3 Further Assurance

Each of the parties agrees to execute and deliver all such further instruments and do and perform all such further acts and things as shall be necessary or expedient for the carrying out of the provisions of this Agreement.

8.4 Notices

Any notice or other communication requiring to be given or served under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given or served if delivered or sent to the registered office of the recipient or:

(a) in the case of the Transferor to [INSERT NAME OF TRANSFEROR] at:

Address: [INSERT ADDRESS]

Email Address: [INSERT EMAIL ADDRESS]

Attention: [INSERT NAME]

(b) in the case of the Transferee to [INSERT NAME OF TRANSFEREE] at:

Address: [INSERT ADDRESS]

Email Address: [INSERT EMAIL ADDRESS]

Attention: [INSERT NAME]

Any such notice or other communication shall be delivered by email transmission, by hand or sent by courier or prepaid first class post. If sent by courier such notice or communication shall conclusively be deemed to have been given or served at the time of despatch. If sent by post such notice or communication shall conclusively be deemed to have been received two (2) Weekdays from the time of posting.

8.5 Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

8.6 Third Parties

This Agreement does not create any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 which is enforceable by any person who is not a party to it.

8.7 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Agreement (and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first before written.

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE **[INSERT NAME OF TRANSFEROR]**: }

DIRECTOR:

DIRECTOR/SECRETARY:

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE **[INSERT NAME OF TRANSFEREE]**: }

DIRECTOR:

DIRECTOR/SECRETARY:

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SCHEDULE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Net Asset Statement

The Net Asset Statement shall be drawn up (except to the extent otherwise agreed by the Transferor and the Transferee) in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United Kingdom and such that the Transferring Assets and Liabilities are valued on the following basis:

1. Rights and liabilities relating to an obligation of carriage under the terms of any Fare shall be valued in accordance with the following formula:

$$(C - D) \times \frac{A}{B} + E$$

where:

C	equals the Credit (exclusive of any Valued Added Tax) received by the Transferor in respect of the Fare provided that:
	(a) such Credit shall be deemed not to include any reduction in respect of a discount allowed to the purchaser of the Fare pursuant to the Passenger's Charter or any other passenger's charter of the Transferor;
	(b) if the Fare is a Season Ticket Fare, such Credit shall be the New Credit (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) relating to that Season Ticket Fare on the Transfer Date if different to the Credit that was in fact received by the Transferor in respect of such Season Ticket Fare;
	(c) such Credit shall be net of any Private Settlement Credit (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) arising in respect of that Fare; and
	(d) such Credit shall be deemed to exclude any Credit received by the Transferor in respect of any commission due to it in respect of the sale of such Fare (provided that for these purposes the amount of such commission shall not exceed the National Standard Rate of Commission (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) in respect of the Fare);
D	equals the Debit (exclusive of any Value Added Tax) received by the Transferor in respect of the commission due in respect of the sale of the Fare (provided that for these purposes the amount of such commission shall not exceed the National Standard Rate of Commission (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) in respect of the Fare);

$\frac{A}{B}$ equals:	(a) in the case of a Season Ticket Fare, the number of journeys which the purchaser of the Fare is estimated to make from (and including) the Transfer Date to (and including) the last day on which the
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	Fare is valid (including any extensions to its original period of validity) divided by the total number of journeys which the purchaser of the Fare is estimated to make with that Fare (as determined in each case in accordance with Schedule 28 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement);
	(b) in the case of any other Fare which entitles the holder thereof to make more than two journeys, the number of days for which the Fare continues to be valid after the Transfer Date (including any extensions to its original period of validity) divided by the total number of days for which such Fare is valid on issue (except to the extent that it can reasonably be estimated what proportion of the journeys which could be made on issue of the Fare have not been made prior to the Transfer Date); or
	(c) in the case of any other Fare, zero; and

E	<p>equals, if $\frac{A}{B}$ is greater than zero:</p> <p>the amount of any discount to which it can be reasonably estimated that the purchaser of the Fare would be entitled pursuant to the Passenger's Charter or any other passenger's charter of the Transferor on purchasing an equivalent Fare on the expiry of the relevant Fare,</p>
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and for these purposes a Credit or Debit shall be deemed to be received when the relevant Fare is Accepted for Clearing (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement).

- Rights and liabilities relating to an Excess Fare, Reservation or Upgrade (as such terms are defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) shall be valued at zero unless such Excess Fare, Reservation or Upgrade involves more than two journeys, in which case they shall be valued in accordance with paragraph 1 and references to Fare in paragraph 1 shall be construed accordingly.
- Rights and liabilities under a Discount Card shall be valued in accordance with the following formula:

$$(C - D) \times \frac{A}{B}$$

where:

C	equals the Credit (exclusive of any Value Added Tax) received by the Transferor in respect of the Discount Card;
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D	equals the Debit (exclusive of any Value Added Tax) received by the Transferor in respect of the commission due in respect of the sale of the Discount Card (provided that for these purposes the amount of such commission shall not exceed the National Standard Rate of Commission (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) in respect of the Discount Card); and
$\frac{A}{B}$	equals the number of days for which the Discount Card continues to be valid after the Transfer Date (including any extensions to its original period of validity) divided by the total number of days for which such Discount Card is valid on issue, or in the case of any Discount Card listed in Schedules 12 or 39 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement on the Start Date, zero,
and for these purposes a Credit or Debit shall be deemed to be received when the relevant Discount Card is Accepted for Clearing (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement).	

4. Relevant Debits and Credits shall be valued at the full amount of such Debits and Credits (inclusive of any Value Added Tax) but excluding any Debits and Credits arising in respect of Adjustment Amounts (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) which are received by the Transferee in respect of a change to the Credit which is used to value any relevant Season Ticket Fare under paragraph 1 of this Schedule to the extent such Adjustment Amounts (as defined in the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement) relate to a period after the Transfer Date.
5. Rights and liabilities in respect of any contract, lease, licence or other equivalent arrangement (excluding rights and liabilities valued under paragraphs 1 to 4) shall be valued at nil except to the extent that the relevant rights and liabilities include matters specified in the left hand Column of the following table, which shall be valued on the basis specified in the right hand Column of the following table:

Rights and Liabilities	Value
Any accrued rights to receive payment	Monetary amounts so accrued, subject to any provision being made for payment not being received from any other person
Any right to receive payment in respect of goods and/or services provided by the Transferor prior to the Transfer Date where the due date for such payment is after the Transfer Date	Amount payable under such contract, lease, licence or other equivalent arrangement for the goods and/or services so provided by the Transferor, subject to any provision being made for payment not being received from any other person
Any accrued liabilities to make payment	Monetary amounts so accrued
Any liability to make payment in respect of goods and/or services provided to the Transferor prior to the Transfer Date where the due date for such payment is after the Transfer Date	Amount payable under such contract, lease, licence or other equivalent arrangement for the goods and/or services provided to the Transferor

Rights and Liabilities	Value
Any rights in respect of which payment has already been made by the Transferor	Monetary amounts so paid, subject to any provision being made for such rights not being exercisable against any other person
Any liabilities in respect of which payment has already been received by the Transferor	Monetary amounts so received
Any liability resulting from any breach of or failure by the Transferor to comply with the terms of any such contract, lease, licence or other equivalent arrangement	Amount of such liability or, to the extent that such amount is not ascertained, the parties reasonable estimate of the amount of such liability

6. CRM Data, Yield Management Data and Actual Passenger Demand information (and all Intellectual Property Rights in respect of the same) shall be valued at nil.
7. The Stored Credit Balance held by the Franchisee at the Transfer Date shall be valued at the monetary amount so held.
8. Any DfT Funded Assets shall be valued at nil.
9. Any ITSO equipment (including smartcard and ITSO Certified Smartmedia readers and ITSO database) and any Intellectual Property Rights associated with that ITSO equipment transferred from the Transferor to the Transferee pursuant to the Transfer Scheme shall be valued at nil.
10. Any RV Asset shall be valued at an amount that is equivalent to the RV Asset Transfer Value of such RV Asset as specified in Column 2 of the table in Appendix 1 (List of the RV Assets) to Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*) of the Franchise Agreement, as such RV Asset Transfer Value may be adjusted or deemed to have been adjusted pursuant to paragraphs 1.4 or 2.2 of Schedule 14.6 (*Residual Value Mechanism*) of the Franchise Agreement.
11. Any other property, rights or liabilities shall be valued on the basis of a willing vendor and purchaser and ongoing usage within the railway industry.
12. **NOT USED.**
13. **NOT USED.**

SCHEDULE 16

PENSIONS

Schedule 16:	Pensions
	Appendix 1: List of Shared Costs Sections

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Pensions

1. Definitions

Unless otherwise defined in the Franchise Agreement, terms used in this Schedule 16 shall have the meanings given to them in the Railways Pension Scheme.

2. Franchise Sections

The Franchisee shall participate in and become the Designated Employer in relation to the Shared Cost Sections of the Railway Pension Scheme as specified in Appendix 1 to this Schedule 16 (together the "**Franchise Sections**") in respect of the Franchise Services. Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4.2(d) membership of a Franchise Section will be offered to each employee of a Franchisee only.

3. Closed Schemes

3.1 Subject to any requirements of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, the Franchisee shall take any necessary steps (including entering into any relevant deed of participation) to allow Closed Scheme Employees to continue in membership of the British Railways Superannuation Fund or the BR (1974) Pension Fund in accordance with their terms during the Franchise Period.

3.2 For the purposes of this paragraph 3, "**Closed Scheme Employees**" means such of the employees of the Franchisee who were, immediately prior to the commencement of their employment with the Franchisee, members of either of the British Railways Superannuation Fund or the BR (1974) Pension Fund.

4. Variations in benefits, contributions and investment

4.1 If a Franchisee is considering making a proposal that falls within the scope of paragraphs 4.2(a) to 4.2(g) inclusive, it shall promptly consult with the Secretary of State in relation to that proposal prior to putting such a proposal to the Pensions Committee of any Franchise Section, the Trustee of the Railways Pension Scheme (the "**Trustee**"), or to any trade union. The Franchisee must otherwise consult in good time with the Secretary of State in relation to any proposal falling within the scope of paragraphs 4.2(a) to 4.2(g) inclusive.

4.2 Separately and in addition to complying with its obligations under paragraph 4.1, the Franchisee shall not, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State (which may be given on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State thinks fit):

(a) restructure or change the composition of the earnings of employees of the Franchisee in such a way as to increase the part of those earnings which qualifies as pensionable earnings under the rules of the Railways Pension Scheme applicable to any Franchise Section (the "**Franchise Section Rules**") or take any action (or consent to the taking of any action) which could detrimentally affect the funding of any Franchise Section, including varying or providing different or additional benefits under that Franchise Section or promising to do so, unless this change:

(i) is required by Law; or

(ii) only affects benefits payable in respect of past service of members of that Franchise Section and on or prior to the effective date of the change the Franchisee pays an additional cash payment to the Trustee which, in the opinion of the Actuary, meets in full the additional funding cost imposed on that Franchise Section; or

- (iii) would not lead to substantial changes in the funding of any Franchise Section and is the result of the normal application of the Franchise Section Rules in the ordinary day to day running of the business of the Franchise, for example, where individual employees are, from time to time promoted or transferred to higher paid or different employment which has a different composition of earnings;
 - (b) make or consent to any proposal to change any of the provisions of the Pension Trust in respect of the Franchise Sections unless the change is required by Law;
 - (c) provide retirement, death or life assurance benefits in respect of any of its employees other than under any Franchise Section or as provided in paragraph 3;
 - (d) omit to provide the above-mentioned benefits in respect of its employees save that, without prejudice to any rights which any such employee may otherwise have, the Franchisee shall not under this Schedule 16 be obliged for the purposes of the Franchise Agreement to offer such benefits to any employee employed on a fixed term contract of twelve (12) months or less;
 - (e) take any action (or consent to the taking of any action) which could affect the contributions payable by Participating Employers under any Franchise Section, including exercising any discretion allowed to the Franchisee as Designated Employer arising out of any actuarial valuation of a Franchise Section, and varying or providing different or additional benefits under the Franchise Sections in respect of future service, unless such action is required by Law;
 - (f) close a Franchise Section to new members; or
 - (g) take (or omit to take) any action which could result in any Franchise Section being wound up, in whole or in part.
- 4.3 The Franchisee shall consult with the Secretary of State on:
- (a) any proposal made by the Trustee to change the statement of investment principles applicable to any Franchise Section; and
 - (b) any proposal to alter the rate of contributions payable by the Franchisee or its employees under a new schedule of contributions for the Franchise Section.
- 4.4 With respect to any proposal falling within the scope of paragraph 4.3(a) or 4.3(b), the Franchisee shall also consult with the Trustee on the basis of any response it receives from the Secretary of State in relation to any such proposal.
- 5. Funding Liabilities**
- 5.1 The Franchisee shall pay the employer contributions required under the schedule of contributions applicable to each Franchise Section (or either of the British Railways Superannuation Fund or the BR (1974) Pension Fund in which it participates) in respect of the Franchise Term subject to the provisions of paragraph 5.2 below.
- 5.2 Where, during the Franchise Term, Franchise Services are aggregated or disaggregated by the Secretary of State (for example, as a result of remapping) and, as a consequence, a Franchise Section of which the Franchisee is the Designated Employer is required to accept a transfer in or to make a transfer out of members, the Secretary of State shall ensure that the Franchisee has no liability for any resulting deterioration immediately arising in the funding level of the Franchise Section measured in accordance with the Franchise Sections' technical provisions in Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004, or for any amount arising under Article 7(4) of the Railway Pensions (Protection and Designation of Schemes) Order 1994. Notwithstanding the above the Secretary of State shall have no liability for any future deterioration in the funding levels of the Franchise Section linked to such transfer in or out of members.

6. Discharge of Obligations

- 6.1 The Secretary of State may at any time during the Franchise Term seek information from the Trustee with a view to satisfying himself that the Franchisee and the other Participating Employers (if any) have fully discharged their respective obligations under the Railways Pension Scheme, including their obligations in respect of the payment of contributions to any Franchise Section.
- 6.2 The Franchisee shall, at its expense, promptly provide such information in relation to any Franchise Section, including actuarial advice and information, as the Secretary of State may from time to time request and shall authorise and consent to the Trustee doing so.
- 6.3 The Franchisee shall, in respect of the Franchise Term, use all reasonable endeavours to provide to the Secretary of State:
- (a) within one (1) month of the expiry of each Franchisee Year; and
 - (b) at other times as soon as practicable following a request by the Secretary of State,
- a certificate signed by the Trustee in relation to the Franchise Sections stating either that the Franchisee has fully complied with its obligations under the Railways Pensions Scheme, including its obligation to contribute to the Franchise Sections or, if it has not so complied, stating the extent to which it has not done so. Where the certificate is given pursuant to paragraph 6.3(a), it shall cover the relevant Franchisee Year. Where the certificate has been given pursuant to paragraph 6.3(b), it shall cover such period as the Secretary of State shall specify.
- 6.4 If the Trustee does not certify under paragraph 6.3 in relation to the Franchise Sections that the Franchisee has fully complied with its obligations under the Railways Pension Scheme or if the Secretary of State otherwise reasonably considers that the Franchisee has not complied with such obligations, the Secretary of State may adjust Franchise Payments payable under Schedule 8 (*Payments*) by an amount which is, in his opinion, no greater than the amount of any contribution that the Franchisee has thereby failed to make or avoided making.
- 6.5 The Secretary of State may, under paragraph 6.4, continue to make such adjustments to Franchise Payments payable under Schedule 8 (*Payments*) until such time as he reasonably determines that the relevant contributions have been made in full by the Franchisee. Following that determination, any amounts so withheld by the Secretary of State shall become payable (without interest) on the next day on which a Franchise Payment becomes payable under Schedule 8 (*Payments*), being a day which falls no less than seven (7) days after such determination or, if there is no such day, fourteen (14) days after the date of such determination. To the extent that the Secretary of State has not so determined within four (4) weeks after the expiry of the Franchise Period, the Franchisee's right to receive the amount so withheld under the Franchise Agreement shall lapse and the Secretary of State shall not be obliged to pay such amount.

7. Termination of Franchise

The Secretary of State shall at the end of the Franchise Period ensure that the Franchisee has no liability for any deficit in the Franchise Sections (other than for contributions due and payable by the Franchisee to the Franchise Sections for any period prior to the end of the Franchise Term) and shall have no right to benefit from any surplus which may exist in the Franchise Sections. For the avoidance of doubt, this paragraph 7 shall apply where the Franchise Services are either aggregated or disaggregated (for example, as a result of remapping).

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 16

List of Shared Costs Sections

Shared Costs Sections	
section	employer
London & South Eastern Railway Limited Shared Cost Section of the Railways Pension Scheme	London & South Eastern Railway Limited

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SCHEDULE 17

CONFIDENTIALITY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Schedule 17:	Confidentiality and Freedom of Information
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Confidentiality and Freedom of Information

1. Confidentiality

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Transport Act, the Railways Act 2005, the Environmental Information Regulations, the Freedom of Information Act (and any code of practice or other guidance related to the same) and paragraphs 2 to 8 and 10 inclusive of this Schedule 17, each Party shall hold in confidence all documents, materials and other information, whether technical or commercial, supplied by or on behalf of the other Party (including all documents and information supplied in the course of proceedings under the Dispute Resolution Rules or the rules of any other dispute resolution procedures to which a dispute is referred in accordance with the Franchise Agreement) (all together the "**Confidential Information**") and shall not, except with the other Party's prior written authority, publish or otherwise disclose any Confidential Information otherwise than as expressly provided for in the Franchise Agreement unless or until the recipient Party can demonstrate that any such document, material or information is in the public domain through no fault of its own and through no contravention of the Franchise Agreement, whereupon to the extent that it is in the public domain this obligation shall cease.

2. Disclosure of Confidential Information

2.1 Each Party may disclose any data or information acquired by it under or pursuant to the Franchise Agreement or information relating to a dispute arising under the Franchise Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party if such disclosure is made in good faith:

- (a) to any Affiliate of such Party or outside consultants or advisers of such Affiliate, upon obtaining from such Affiliate and/or such outside consultants or advisers of such Affiliate an undertaking of confidentiality equivalent to that contained in paragraph 1;
- (b) to any outside consultants or advisers engaged by or on behalf of such Party and acting in that capacity, upon obtaining from such consultants or advisers an undertaking of confidentiality equivalent to that contained in paragraph 1;
- (c) to any lenders, security trustee, bank or other financial institution (and its or their advisers) from which such Party is seeking or obtaining finance, upon obtaining from any such person an undertaking of confidentiality equivalent to that contained in paragraph 1;
- (d) to the extent required by Law or pursuant to an order of any court of competent jurisdiction or under the Dispute Resolution Rules or the rules of any other dispute resolution procedures to which a dispute is referred in accordance with the Franchise Agreement or the rules of a recognised stock exchange or a formal or informal request of any taxation authority;
- (e) to any insurer, upon obtaining from such insurer an undertaking of confidentiality equivalent to that contained in paragraph 1;
- (f) to any director, employee or officer of such Party, to the extent necessary to enable such Party to perform its obligations under the Franchise Agreement or to protect or enforce its rights under the Franchise Agreement;
- (g) by the Franchisee, to the ORR, the Passengers' Council or a Local Authority;
- (h) **NOT USED.**

2.2 The Secretary of State may disclose the Confidential Information of the Franchisee:

- (a) on a confidential basis to any Central Government Body for any proper purpose of the Secretary of State or of the relevant Central Government Body;
- (b) to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;
- (c) to the extent that the Secretary of State (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;
- (d) on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant, supplier or other person engaged by any of the entities described in paragraph 2.2(a) of this Schedule 17 (including any benchmarking organisation) for any purpose relating to or connected with the Franchise;
- (e) on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under this Agreement, including but not limited to its right of audit, assessment or inspection pursuant to paragraph 6 of Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*) and its rights pursuant to Schedule 15.1 (*Reletting Provisions*);
- (f) on a confidential basis to a Local Authority or other relevant Stakeholder to the extent that the Secretary of State (acting reasonably) deems such disclosure necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the development and/or implementation of any proposal promoted by (or on behalf of) such Local Authority or other relevant Stakeholder in relation to the provision of additional, varied and/or extended Passenger Services, introduction of new stations or enhancements to Stations or other infrastructure schemes which impact on the Franchise; or
- (g) on a confidential basis to a proposed successor, transferee or assignee of the Secretary of State in connection with any assignment, novation or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement,

and for the purposes of the foregoing, references to disclosure on a confidential basis shall mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement containing terms no less stringent than those placed on the Secretary of State under this paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule 17.

3. **Publication of Certain Information**

3.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, the Secretary of State may publish (whether to the press, the public or to one or more individuals, companies or other bodies, including to any prospective Successor Operator) in such form and at such times as he sees fit, the following (irrespective of whether the same was provided to the Secretary of State by the Franchisee or a third party):

- (a) any or all of the Franchise Documents provided that the Secretary of State will, prior to publishing the same, redact from any Franchise Document any information contained therein which the Secretary of State and the Franchisee agree or failing which the Secretary of State determines, in his absolute discretion, is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Environmental Information Regulations;
- (b) the amount of any Franchise Payments payable under the Franchise Agreement and the aggregate amount of Franchise Payments paid in each year under the Franchise Agreement;

- (c) such information as the Secretary of State may consider reasonably necessary to publish in connection with the performance of his functions in relation to any Closure or proposed Closure;
- (d) the amount of any payments by the Franchisee under the Passenger's Charter;
- (e) such information (including CRM Data and Yield Management Data) as may reasonably be required in connection with any Tendering/Reletting Process or the retendering or reletting of any other railway passenger services, provided that such information may only be published during the period of, or during the period leading up to, such retendering or reletting;
- (f) any reports and accounts delivered to him under Schedule 13 (*Rail Industry Initiatives and Innovation Obligations*) including any analyses, statistics and other information derived from such reports and accounts;
- (g) the results of any monitoring or measurement of the performance of the Franchisee in the provision of the Franchise Services (including any information provided under Schedule 11 (*Franchise Performance Meetings and Management Information*));
- (h) the results, on a Service Group, Route, station or other comparable basis, of any calculation of passenger numbers under Schedule 1.5 (*Information about Passengers*);
- (i) the results of any survey under Schedule 7.2 (*Customer Experience and Engagement*);
- (j) the results of any assessment or inspection under Schedule 11.2 (*Management Information*);
- (k) details of the Franchisee's plans and performance in respect of safety;
- (l) such information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require to include in his annual report in respect of the Franchisee provided that, in preparing that report, the Secretary of State shall have regard to the need for excluding, so far as is practicable, the matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 71(2) of the Act for this purpose, taking references in those paragraphs to the ORR as references to the Secretary of State; and
- (m) such information as the Secretary of State may reasonably require to publish at or around the expiry or possible termination of the Franchise Period in order to secure continuity of the provision and operation of the Franchise Services.

3.2 Without prejudice to any other provision of this Schedule 17, the Secretary of State may publish any other information relating to the Franchisee if he has previously notified the Franchisee and the Franchisee does not demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Secretary of State within fourteen (14) days of such notification that the publication of such information would, in the reasonable opinion of the Franchisee, have a material adverse effect on its business. If the Franchisee attempts so to demonstrate to the Secretary of State but he is not so satisfied, the Secretary of State shall allow seven (7) more days before publishing the relevant information.

4. **Service Development Information**

Nothing in this Schedule 17 shall be deemed to prohibit, prevent or hinder, or render either Party liable for, the disclosure by either Party to HS1 Limited, Network Rail, the ORR, other Train Operators, any operators of services for the carriage of goods by rail, the Passengers' Council and/or any Local Authority of any information relating to the development of the Train Service Requirement in accordance with Schedule 1.1 (*Franchise Services and Service Development*).

5. **Publication by Secretary of State**

Nothing in this Schedule 17 shall be deemed to prohibit, prevent or hinder, or render the Secretary of State liable for, the disclosure of any information by the Secretary of State to the ORR, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, a Minister of the Crown, any department of the government of the United Kingdom, the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly of Wales, the Mayor of London, the Greater London Authority or any department or officer of any of them or of information which is otherwise disclosed for the purpose of facilitating the carrying out of his functions.

6. **Provision of Information to the ORR**

The Franchisee hereby authorises the Secretary of State to provide to the ORR, to the extent so requested by the ORR, such information as may be provided to the Secretary of State in relation to the Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement.

7. **Disclosure by Comptroller and Auditor General**

The Parties recognise that the Comptroller and Auditor General may, in pursuance of his functions under the Exchequer and Audit Department Act 1921, the National Audit Act 1983 and the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000, disclose information which he has obtained pursuant to those Acts and which a Party to the Franchise Agreement would not be able to disclose otherwise than under this Schedule 17.

8. **Continuing Obligation**

This Schedule 17 (and any other provisions necessary to give effect hereto) shall survive the termination of the Franchise Agreement, irrespective of the reason for termination.

9. **Freedom of Information - General Provisions**

9.1 The Franchisee acknowledges and shall procure that its agents and subcontractors acknowledge that the Secretary of State is subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and the Environmental Information Regulations and accordingly the Franchisee shall (and shall procure that its agents and subcontractors shall) assist and co-operate with the Secretary of State to enable the Secretary of State to comply with his information disclosure obligations under the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Environmental Information Regulations.

9.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 10 (Redactions), the Franchisee shall (and shall procure that its agents and subcontractors shall):

- (a) transfer to the Secretary of State any Requests for Information received by the Franchisee (or its agents or subcontractors) as soon as practicable and in any event within two (2) Weekdays of receiving any such Request for Information;
- (b) provide the Secretary of State with a copy of all information in its (or their) possession or power in the form that the Secretary of State requires within five (5) Weekdays of the Secretary of State's request (or within such other period as he may specify); and
- (c) provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the Secretary of State to enable him to respond to any Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act or Regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations as applicable.

9.3 The Secretary of State shall be responsible for determining in his absolute discretion, and notwithstanding any other provision in the Franchise Agreement or any other agreement, whether Confidential Information (as such term is defined in paragraph 1 of this Schedule 17)

and/or any other information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Environmental Information Regulations.

9.4 The Franchisee shall not (and shall procure that its agents and subcontractors shall not) respond directly to any Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so by the Secretary of State.

9.5 The Franchisee acknowledges and shall procure that its agents and subcontractors acknowledge that notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Franchise Agreement the Secretary of State may be obliged under the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Environmental Information Regulations and any related Code of Practice or other guidance to disclose information concerning the Franchisee and/or its agents and subcontractors:

- (a) in certain circumstances without consulting the Franchisee (or its agents and/or subcontractors where applicable); or
- (b) following consultation with the Franchisee and having taken its views into account (and the views of its agents and/or subcontractors where applicable),

provided always that where applicable the Secretary of State shall in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Environmental Information Regulations take reasonable steps where appropriate to give the Franchisee advance notice or failing that to draw the disclosure to the Franchisee's attention after any such disclosure.

10. Redactions

10.1 Subject to paragraph 9 (Freedom of Information - General Provisions), by no later than the date which is:

- (a) thirty (30) Weekdays after the date of this Agreement (in respect of the Franchise Documents referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition thereof);
- (b) thirty (30) Weekdays after the date of notification by the Secretary of State to the Franchisee of another agreement that is required for publication (in respect of the Franchise Documents referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition thereof); and
- (c) thirty (30) Weekdays after the date of any document varying the terms of any Franchise Document,

the Franchisee will provide to the Secretary of State details of any provisions of the Franchise Documents or any such variation which the Franchisee believes are exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the Environmental Information Regulations and/or section 73(3) of the Act (the "**Redactions**").

10.2 For each such Redaction the Franchisee should specify:

- (a) the exact text of the Franchise Document or variation that the Franchisee proposes is redacted;
- (b) whether the Franchisee proposes that the Redaction applies in relation to the publication of the relevant Franchise Document or variation on the website of the Department for Transport, on the register required to be maintained by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 73 of the Act or on both such website and such register; and
- (c) the reasons why the Franchisee believes that the proposed Redaction is justified in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Environmental Information Regulations and/or section 73(3) of the Act.

- 10.3 The Secretary of State shall consult with the Franchisee in relation to the Franchisee's proposed Redactions (provided that the same are provided to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 10.1). If the Secretary of State and the Franchisee are unable to agree upon any proposed Redaction, the Secretary of State shall be entitled to determine, in his absolute discretion, whether or not to make such proposed Redaction. If the Franchisee does not provide its proposed Redactions to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 10.1, the Franchisee shall be deemed to have consented to publication of the relevant document without any Redactions.

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