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Dear Richard

Review of ORR's C&P for the Approval of Track Access Contracts- July 2007

Thank you for the opportunity to comment further on this important piece of work. Our response remains the same as our earlier reply of 11th May 2007. Being based around two distinct issues: -

1. Level of Regulatory scrutiny - We agree that the level of regulatory scrutiny needs to be commensurate with the complexity of the application in question. It is likely the ORR being involved in some form of dispute. We welcome your comments, that you will still be available for advice - stepped back but not gone away.
2. Deadlines for applications/Transitional arrangements- Network Rail must have sufficient resources to handle the additional workload and introduction of this should be subject to further negotiation and not rushed.

We are available for further comments if required, on this letter and previous of 11th May and are happy for this reply to be published on your website.

Thanks



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For and on behalf of Stagecoach South Western Trains Limited