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Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

In overall terms we have had input to and support the contents of the Passenger Transport Executive Group (pteg) response which has been co-ordinated by Peter Sargant on behalf of all PTEs.

We also have comments specific to the circumstances of Nexus, as listed below.

1. Nexus, as the open access operator of the Tyne and Wear Metro, welcomes the reference at 2.11 to make provision for the needs of non-franchised passenger operators and their passengers in the preparation of output specifications for CP4.
2. We support the concept of disaggregation of output commitments to allow rail users to see what Network Rail is committed to deliver on different parts of the network, so long as this does not constrain Network Rail's ability to deliver those outputs. Such a level of disaggregation would allow Network Rail's performance at a more regional or sub-zonal level to be identified and understood.
3. At paragraph 3.65 we would like to see the data monitoring for third rail DC systems and 25 kv overhead line separated out to include the 1500 DC overhead network used by the Tyne and Wear Metro between South Hylton and Pelaw Junction.
4. At 3.102 we note the reference to industry concerns surrounding Network Rail's understanding of capacity allocation issues and its ability to plan ahead, and the intention of ORR to monitor the company's compliance in meeting them. We welcome this intention, as we have concerns that the processes used to develop the East Coast Route Utilisation Strategy do not take account of the likely requirement for track capacity by operators during the currency of the RUS.

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