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Dear Ekta

Consultation on Fixed Track Access Charges in CP5

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Network Rail's proposals in respect of the FTAC during CP5. This letter represents the views of Southern, Southeastern, London Midland and the Go-Ahead Group. No part of this response is confidential.

We generally support the approach being taken to the calculation of the FTAC set out in your document. It is largely consistent with the approach taken for previous periodic reviews and therefore comprehensible.

We have one specific comment, which concerns the degree of transparency of the calculation at a local level and links your questions (c) and (k). We believe that all the charges to operators which form part of Network Rail's single till income should be taken into account; these include charges such as depot rents and managed station charges. Given the proposal to create notional route-based RABs it would also appear to be a logical step to calculate matching route-based single tills so that there is greater transparency over each route's finances and the building blocks for the FTAC.

Yours sincerely

