6 March 2024

**IN THE MATTER OF PART D OF THE NETWORK CODE**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF TIMETABLING DISPUTE TTP2388**

BETWEEN

GBRf

Claimant

and

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

Defendant

WITNESS STATEMENT OF

Maria Lee

I, **MARIA LEE,** of Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd, 1 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 2DN will say as follows on 01 March 2024:

1. 01 March 2024 I spoke to Justin Kerr Peterson (GWR) and HS2 about moving the diversionary test trains to the weekend of week 51 they declined due to resourcing and no valid SoC
2. I spoke to the HS2 about running the test trains in Week 50 where Network Rail would be willing to give up their access and this was declined due to no SoC or resource.
3. I agreed to request that the work deliverers look into extending the access into the weekend of week 52 but advised that this would be reliant on resource and whether the work could be delivered in this way.
4. HS2 advised that the original bids submitted by GBRf were now not valid as there was only a requirement to run the diversion test trains x 4 on the Monday/Tuesday week 51

Maria Lee

Dated: 06 March 2024