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Dear Mr. Bostock

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request, dated 8 August 2015, Regarding your enquiry into the role that Directly Operated Railways now undertakes and details of what records we retain concerning East Coast.

The role that DOR is currently performing is:

- Acting to fulfil the Secretary of State for Transport (SOS) responsibilities under the Railways Act 1993. We are the train operator of last resort and are able to step in if and when required by the SOS.
- Supporting the SOS in the programme of Direct Award Franchises.
- Closing out residual issues following the sale of our interest in East Coast Mainline Company Limited.

The records of East Coast Mainline Company Limited were passed to the new owners of the company. DOR retains board level papers in support of decisions made by the board of directors together with some other information relevant to the sale of the company.

I hope this response is helpful to you. If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask for a review. In the first instance you should contact me again to request this. If you choose to exercise that right, and are not satisfied with the outcome of the review, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner by contacting:

The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
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Yours sincerely

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