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Dear Grant Shapps

Extension to the current term of the interim chair of East West Railway Company Limited

Thank you for informing me of your intention to make an extension to the term of Rob Brighouse as Chair of the East West Railway Company.

I appreciate that earlier this year your officials kept my office informed as to of the progress of the competition to recruit a permanent Chair into the position. I understand that the election period has prevented this competition from concluding swiftly as hoped.

I am content that an extension of no more than six months to Mr Brighouse's term is a sensible approach to ensure the position is not vacant whilst the competition concludes and you review the requirements for the role as you have outlined.

For transparency around appointments made without competition, I publish interim appointments and extensions on my website. If your office could inform OCPA when you announce the extension of Mr Brighouse, then my publication can follow in due course.

*All best wishes
Yours sincerely*

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