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***NETWORK and VEHICLE CHANGE COMMITTEE***

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**Minutes of Meeting No.17**

held at Kings Cross on 7 & 8 November 2002

**Present:** Tony Holland (Chairman)  
Geoff Sandberg  
Peter Heubeck  
Nick Hortin  
Nigel Oatway  
Mike Scott  
Stephen Rattue

**Apologies:** Tony Deighan  
Bob Goundry

**In attendance:** Chris Blackman  
Martin Shrubsole

**17/1 Minutes of meeting no.16**

The minutes of meeting no.16, held at Kings Cross on 27 September, were approved without modification. The Chairman signed a copy of the minutes as a true record of the proceedings. A copy of the approved minutes will be circulated to all Industry Parties.

**17/2 Record of Hearing of Reference no. NV44**

The Record of Hearing of Reference NV44 on 27 September 2002, was approved subject to some modifications. The Chairman signed a copy of the Record, duly modified, as a true record of the proceedings. In accordance with procedures a copy of the approved Record will be circulated to members of the Committee and to the parties to the dispute.

**17/3 Matters arising from the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

**17/4 Hearing of References nos. NV37, NV38, NV40, NV41, NV43 and NV46**

The Committee heard joint references NV37, NV38, NV40, NV41, NV43 and NV46 from North Western Trains, ScotRail Railways, Silverlink Train Services, English Welsh & Scottish Railway, Freightliner, Arriva Trains Northern respectively and Railtrack on the subject of the Railtrack Major Project Notice 2003/04 Works (and Amendment Notice no.1) for the West Coast Route Modernisation project. The Determinations of the Committee are attached in a joint document.

### **17/5 Update on references**

The Secretary reported that the position on outstanding references received was as follows:

- nv39 Central Trains has resolved all its outstanding issues in dispute with Railtrack concerning Railtrack's Major Project Notice for West Coast Route Modernisation 2003/04 (and Amendment no.1 Notice), and has withdrawn the reference;
- nv42 West Coast Trains has resolved all its outstanding issues in dispute with Railtrack concerning Railtrack's Major Project Notice for West Coast Route Modernisation 2003/04 (and Amendment no.1 Notice), and has withdrawn the reference;
- nv45 Submissions are awaited from the parties. A hearing of this reference regarding compensation for the Network Change at Hatfield is expected to take place before the end of this year.

### **17/6 Application for costs**

The Secretary advised that an application had been received on 7 November from Great North Eastern Railway, formally asking the Committee to order that all GNER's costs associated with reference NV44 should be paid by Railtrack.

Members agreed that Railtrack should be given opportunity to make any written representations on the issue, and thereafter Members of the Committee would consider the matter at the next meeting.

### **17/7 Date of next meeting**

To be arranged to hear reference nv45.