TIMETABLING SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No.8 held at Euston House on 18th June 1996

Present: Bryan Driver, (Chairman)

Geoff Appleby Steve Cornish Tony Deighan Martin Idale Paul Richardson Simon Taylor

In Attendance: Chris Blackman, Secretary

Martin Shrubsole, Alternate Secretary

Apologies: Des Bowes

Mike Hodson

8/1 Minutes of Meeting No.6

The minutes of the meeting no.6 were approved; the record of the hearing of reference No.12 held on 20th May 1996 was approved subject to three minor amendments. The Chairman signed a copy of the approved minutes and the Record incorporating the amendments for retention on file.

A copy of the approved minutes of the meeting and the Determination of the Committee concerning the reference that had been made would be circulated to all Industry Parties. The Parties to the dispute would receive in full the minutes and the record of the hearing.

8/2 Hearing of Reference no. 14.

The Committee formally heard Reference No. 14 from West Anglia Great Northern Railway. The determination of the Committee is attached.

8/3 Hearing of Reference no. 15.

The Committee noted that the Hearing of Reference No.15 from Regional Railways North East had been deferred. The Parties had advised the Secretary that many of the issues had been resolved and a full joint investigation on the outstanding issues was taking place during the current week. Both Parties had

expressed optimism that a solution would be reached but, in the event of a failure to achieve such a solution, Regional Railways North East had reserved the right to refer the matter back to the Committee.

Members noted the position, and expressed encouragement to the parties, but also wished to remind the parties that time was now very limited for reaching a solution. The Committee resolved to fix a contingency date for a hearing as a precautionary measure.

8/4 Consultation on the Rules of the Route/Plan

The Secretariat advised that a Train Operator had alleged that there had been inadequate consultation on the Rules of the Route/Plan for the Summer 1997 timetable. The Committee, after discussion, concluded that it wished to check that due process had been observed in this instance and, in the event of an approach for a hearing, it would consider any representation on its merits. The Secretariat was remitted to notify the Train Operators who might be affected of the Committee's decision in this respect. A copy of the notification is attached.

8/5 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 26th June; to hear Reference No.15 if not resolved by the parties.