
TIMETABLING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No.18
held at
Kings Cross on 15th October 1997

Present: Bryan Driver, (Chairman)
Steve Cornish
Tony Crabtree
Martin Idale
Graham Laycock
Paul Richardson

Apologies: Geoff Appleby
Mike Romans

In attendance: Chris Blackman
Martin Shrubsole

Also in attendance for item 18/3 only:

Representing Eurostar (U.K.):-

Tony Deighan Business Development Manager

Representing Railtrack:-

Phil Marsh Account Manager (Eurostar (U.K.))
Doug Desmond Operations Planning Manager (Midlands Zone)

18/1 Reference no.44

It was noted that reference no.44 to the Committee from English Welsh & Scottish Railway had been withdrawn, following resolution of the issues between the parties.

18/2 Reference no.45

It was noted that reference no.45 to the Committee from North Western Trains had been withdrawn, following resolution of the issues between the parties.

18/3 Reference no.46

The Committee considered the joint reference from Eurostar (U.K.) and Railtrack. It noted that the parties were seeking two decisions from the Committee.

In respect of the first request, “that Railtrack should offer a pathway for 9089 Paris - Manchester service.....”, the Secretary advised the Committee that Railtrack had made an offer the previous day; this was confirmed by the parties.

The second request to the Committee was that it should “direct Railtrack to release timing information about the Watford Junction stops in accordance with Access Condition D3”. The Committee was not satisfied that this item had been submitted in accordance with the prescribed timescales and, upon enquiry, it was confirmed that the submission was ‘timed out’.

The Committee concluded that there was therefore no case to be heard and, although it acknowledged that on the first issue Eurostar had a further six days in which to consider whether it wished to lodge an appeal, it deemed it inappropriate to make any formal determination in respect of the reference submitted. However, as it wished to bring some salient points to the attention of the Industry regarding matters of procedure and timescales in these circumstances, it would issue a Note of Extraordinary Deliberations. This is attached to the minutes.

18/4 Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th October: to hear reference no.42
(subsequently cancelled as the reference was withdrawn)