
TIMETABLING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No.43
held at Kings Cross on 29 August 2003

Present: Bryan Driver (Chairman)
Geoff Appleby
Mark Beck
Tony Crabtree
Nick Gibbons
Graham Owen
Robin Nelson
Howard Read
Paul Richardson

In attendance: Chris Blackman
Martin Shrubsole

43/1 Minutes of meeting no.42

The minutes of meeting no.42 held on 4 August 2003 were approved without modification. The Chairman signed a set of the approved minutes, which will be retained on file. A copy will be circulated to all Industry Parties.

43/2 Record of Hearing of reference no.180

Members agreed to defer consideration of this document until the next meeting.

43/3 Matters arising from the minutes of meeting no.42

There were no matters arising other than those placed on the agenda.

43/4 Hearing of Reference no 189

After the Committee had conducted an initial review of the joint submission for reference no.189, Members agreed to a special request from the parties, Thames Trains and Network Rail, that they be admitted to make a statement. The parties' representatives explained that they had just received information from the SRA which was relevant to the discussions. They asked the Committee for more time to assess fully the implications of options identified during the earlier dialogue and the information from the SRA.

The Committee agreed to defer the hearing to permit them sufficient time to do this, but declared that, if they were unable to make sufficient progress to fully resolve the issues, the parties should submit the necessary papers to the Committee Secretary by 12.00 on Wednesday 1st October to enable a formal hearing of the outstanding issues to take place during the second week of October. If no papers were received by the stipulated deadline the reference would be deemed to have lapsed.

43/5 Hearing of Reference no.182

The Committee reviewed joint references no.182 from Great Western Trains and Network Rail, and noted that three of the issues had been resolved. It then conducted a formal hearing of the remaining three items. A copy of the determination is attached.

43/6 Other references submitted to the Committee

The Secretary advised Members that the current position on other references submitted to the Committee was as follows:

Version 2 of the Rules of the Route/Plan in respect of 2004

- ttc183 from The Chiltern Railway Co.: this had been resolved following further discussions between the parties;
- ttc184 from North Western Trains: hearing expected to take place in September;
- ttc185 from Freightliner: hearing expected to take place in September;
- ttc187 from EWS: hearing expected to take place in late September;
- ttc188 from ATN: hearing expected to take place in September;
- ttc190 from Silverlink Train Services: hearing expected to take place in September;
- ttc192 from GNER: hearing expected to take place in September;

Network Rail's Offer for the Winter Two Timetable 2003/4

- ttc181 from Grand Central Railway: the parties are undertaking further discussions; if these conclude without settlement a hearing will be arranged in September;
- ttc186 from EWS: an early resolution of the outstanding issues is anticipated;
- ttc191 from Freightliner Heavy Haul: hearing expected to take place in September;
- ttc194 received from ScotRail Railways on the subject of the sleeper services.

Network Rail's revision of a Train Slot

- ttc193 from EWS: withdrawn after a 2-week trial demonstrated that revised timings for the train concerned were satisfactory.

Great Western Trains and Thames Trains had also included in their respective references ttc182/189 an appeal against a 'section 7' item concerning a week's proposed closure (in August 2004) of the Relief lines in the Slough area. The Committee Secretary had agreed to a request from the parties that they should be permitted more time to analyse the effects of a similar closure, taking place during the period 18-25 August 2003, of the corresponding Main lines at Slough. It had been agreed to separate these issues from the remainder of the issues in references ttc182/189. The Committee endorsed the methodology.

43/7 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

43/8 Date of next meeting

Dates in the second week of September, and thereafter, will be arranged to hear those references on which the parties had been unable to reach a resolution.