ACCESS DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of MEETING No. 28

held on 21st January 1998

Present:

Bryan Driver, Chairman Colin Bryan (Central Trains) Grahame Cooper (Railtrack) Geoff Knight (Railtrack) Ian Osborne (Freightliner) Bob Urie (Regional Railways North East) Michael Woods (Eurostar (U.K.))

In attendance:

Chris Blackman (Secretary) Martin Shrubsole (Alternate Secretary)

Apologies:

Tim Clarke (Anglia Railways) Barry Graham (EWS)

28/1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Colin Bryan who was attending his first meeting as Nigel Fulford's alternate.

28/2 Minutes of meeting No.27

The minutes of meeting no.27 held on 10th December 1997 were approved. The Chairman signed a copy of the minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

28/3 Matters arising

Minute 27/9: Reference TTC37 to the Timetabling Committee

The Secretariat advised that the parties had had further discussion and had agreed to prepare a joint submission about the points in dispute. The Committee noted the Secretariat's view that it was likely that the Timetabling Committee would be the most appropriate forum for a hearing, but a decision would depend on the response to the questions that had been posed to the parties.

Minute 27/10: The Committee's contract with the Chairman

Bob Urie advised that the remuneration sub-committee would submit its report before the next meeting of the Committee. It would cover the matter of the Committee's contract with the Chairman and also, in general terms, two other, but similar, matters.

28/4 Tenancy agreement with Railtrack Property

The Secretary reported that he had been advised by Railtrack Property that a final draft of the tenancy agreement, incorporating the points made at the negotiation meeting in November, was now being prepared. He was pressing for receipt of a copy as a matter of urgency.

In the light of twelve months experience, and with a tenancy having only two years to run, the Committee agreed that it would leave in abeyance the proposal to install a floor-to-ceiling partition in Room 226. The Secretary was instructed to check for how long the planning permission would remain valid.

Action: Secretary

28/5 Hearing of reference No.[AD]14

The Committee formally heard reference no.14 from Great Eastern Railway, West Anglia Great Northern Railway, Anglia Railways Train Services, and LTS Rail. The Determination of the Committee is attached.

28/6 The Committee's Archives

Papers relating to the development of the Access Conditions and related matters, which are in the ownership of the British Railways Board have been placed in the custody of the Committee. This amounts to 61 box files. It was noted that the BRB had not carried out its previously declared intention to record the contents electronically. The Committee took the view that in due course it would be preferable to retain the archive in electronic form with the originals stored elsewhere This would need to take place when the Committee's storage space is required for other purposes.

Action: Secretary to discuss with BRB.

28/7 Date of next quarterly meeting

Wednesday 11th March 1998 (in Room 230, East Side Offices at Kings Cross)