
NETWORK and VEHICLE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No.11

held at Kings Cross on 19 and 20 September 2001

Present: Bryan Driver (Chairman)
Steve Hawkes
Peter Heubeck
Nigel Oatway
Mike Scott
Mike Vila
Niel Wilson

In attendance: Chris Blackman
Martin Shrubsole

11/1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of meeting no.10 held at Kings Cross on 12 July 2001 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.

11/2 Record of Hearing of Reference no. NV5

The Record of the Hearing of reference NV5 on 12 July 2001 was approved subject to some minor modification. The Chairman signed a copy, as modified, as a true account of the proceedings. In accordance with procedures a copy of the Record will be circulated to members of the Committee, to the parties that attended the hearing, and those other parties directly interested.

11/3 Matters arising from the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

11/4 Hearing of References nos. NV26, 28, 29, 30 and 31

The Committee formally heard joint references

NV26 from Freightliner and Railtrack
NV28 from ScotRail Railways and Railtrack
NV29 from Silverlink Train Services and Railtrack
NV30 from West Coast Trains and Railtrack
NV31 from English Welsh & Scottish Railway and Railtrack

Members agreed that in the circumstances a single composite determination would be issued. This document, entitled Determinations nos. NV 26, 28, 29, 30 and 31, is attached to these minutes.

11/5 Update on references

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

- nv6 The Managing Director of Cardiff Railway Company has indicated that he would review whether to withdraw the reference when the revised signalling at Cardiff Queen Street is introduced. The commissioning date had been postponed yet again and is now programmed for implementation in late summer 2001.
- nv20 EWS and Railtrack had undertaken further detailed discussions. The secretary will be reviewing with them a timetable for bringing the reference to the Committee for a hearing.
- nv22-24 References had been received from Freightliner, EWS and Central Trains respectively on the subject of a Railtrack Major Project Notice for Cross Country Upgrade. A further meeting will take place shortly [on 28.9.01] to try and resolve a key issue in contention; the parties have been remitted to make formal submissions on unresolved matters thereafter at the beginning of October.
- nv25, 27 & 32 References from Central Trains, Arriva Trains Northern and First North Western respectively on the subject of the Railtrack Major Project Notice for West Coast Route Modernisation Phase 2 had been withdrawn following successful discussions between the referrers and Railtrack.
- nv33 A reference on Network Change from Great North Eastern Railway; the counter-submission from Railtrack had now been received and arrangements are in hand to hear the reference in October.
- nv34 A reference on Network Change from Great Western Trains; the counter-submission from Railtrack is expected by 12 October.

11/6 Date of next meeting

To be arranged in October.