
NETWORK and VEHICLE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting no.20

held at Kings Cross on 17 February 2004

Present: Tony Holland (Chairman)
Steve Carter
Nick Gibbons
Bob Goundry
Peter Heubeck
Nick Hortin
Stephen Rattue
Geoff Sandberg
Mike Scott

In attendance: Chris Blackman
Martin Shrubsole

20/1 Minutes of meeting no.19

The minutes of meeting no.19, held at Kings Cross on 8 and 23 December 2003, were approved subject to minor modification. The Chairman signed a copy of the minutes, duly modified, as a true record of the proceedings. A copy of the approved minutes will be circulated to all Industry Parties.

20/2 Record of Hearing of Reference NV53

The Record of Hearing of Reference NV53 on 8 and 23 December 2003, was approved subject to a number of minor modifications. The Chairman signed a copy of the Record, duly modified, as a true record of the proceedings. In accordance with procedures a copy of the approved Record will be circulated to members of the Committee and to the parties to the dispute.

20/3 Matters arising from the previous meeting

Minute 19/8: Dates of meetings in 2004

It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 9 November should be rearranged to take place on Tuesday 2 November 2004.

There were no other matters arising.

20/4 Hearing of Reference NV55

The Committee formally heard joint reference NV55 from English Welsh & Scottish Railway and Network Rail. The determination NV55 of the Committee is attached.

20/5 Update on references

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

- nv33 Although the Rail Regulator announced his decision in March 2003 in respect of an appeal referred by Network Rail, written notice of his reasons has not yet been published. In the meantime the parties have reached terms of settlement and, in January 2004, the appeal was withdrawn. The Regulator has made no further comment nor given any detailed reason for his decision previously announced. The Chairman advised that he would seek to ascertain the position.
- nv45 As a consequence of the terms of settlement negotiated by GNER and Network Rail, and the withdrawal of Network Rail's appeal against determination nv33, GNER has now advised that it has withdrawn its reference nv45;
- nv54 A joint submission is awaited from ScotRail Railways and Network Rail on the subject of disputed revenue losses occasioned by Network Changes;
- nv57 Network Rail has notified its intention to refer an issue relating to a proposed Network Change at Stowmarket goods loop; if unresolved a hearing will be scheduled in March or April;
- nv58 Network Rail has notified its intention to refer an issue relating to a proposed Network Change at Ruscombe up goods loop; if unresolved a hearing will be scheduled in March or April.

20/6 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

20/7 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16 March 2004.