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***NETWORK and VEHICLE CHANGE COMMITTEE***

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**Minutes of Meeting No.23**  
held at Kings Cross on 5 May 2004

**Present:** Tony Holland (Chairman)  
Tom Drury  
Nick Hortin  
Tricia Mitchell  
Nigel Oatway  
Stephen Rattue  
Geoff Sandberg

**Apologies:** Steve Carter  
Bob Goundry

**In attendance:** Chris Blackman  
Martin Shrubsole

**23/1 Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed Tom Drury to his first meeting of the Committee as alternate to Mike Scott. It was noted that Tricia Mitchell had resumed as alternate to Peter Heubeck.

**23/2 Minutes of meeting no.22**

The minutes of meeting no.22, held at Kings Cross on 20 April 2004, 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.

**23/3 Record of Hearing of Reference NV58**

The Record of Hearing of Reference NV58 on 20 April 2004, 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.

**23/4 Matters arising from the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

**23/5 Hearing of Reference NV59**

The Committee formally heard reference NV59 from Network Rail.

## **23/6 Update on references**

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

- nv47/51 [see minute 18/5] North Western Trains and English Welsh & Scottish Railway have not yet confirmed the current position on these references (concerning the WCRM Major Project notice 2004);
- nv51 [see minute 18/5] English Welsh & Scottish Railway has advised that the issue (relating to access to terminals in the Ditton Jcn area) is not yet fully resolved; the Secretary has reminded EWS that, if the parties are unable to reach a resolution, the matter can be referred back to the Committee;
- nv54 ScotRail Railways has now withdrawn this reference following resolution of the issues with Network Rail;
- nv60-68 Nine Train Operators have notified intention to refer an issue relating to the WCRM Major Project Notice for Dec.2004 - Dec.2005; joint submissions are being prepared and a hearing was scheduled on 18/19 May; however, Network Rail has been reconsidering the contents of its notice and has indicated that, in mid-May, it will issue an amendment containing revised proposals and invite comments as part of a consultation process – this could lead to references to the Committee in mid-June; any hearing will thus need to be postponed until late June;
- nv69/70 from Central Trains/West Coast Trains on the subject of possessions at Stockport – construed as relating to the aftermath of last autumn's MPN; the Secretary is checking with the parties concerned whether the reference is valid and timeous;

## **23/7 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **23/8 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday and Wednesday, 18 and 19 May 2004.