TIMETABLING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No.27

held at Kings Cross on 5th January 2000

Present:	Bryan Driver, (Chairman)
	Mark Beck
	Jason Bird
	Tony Deighan
	Graham Laycock
	Paul Richardson
Apologies:	Graham Aitken
	Geoff Appleby
	Tony Crabtree
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In attendance:	Chris Blackman
	Martin Shrubsole

27/1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Mark Beck who was attending his first meeting of the Committee in his capacity as alternate to Adrian Caltieri.

27/2 Minutes of meeting no.26

It was noted that the matters discussed at meeting no.26 of the Committee held on 21st December 1999 were independent of the content of meeting no.25 which had been adjourned the previous day. The minutes of meeting no.26 were therefore considered and 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.

27/3 Matters arising from the minutes of meeting no.26

There were no matters arising.

27/4 Record of Hearing of reference no.88

The Committee formally heard joint reference no.88 from Rail express systems and Railtrack. The Determination of the Committee is attached.

27/5 Other references submitted to the Committee

The Committee briefly reviewed the other references received on the subject of Railtrack's offer for the Summer 2000 Timetable.

Reference no.90

It was noted that Great North Eastern Railway had received a formal offer for Railtrack for Summer 2000. The Train Operator had accepted the offer and had formally withdrawn reference no.90.

Reference no.92

Jason Bird advised members that there had been useful discussions between Freightliner and Railtrack concerning the offers which were the subject of reference no.92. A solution acceptable to both parties had been identified; it was anticipated that, when confirmation of the revised offers had been received, the reference would be withdrawn

Reference from Northern Spirit

After consideration, and cross-reference to ADRC determination AD12, the Secretariat had concluded that a reference from Northern Spirit regarding 'diamond time' allowances fell within the jurisdiction of the Timetabling Committee. A meeting to consider this reference would be arranged.

Reference from Heathrow Express

A reference had been received from Heathrow Express, a Train Operator holding an Access Agreement which does not incorporate the Access Conditions. The Secretary had asked the company to produce contractual evidence derived from its Access Agreement, or any other relevant document, that it had a right to seek resolution of a dispute before the Committee.

Other references

Reference no.93 from Great North Eastern Railway would be heard on Tuesday 11th January; references nos.89 and 91 from Thames Trains and Great Western Trains respectively were listed for hearing on Wednesday 12th January; reference no.92 from Freightliner would be heard on Friday 14th January; meetings to be arranged to hear references no.94 from EWS and no.95 from Northern Spirit and also to complete consideration of reference no.87.

27/6 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

27/7 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11th January 2000 to hear reference no.93 from Great North Eastern Railway and Railtrack.