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Steven Saunders
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Dear Steven

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE 61 RELATING TO PARTS D, J, & M OF THE NETWORK CODE AND TO THE ACCESS DISPUTE RESOLUTION RULES

1. The Office of Rail Regulation has today approved Proposal for Change (PfC) 61 to the Network Code, which was submitted to it by the Class Representative Committee (CRC) on 1 June 2012.
2. This proposal, which we sponsored, implements a number of changes to Part J of the Network Code with associated changes to Parts D, J and M of the Network Code and to the Access Dispute Resolution Rules, on which we consulted the industry in December 2010. The proposed changes are intended to replace unnecessary burdens and procedural requirements with straightforward, more mechanistic systems to improve the accessibility, usage and functionality of Part J. We have participated in the development of the amendments and have considered and commented on them at all stages.
3. We have reviewed the consultation responses received and considered by the CRC at its meeting on 29 March 2012.
4. The approval is consistent with our statutory duty to enable persons providing railway services to plan the future of their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance.
5. In accordance with Condition C9.1.2 of the Network Code, the amendments to Part J shall have effect 14 days from the date of this notification.
6. In giving CRC notice of approval we also copy this letter and attached notice to all parties identified under Conditions A4.1 and C9.1.1 of the Network Code.



7. A copy of this letter, the approval notice and the proposals will be placed on the ORR website. A copy of the approval notice will also go on ORR's public register.

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO THE NETWORK CODE TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO PARTS D, J & M OF THE NETWORK CODE AND TO THE ACCESS DISPUTE RESOLUTION RULES

1. This notice is given under Condition C7.1.3 of the Network Code. Terms defined in the Network Code have the same meaning in this notice. References in this notice to Conditions are references to Conditions of the Network Code.
2. The Class Representative Committee (CRC) submitted Proposal for Change 61 under Condition C7.1.1 on 1 June 2012. The CRC has also submitted a written memorandum explaining the reasons for the proposed changes and details of the result of the consultation process as required by Condition C7.1.1.
3. The Secretary to the CRC has informed me that the Proposal for Change was unanimously endorsed by the CRC at its meeting on 29 March 2012.
4. ORR now gives notice to the CRC that it approves Proposal for Change 61 for the purpose of Condition C7.1.3.
5. A copy of the Proposal for Change is attached to this notice.

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