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RFG AGM and Annual Policy Meeting: Update from ORR

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Agenda

- Introduction and thanks
- Whistle-stop tour of some of ORR's current activities
- Eclectic agenda!
 - 2018 Periodic Review
 - Freight customer event
 - Occupational health





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2018 Periodic Review

PR18 context and background

Date	Publication / event
July 2013	We publish our Long Term Regulatory Statement – ‘opportunities and challenges facing the railway’
October 2013	Our PR13 final determination includes commitments for PR18 development activity in early CP5
Late 2013 and early 2014	We host Long Term Regulatory Statement roundtable events covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none">> whole sector working;> financial sustainability; and> competition, consumers and markets.

We now have a window of opportunity to carry out PR18 development activities i.e. before the more formal part of PR18 gets underway.

PR18 development activities so far

- Preliminary work to identify a programme of **development activities** which will:
 - be **complete before PR18** begins formally;
 - **enable the conduct** of PR18; and
 - seek to **deliver on the LTRS** vision.
- We will ensure sufficient time and opportunity to engage with the industry
- Work is at an early stage but:
 - concrete commitment to work with the industry, in early CP5, to review the **charging structure**.



PR18 structure of charges review

- We are looking for a process for developing a future charging structure which involves **extensive industry input and engagement**
- We understand that a proposal for the future charging structure must be:
 - fully **understood in terms of its impact**; and
 - be a **proportionate improvement** on the existing structure.
- We are delighted that RDG is itself considering the charging structure and we anticipate **working in tandem** with the RDG review.





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Freight customer event

Purpose of freight customer event

- Event will bring freight customers and ORR directly together
- We want freight customers to:
 - gain greater insight to ORR's work;
 - be confident that ORR can and will listen to their concerns;
- Event will help ORR to continue to build an understanding of the commercial context.
- It will be small enough to be interactive: with the participants able to raise questions or issues.



Event details

9 October 2014, 9.30 – 14.00, London venue

Format

- Presentations from ORR Directors
- Panel discussions involving key industry figures
 - Networking lunch

How to register

- On-line using this form: <http://orr.gov.uk/freight-customers>
- Registration cards available today

At the event we will seek views on whether customers want to **continue with direct ORR engagement** and how it could best be achieved.



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Occupational health

Recent ORR activity

- **PR13 final determination:**
 - explicit assumptions regarding the savings which NR could achieve by improving occupational health
- **Occupational health programme 2014-19:**
 - 'Making It Happen' - published April 2014
- **RFG's July newsletter:**
 - Ian Prosser guest opinion on 'Improving the culture of safety for railway workers'



Steps towards improving health and wellbeing

- Key themes of Ian's article:
 - **positive action** across industry to manage health more effectively, but more can be achieved
 - **different considerations** in the rail freight sector, compared to other parts of industry
- Key issue is better driver management – particularly **fatigue management**:
 - encouraged to see freight industry making headway in implementing **fatigue management systems**
 - companies to understand and implement latest **best practice and research** on the best work patterns to minimise impact on health, and to ensure **safety is not compromised** by commercial pressures.
 - there is **good practice guidance** on the ORR website on fatigue management
- OH programme sets out how we will **work with industry over the next five years** to ensure legal compliance and to adopt and share best practice.



Occupational health resources

- ORR website has excellent resources for managers and workers, e.g. guidance on key health issues and case studies
- **Occupational health programme 2014-19** on ORR's website, along with a short leaflet:

[Occupational Health Programme 2014-19 : Making It Happen](#)

[Health & Wellbeing Summary](#)

- You can also sign up for quarterly industry updates:
www.orr.gov.uk/what-and-how-we-regulate/health-and-safety/occupational-health



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