ACCESS DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of MEETING No. 54

held in London on 19 December 2001 and 28 January 2002

Present:

Bryan Driver, Chairman Bill Davidson (Railtrack) David Franks (South Central) Julia Glenn (Railtrack) Bil McGregor (ScotRail Railways) Nigel Oatway (English Welsh & Scottish Railway) Ian Osborne (Freightliner)

Apologies:

Tim Clarke (Anglia Railways) Tony Deighan (Eurostar (U.K.))

In attendance:

Chris Blackman (Secretary) Martin Shrubsole (Clerk)

Observer:

Elaine Harris (Office of the Rail Regulator)

54/1 Minutes of meeting No.53

The minutes of meeting no.53 held on 12 December 2001 were approved subject to two modifications. The Chairman signed a duly modified copy of the minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

54/2 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

54/3 Hearing of joint reference AD27 from Great Eastern Railway and Railtrack

The Committee formally heard joint reference AD27 from Great Eastern Railway and Railtrack on the issue of delay attribution. The Determination of the Committee is attached.

54/4 Update on References

The Secretary advised members that reference AD25 remained stayed pending final resolution of reference nv5. There were no other references pending for the Committee to hear.

54/5 Appointment of a new Chairman

The Committee noted the paper from the Deputy Chairman, and the chairman of the appointments sub-committee and formally approved the appointment of Mr Tony Holland as Chairman of the Committee with effect from 1 April 2002.

The Committee also formally approved the appointment of Mr Bryan Driver as Independent Vice-Chairman with effect from 1 April 2002.

The Secretary was instructed to finalise the terms and prepare contracts for the new Chairman and Independent Vice-Chairman as quickly as possible to enable them to be formally signed before 1 April 2002.

54/6 Contract with the Clerk

Members formally approved the revision to the terms of the clerk's contract with the Committee and asked that this be ready for signature in early February 2002. The revised contract comes into effect on 1 March 2002.

54/7 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20 February 2002 ('earmarked' for possible hearing)