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## **CLOSURE RATIFICATION NOTICE - ABERCYNON NORTH STATION**

- 1) On 22 May 2008 the Welsh Assembly Government requested that the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) ratify the proposal to close Abercynon North station, which included consequential improvements to Abercynon South station.
- 2) Further to s32(8) of the Railways Act 2005 ("the Act"), I am satisfied that:
  - a) There has been no failure or defect in the consultation; and
  - b) That the proposal satisfies the criteria set out in the relevant part of the closure guidance issued under the Act.
- 3) Having considered the overall proposal, I hereby ratify the closure of Abercynon North Station.
- 4) Under s33(2) of the Act, the ORR is empowered to "impose such requirements relevant to the proposal as it considers appropriate". I do not consider it necessary to impose such requirements.
- 5) Under ORR's power in s.32(9)(b) of the Act, I am requiring the operator of the Abercynon North and Abercynon South stations to display this notice at those stations for a period of 4 weeks following the date of this notice.

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Duly authorised by the Office of Rail Regulation





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