

## **HOW THE 2013 PERIODIC REVIEW (PR13) WILL APPLY TO NEW ACCESS AGREEMENTS**

On 15 March 2012 we issued a formal notice initiating an access charges review (the “Review Initiation Notice”) in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1C of Schedule 4A to the Railways Act 1993. This access charges review is known as the 2013 Periodic Review (PR13).

As well as serving the Review Initiation Notice on the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, the Treasury and the parties to relevant access agreements, we also sent a copy to “Others persons who we consider appropriate”. Amongst this category, we have included those persons who we think might become parties to a relevant access agreement before the beginning of the next control period, but who do not currently hold a relevant access agreement.

It is the provisions of Schedule 4A to the Railways Act 1993 and the re-opener provision in a relevant access agreement, rather than receipt of the Review Initiation Notice, which will bring an access agreement and its parties within the scope of our review. Therefore any track or station access agreement containing a re-opener entered into after we have issued the Review Initiation Notice but before we implement our conclusions on the access charges review will fall within the scope of the review by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Schedule 4A. This applies even if we did not serve the new access beneficiary with a copy of the Review Initiation Notice at the time it was published.

The [Review Initiation Notice](#) and more information on PR13 can be found on our PR13 microsite [PR13 Microsite](#). If you have any questions about whether the access charges review may apply to your proposed access agreement then please contact [Track.Access@orr.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Track.Access@orr.gsi.gov.uk).