Rail access rights planning and use, 15 December 2024 timetable change

Glossary

- **A and L function:** refers to functions within ORR Access and Licensing Team. These are passenger track access, freight access and stations and depot access
- **Access regulatory information:** the report name for the information we publish relating to passenger, freight and station and depot access on regulated networks
- **AVG days:** the average duration of the application process, meaning the average overall time, in days, from start to finish for all applications
- **Awaiting formal submission:** an application that is in the pipeline but not yet formally submitted to ORR
- **Complexity RAG:** A red, amber or green status applied to cases based on their complexity when processed by ORR. Green means any issues were minor and quickly addressed. Amber means concerns were raised but were resolved without further complication, and without significantly extending the case duration. Red means sustained problems which led to further complications, and/ or significant delays to the case process
- **Consultation:** the industry consultation carried out by Network Rail on behalf of the application
- **Facility name:** the station, depot etc. that the contract refers to.
- **FNPO:** Freight and National Passenger Operator. This is an area of Network Rail that looks after nationwide operators
- **Formal submission invited:** ORR has completed its review and instructed applicants to submit the finalised legal documents
- **Formal submission received:** the applicants have submitted the finalised legal documents for ORR to approve

- **General approval:** permits Network Rail and a train operator to make amendments to their track access agreement, subject to certain conditions, without our specific approval
- **IM:** infrastructure manage
- **Influencing factors:** considerations ORR undertakes during application review
- **Informal submission received:** ORR has received an application from an infrastructure manager and a beneficiary to amend their contract
- **Live cases:** the current access applications being reviewed by ORR.
- **NC milestone:** relates to timetable production dates published in Network Rail's Network Code.
- **Non Network Rail Infrastructure:** areas of railway infrastructure that are not managed by Network Rail
- **Operator**: train operator
- **RFT:** right first time, referring to track access applications which are submitted with all evidence and information required for ORR to make a decision presented correctly.
- **PCD:** principal change date; referring to one of two annual updates to the UK rail timetable. This is the timetable change date which typically falls in December.
- **Region/route:** geographical area of Network Rail
- **SCD:** subsidiary or summer timetable change date, referring to one of two annual updates to the UK rail timetable. This is the timetable change date which typically falls in May.
- **Section:** section of the Railways Act 1993 which is part of the framework within which ORR operates as set by legislation
- **Segment:** the market segment of passenger train operators, whether they are open access operators or on public service contracts
- **SoAR:** Network Rail's Sale of Access Rights panel
- **Specific approval:** a regulated access contract reviewed and approved by ORR
- **TAC:** track access contract
- **Total access rights:** the overall number of track access rights held by passenger train operators
- **Total services planned:** the number of services with access rights that train operators plan to run on the network
- **Total services ran:** the number of services with access rights that train operators actually ran on the network
- **Under review:** means ORR is undertaking its review of the application in line with its statutory duties

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