# **Rolling Stock Strategy Steering Group**

(comprising of the Rail Delivery Group, Angel Trains, Eversholt Rail and Porterbrook)

**Response to:** 

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#### Introduction

The Rolling Stock Strategy Steering Group ("RSSSG") comprises senior representatives of the Rail Delivery Group (RDG, including Train Operating Company (TOC) Owner Groups and Network Rail) and the three principal rolling stock owners (ROSCOs). RSSSG is chaired by Richard Brown. The ROSCOs and Owning Groups represented on the group were contributors to the Competition Commission investigation in 2009 and have an informed view on the outcome as most representatives are either rolling stock lessors or lessees.

## Membership

Richard Brown (Independent Chair) Malcolm Brown (Angel Trains) Mary Kenny (Eversholt Rail) Paul Francis (Porterbrook) Andrew Chivers (National Express) Richard Stuart (Go-Ahead) Hugh Clancy (First Group) Tim Sayer (ATOC engineering council and East Midlands Trains) Roger Cobbe (Arriva) Timothée Lachenal (Keolis) Jan Chaudhry (Abellio) Calvin Lloyd (Network Rail) Michael Roberts (Rail Delivery Group) Helen McAllister (Rail Delivery Group) Chris Kinchin-Smith (Programme Director)

## Background

You wrote to Train Operating Companies (TOCs) on 18 December 2014 to offer the opportunity to provide the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) with their views on the operation of the Rolling Stock Leasing Market Investigation Order 2009 (the Order) put in place by the Competition Commission (the CC) following its Rolling Stock Leasing market investigation

You have requested representations or information from TOCS and stakeholders in relation to:

- the operation of the Order to date; and
- any other important changes that have taken place since the Order came into force on 22 February 2010.

#### Response

RSSSG is not intending to provide a detailed response in this instance as the questions concerned relate closely to the commercial, bilateral negotiations that take place between TOCs and ROSCOs to determine the lease arrangements of rolling stock. Individual TOCs and stakeholders will respond, as intended

Nonetheless the RSSSG has enabled TOCs, Rolling Stock leasing companies and Network Rail to work collaboratively over the last two years to prepare the published Rolling Stock Strategy, the next iteration of which will be published at the end of February.

The group has also provided guidance on rolling stock matters to the DfT and is investigating ten areas that will lead to industry efficiency in rolling stock in CP5. The group enables the ROSCOs to work closely with RDG to identify and help deliver improved value for money for taxpayers and customers

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