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NOTICE

Revised Part 5 Instruments Approved for WestNet Rail

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved the revised Part 5 Instruments submitted by WestNet Rail on 22 April 2009.

The revised documents are available on the Authority's web site.

The documents – <u>Train Management Guidelines</u>, <u>Train Path Policy</u>, <u>Costing Principles</u> and <u>Overpayment Rules</u> – were submitted by Westnet Rail after the Authority reviewed compliance requirements under the *Railways (Access) Code 2000* and the *Railways (Access) Act 1998*.

The Authority's opinion following its review was that its role does not include a general function of monitoring the operational performance of the railway network. The Authority's view is that its functions are only to monitor a railway owner's compliance with the access act and code.

The Authority also decided that future compliance audits would be required, generally, every two years rather than annually.

WestNet Rail's revised Part 5 Instruments, which set out the terms and conditions under which it will provide railway access to third party users under the code, reflect the outcome of the Authority's review.

No public submissions were received on the proposed revisions during the course of the public consultation process, which closed on 15 May 2009.

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