

UKOPA/02/0098

Dear Member,

Please find attached a copy of an e mail received from Neil Jackson relating to Railtrack leases. Note 20.1 of the September meeting refers, and I confirm that subject will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Regards,

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Subject: UKOPA Action - Railtrack Leases

Phill,

at the last UKOPA meeting members were asked to share information regarding any claims for increased rates for leases from Railtrack (now Network Rail), I can provide the following information on behalf of Transco:

Transco has a National Agreement with Railtrack that covers the majority of its pipeline network. There have been no substantial claims for increased rates under this agreement, the agreement does include an RPI element so the fees are increased annually in line with inflation.

There are a small number of pipelines that are not covered by the national agreement, and there were some early indications that Railtrack intended to increase the fees for some of these pipelines, but in practice this did not occur.

Note: our National Agreement is due for renewal next year, we have not had any indication that Railtrack intend a substantial increase in rates for pipelines covered by the National Agreement.

Regards

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