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New criteria for notification of intended changes or revisions of statements

Kurth: "Requirements create legal clarity for infrastructure companies"

The Federal Network Agency has now set binding criteria for DB Netz AG that it must follow in its notifications of intended changes to or revisions of its network and service facilities statements. These requirements concern the form and the content of the notifications, price lists included.

"We have often found in the past that the notifications from the rail infrastructure companies on intended changes to or revisions of their statements had considerable shortcomings, shortcomings in the extent and the degree of detail of the notification. This made it much more difficult for us to examine the changes. There was a real risk that this lack of clarity would ultimately hurt rail competition", Matthias Kurth, Agency President, declared. "And so we have laid down binding requirements to avoid such problems in the future. Today's decision for DB Netz AG shows the way forward. It also creates legal clarity for all the other infrastructure companies."

Track and service facilities operators have to submit to the Agency intended changes to or revisions of their statements and their rail infrastructure price lists. The Agency examines these changes or revisions within the space of four weeks and can raise objections if it deems them not compatible with rail regulations on access to infrastructure.

Further information on today's decision can be found on the Agency's website at www.bundesnetzagentur.de.