



**IN THE COMPETITION  
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

**B E T W E E N :**

**Case No.: 1304/7/7/19**

**JUSTIN GUTMANN**

**Class Representative**

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**FIRST MTR SOUTH WESTERN TRAINS LIMITED**

**“SW Defendant”**

and

**WOODSFORD GROUP LIMITED**

**“the Funder”**

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**CONSENT ORDER (Interim Payment)**

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**UPON** considering the Tribunal’s judgment dated 17 October 2025 [2025] CAT 64

**AND UPON** SW Defendant’s application for costs dated 7 November 2025

**AND UPON** reading the Class Representative’s (“CR”) responsive submissions dated 21 November 2025 and the SW Defendant’s submissions in reply dated 1 December 2025

**AND UPON** the CR having entered into litigation funding agreements with Woodsford Group Ltd, formerly known as Woodsford Litigation Funding Ltd (the “Funder”) for the purpose of financing case no 1304/7/7/19

**AND UPON** the Tribunal adding the Funder as a party on the terms of the Consent Order dated 2 December 2025

**AND UPON** the CR and the SW Defendant having reached agreement in respect of the sum payable by the CR on account of the costs of the SW Defendant

**BY CONSENT IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Within two business days from the date of receipt of a sealed copy of this Order, the CR shall pay the SW Defendant the sum of £7.5million on account of its costs of the proceedings.
2. Direct payment of those costs by either the CR or the Funder to the client account of the solicitors for the SW Defendant will satisfy the CR's obligations under paragraph 1 of this Order.
3. The payment on account of costs by the CR in principle is made without prejudice to any argument that the CR may advance as to quantum and/or any limit on the extent of the CR's costs liability.

**Sir Peter Roth**

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 19 January 2026

Drawn: 19 January 2026