

Anticipated acquisition by InterCity Railways Limited of the ICEC Franchise

Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) that the merger notice provided by InterCity Railways Limited (ICRL) in relation to the award of the ICEC Franchise (the Merger) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 10 December 2014. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a phase 2 investigation is therefore 6 February 2015.