

Anticipated acquisition by InterCity Railways Limited (ICRL) of the ICEC Franchise

Notice of extension of the initial period mentioned in section 34ZA(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(ac) of the Act

On 9 December 2014 the Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) gave notice under section 34ZA(3) of the Act that the initial period in relation to the anticipated acquisition by ICRL of the ICEC Franchise had commenced.

On 10 December 2014 the CMA issued a notice to ICRL (**the Recipient**) under section 109 of the Act requiring the provision of certain information and documents by 5pm on Friday 12 December 2014 (**the Notice**). The information and documents required has not been provided to the satisfaction of the CMA. The Recipient has, therefore, failed (with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with a requirement of a notice under section 109 of the Act.

Accordingly, the CMA has decided that, pursuant to section 34ZB(1) of the Act, the initial period should be extended until the Recipient provides the information and documents to the satisfaction of the CMA as required by the Notice or the CMA cancels this extension.

The extension comes into force on the date of publication of this Notice.