

Ekta,

Thank you for sending Passenger Focus details of Network Rail's consultation on charging for DC transmission losses and regenerative braking.

Apart from their impact on passengers, highly technical issues of this sort are beyond Passenger Focus's remit; they note the work being done, and expect the industry to adopt the most accurate measure with due regard to all aspects of value for money. Their position is basically the same as it was in July 2010 regarding Network Rail's "emerging view":

*They believe the mechanism needs to ensure that whichever party (TOC and/or Network Rail) is best placed/motivated to reduce transmission losses over time through renewal and improved management of the network should actually pay for the losses – in order to maintain such an incentive. This suggests therefore that perhaps Network Rail should be responsible for payment for electricity transmission losses, not the train operators.*

Regards,

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