

Circular No IR/286/11

Dear Colleagues

GROUP 4 SECURITY (G4S) STAFFING – SOUTHEASTERN (BR2/14/5)

Your union has been pressing Southeastern Trains for an agreement on the use and management of agency and contract staff. However the company has stated that they do not believe that an agreement with this union is necessary.

The General Grades Committee has considered this matter and has taken the following decision:

“We note the correspondence on file off the Regional Organiser with Southeastern, we note that there is no correspondence off the company relating to our decision in October 2010 seeking a meeting with the company over contractors.

We again instruct the General Secretary to write to Southeastern seeking a meeting in line with our previous decisions, and for that request to be in writing, any response from the company to be placed on file and placed back in front of the General Grades Committee for further consideration.

It is vital that we were able to address the issues of contract labour and the supply of contract labour with Train Operating Companies in order to prepare a strategy and resources in organising such workers. Branches and Regional Councils to be informed.”

I shall, of course, keep you updated with any further developments.

Yours sincerely

Bob Crow
General Secretary