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Dear stakeholder

I am writing to inform you that ASLEF has announced its decision to undertake strike action on Southern, following a ballot of its members. The strikes are set to take place on December 13th, 14th and 16th; with further action from January 9th – 14th.

We believe this ballot was wholly unnecessary and unjustified in the first place and we are disappointed that the union is now contemplating industrial action.

It is perfectly safe for the driver to have sole responsibility for the operation of a modern train, and that is how a third of the trains up and down the country - with the full agreement and support of ASLEF - already operate today.

The travelling public has already suffered months of misery and hardship as a result of the RMT's pointless series of strikes. We urge ASLEF to get round the table with us to continue our talks and resolve their dispute without causing further unnecessary grief to passengers.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Horton
Chief Executive Officer