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RMT dispute: resolved

We are pleased to report that the RMT leadership has today announced the resolution of its dispute with us.

The RMT leadership has now accepted our assurances that we are making every effort to avoid any compulsory redundancies. Our position has not changed - we made this clear before, during and after the RMT's strike action in June.

RMT has also accepted that any discussions concerning attendance must take place in our "Attendance, Performance and Conduct Joint Working Party" where all trades unions are present.

On pay, and further to my bulletin earlier this week, it has now been proposed by RMT that all the Unions return to ACAS to discuss and clarify the issues in our final offer. We have asked ACAS to set up such a meeting, which they are currently trying to do. Our final offer is still on the table and we hope to be able to conclude this process soon.

I shall keep you informed of progress.

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