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ESTONIAN RAILWAY APPLICATION UPHeld IN LOWER LEVEL COURT

The lower-level Tallinn administrative court in a ruling released on Friday upheld rights of **Eesti Raudtee (Estonian Railway)** in a litigation between the railway and the state concerning track access charges.

The Tallinn Administrative Court declared illegal an order issued by the director-general of the Railway Inspectorate for the period from April 2005 to June 2006. The court also declared unconstitutional provisions of the economic affairs minister's decree containing methods of the calculation of railway track access charged and decided not to apply them.

The court also adjudged 950,000 kroons (EUR 60,707) procedure expenses from the legal successor of the Railway Inspectorate, the Technical Surveillance Authority to Eesti Raudtee.

It is possible to appeal against the Friday ruling during 30 days.

When the debate over track access was initiated the majority of shares in Eesti Raudtee belonged to private investors and the company assessed the track access charges established by the state as being too low.

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