

PROSECUTION

Summary On the 26th May 2011, during the evening rush hour peak, approximately 800 passengers were trapped on a broken down train for approximately three hours at Dock Junction between St Pancras International and Kentish Town stations following a power failure.

The air conditioning and communication systems on the train failed leading to a lack of information being provided to passengers. FCC failed to maintain control of the situation resulting in many passengers opening doors and detraining. Due to the disabling of a safety system on board the train, the driver was unaware that doors were still open with passengers outside of the train when he conducted a pull test of the train. A number of doors were still open when the train eventually travelled to Kentish Town and then again went it travelled onwards to Cricklewood sidings.

Company First Capital Connect

Breaches involved Health and Safety At Work etc. Act 1974, section 3

Date(s) of offence 26th May 2011

Plea Guilty

Result First Capital Connect were fined at Blackfriars Crown Court on 16 September 2013

Penalty £75,000

Costs £27,718.17

Location of offence

Address St Pancras, London

ORR details

ORR Team TOC (S) Team

ORR Directorate Railway Safety Directorate