

PROSECUTION

Summary	On 27 March 2011, rail workers subcontracted by Balfour Beatty as part of the Thameslink project, were installing high voltage cable next to overhead lines near Cricklewood in North West London. They were working at height on cherry-pickers, moving along the track and installing the cable alongside an existing overhead wire. One of the high voltage overhead lines which crossed the site had not been isolated. Those working on the site were unaware of this and the risk to their safety. As a worker checked the distance between the newly installed cable and overhead wire, he made contact with the live wire and suffered 45% burns which required extensive skin graft surgery.
Company	Balfour Beatty Rail Projects Ltd
Breaches involved	Health and Safety At Work etc. Act 1974, section 3.
Date(s) of offence	27 th March 2011
Plea	Guilty
Result	Balfour Beatty Rail Projects Ltd were fined at Harrow Crown Court on 9 th September 2014
Penalty	£350,000
Costs	£50,000

Location of offence

Address Cricklewood

ORR details

ORR Team LNW Team

ORR Directorate Railway Safety Directorate