



# Preliminary Report Railroad DCA14FR006

*The information in this report is preliminary and will be supplemented or corrected during the course of the investigation.*

On March 10, 2014, about 12:55 a.m., eastern daylight time, a Metro-North Railroad electrician was killed when struck by northbound train Number 897 in Manhattan, New York. At the time of the accident, the electrician was restoring power to tracks that had been out-of-service earlier for maintenance. The electrician was not within the limits issued earlier to provide protection from trains.

The train, operating on multiple main track, consisted of one locomotive and 7 coaches. The accident occurred on the Metro-North Railroad Hudson Line near 106<sup>th</sup> Street. At the time of the accident, the train was traveling about 40 mph (the maximum authorized train speed was 45 mph) through the interlocking at CP-3 from the number 2 track to the number 1 track. The sky was dark and overcast, and the temperature was 38°F.

Parties to the investigation are the Federal Railroad Administration, New York Department of Transportation, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Association of Commuter Railroad Employees, and Metro-North Railroad.



Figure 1 Photo facing north towards CP-3