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Dear Ms. Libretto

**Pentir – Trawsfynydd 400kV Overhead Transmission Line
Tower 4ZC30, south of Penrhyndeudraeth
Application for Electricity Act Consent**

I refer to your letter dated 21st December 2016 requesting further information to inform a Habitat Regulations assessment.

In response to the request National Grid has commissioned further ecological and geomorphological surveys of the tower site in the Dwyryd Estuary. In addition, our land surveyors have also surveyed the current position of the shoreline adjacent to the tower.

I am therefore pleased to attach hereto a summary of the survey findings in the form of:

1. A 'Habitat Appraisal' of the tower and cofferdam dated January 2017, produced by our ecological advisors; TEP;
2. A Memo that provides an 'Update on Flow Dynamics and Geomorphology' dated 26th January 2017, produced by our geomorphological advisor; Aecom;
3. A copy of drawing number 06-16445-0, 'Composite Drawing of Monitoring Readings 28/10/2013 TO 09/01/2017', that shows the position of the shoreline on the northern shore of the estuary as surveyed on 9th January 2017.

It had been hoped that a review of the channel migration, based upon up to date aerial imagery, might also have been available but it has not been possible to complete this aspect of the review by the 27th January.

I trust that the attached documents will assist the Secretary of State to complete the habitat regulations assessment.

Please do not hesitate to recontact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Senior Consents Officer