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Our ref: 12.04.09.05-1618U
Your ref: ENF319 Coldhayes 11kV Line Upgrade

16 January 2023,

Dear Miss Pain,

**SCREENING DECISION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER THE
ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2017 (“THE 2017
REGULATIONS”)**

NAME OF SCHEME: ENF319 COLDHAYES 11KV LINE UPGRADE.

Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC (“the Applicant”) has requested a screening decision from the Secretary of State regarding a proposal to install a new wire to an existing overhead line which will require the installation of one additional wire to an existing two wired overhead line, upgrading the network to three phase, the nearest postcode to the proposed development is GU32 2BS (“the Development”).

The Development requires Section 37 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 and is subject to the 2017 Regulations.

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) has considered the factors set out in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations, together with the information within the supplied documentation the Application, in relation to the impacts on the environment of the Development and the views of East Hampshire District Council (“the LPA”). In reaching his decision, the Secretary of State notes the following factors:



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1. The Development does not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA).
2. The proposed works fall under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line is to be installed within the South Downs National Park.
3. Natural England, in their reply dated 14 July 2021, made no objections but advised that South Downs National Park were consulted.
4. South Downs National Park, in their reply dated 14 July 2022, stated that the development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations and does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.
5. In regard to archaeological issues, Hampshire County Council's County Archaeologist, in their reply dated 13 July 2021, confirmed that there were no archaeological sites currently recorded at the Development and that it would not raise any archaeological issues.
6. It is noted that the LPA has assessed the Development under the requirements of the 2017 Regulations and provided their screening views, via the Form b and Annex A, dated 3 August 2022, stating that the proposed scheme is not considered likely to result in significant effects (as confirmed by consultees) it is concluded that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required and they have no objection to the proposals.
7. It is also noted that the local parish, Steep, had no objections to the proposed works.

Taking account of the abovementioned factors and information received, the Secretary of State concludes that the Development is **not an EIA** development under the 2017 Regulations and does not require a statutory EIA as it is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment due to its nature, location and size. A copy of this letter has been sent to the LPA for information.

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