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Dear Ms Bolter,

**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: EUU769 THE MISSION HALL 22000429

Screening decision covering four applications for a proposed development (“the proposed development”) to:

- Upgrade three spans of existing 11 kilovolt overhead electricity line.

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”) by Southern Electric Power Distribution (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Vale of White Horse District Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his decision the Secretary of State notes the following factors:

1. The proposed development does not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA);
2. The proposed development falls under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line is to be installed above ground in a sensitive area;

3. The proposed development is within an Impact Risk Zone for a Site of Special Scientific Interest (“the SSSI”). The applicant had consulted with Natural England who replied saying they have no comments to make on this application.
4. Oxfordshire County Council’s archaeologist was also consulted on the proposed development. The archaeologist informed the applicant that there were two Grade 2 listed buildings within 120 metres west and 50 metres east of the line. The applicant was also made aware that there are archaeological remains in the wider area, although noted that the proposed development would not have an impact on these remains.

Taking account of the abovementioned factors and information received, the Secretary of State concludes that the proposed works are not EIA development under the 2017 Regulations and do not require a statutory EIA as they are unlikely to have significant effects on the environment due to their nature, location and size. A copy of this letter has been sent to the LPA for information.

Yours sincerely,

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