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Dear Ms Eddy,

**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: Trethillick Farm

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

- Add a third wire to an existing 11 kilovolt (KV) 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 National Grid Electricity Distribution (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Cornwall 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 four different Sites of Special Scientific Interest as well as Cornwall Area of



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Outstanding Natural Beauty (“the AONB”). The applicant consulted with Cornwall AONB office and Natural England and neither organisation raised any concerns with the proposed development. Views were also sought from the LPA who also raised no concerns (Form B signed 13 May 2022).

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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