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Dear Miss Shepperd,

**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: Lake House – Three Phase Upgrade**

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

- Upgrade approximately 91 metres of existing overhead line from 2-wire to 3-wire.

The proposed development requires Section 37 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 and are subject to the 2017 Regulations.

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 PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of the South Downs National Park Authority (“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).



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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 falls within the South Downs National Park and is within the Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with the Bramshott and Ludshott Commons Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
4. The LPA were consulted and concluded that the addition of a third wire would not have a negative impact on the human or natural environment and there is not considered to be any negative material impact on the visual environment of the location.
5. Natural England were consulted regarding the SSSI IRZ and had no comment to make – the proposed development is more than 1km from the SSSI.

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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