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Dear Mrs Moore,

**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: Victoria Primary POC

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

- Erect an H-pole, 2 poles and 2 stays associated with 33kV overhead conductors to facilitate a new ground mounted primary substation

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 National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of the Cornwall Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching her 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 within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) related to the Mid Cornwall Moors SSSI and River Camel Valley and Tributaries SSSI.
3. Natural England were consulted regarding the IRZ and had no comment to make as per communication with the Applicant on 19 June 2023 (Natural England reference: 1306231537RM).
4. The LPA was consulted and had no objections to the proposed development.
5. The Applicant consulted with a suitably qualified ecologist from GE Consulting and was advised that the proposed development would not be of ecological concern as per communication in November 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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