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Dear Mr Watson,

**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: Higher Tynes Electricity upgrade works TW

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

- Upgrade an existing overhead line from 2 wire construction 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 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 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 near a sensitive area.
3. The development is located on the boundary of the Cornwall Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) site, the applicant consulted with the LPA’s



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AONB unit regarding any impacts in July 2023. In August 2023, the AONB unit proposed no objection to the development as the development is an upgrade of an existing line hence there would be limited impact.

4. The development is situated near a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) therefore Natural England were consulted regarding any impacts to the development. In August 2023 they responded and did not note any comments or objections regarding the development.
5. In August 2023 the LPA was consulted by the applicant for comments on development, in September 2023 the LPA responded and noted they had no objections to the development.

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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