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Dear Mr Jones,

**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: LLANFENDIGAID HV**

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

- Reposition and upgrade from single-phase to three-phase of an existing 11kv overhead power line

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 SP Manweb (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Snowdonia National Park Authority (“the LPA”). In reaching her 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 development is located within the Snowdonia National Park hence Natural Resources Wales (NRW) were consulted. In October 2022, they advised that proposal is unlikely to affect the special qualities of the National Park.
4. In October 2022, the LPA were consulted and responded in November 2022 that they had no objections to the development.
5. In October 2022, the Public Protection department of Gwynedd Council asked if the applicant intended to operate outside of Control of Pollution Act 1974 (COPA) hours.

In August 2023, Secretary of State contacted the Gwynedd Council for further clarification, who responded that "COPA is an abbreviation for the Control of pollution Act 1974. Noisy building work should be carried out between the following hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, Saturday, 8am to 1pm, and none at all on Sundays and Bank holidays.". Secretary of State contacted the applicant in October 2023 to confirm if the applicant intended to operate outside of Control of Pollution Act 1974 (COPA). The applicant responded that the works undertaken do not involve noisy vehicles and will be undertaken the working hours as referred to.

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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