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Dear Mr Casson,

**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: M.CASSON. RUBY FARM CHIVERTON

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

- Upgrade an existing 11 kilovolt overhead electricity line by adding a third wire.

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;



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3. The proposed development falls within the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site and the Impact Risk Zone for Carrick Heaths Site of Special Scientific Interest (“the SSSI”).
4. The LPA raised no objections to the proposed development. The Secretary of State notes that the LPA did not provide any comments about the impacts of the proposed development. However, given the short distance of the overhead line and the location of the line is on the edge of the World Heritage Site, there is not likely to be a significant impact on the location.

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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