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Dear Mrs Eddy,

**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: Bodinnick Upgrade

Decision:

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.

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

- Upgrade approximately 550 metres of existing 11kV overhead line from 2 to 3-phase, remove 2 existing spans and replace with an underground cable, and upgrade two existing pole-mounted transformers.

Secretary of State considerations:

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 Cornwall Council (“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 proposed development falls within the Cornwall National Landscape (formerly Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with the Polruan to Polperro SSSI which is approximately 1.6km from the proposed development.
4. The LPA were consulted regarding the proposed development and concluded that the proposed development would not significantly impact the sensitive area due to its nature and scale.
5. The applicant consulted with Natural England regarding the SSSI IRZ, Natural England had no comments on the proposed development as per communications on 15 June 2023 (National England reference: 436814).
6. The Applicant consulted the Cornwall National Landscape unit which confirmed in communications on 19 July 2023 that there were no concerns regarding the proposed development.
7. The proposed development is a modification to existing infrastructure which is likely to have minimal visual impact on the National Landscape in which it is situated.

Yours sincerely,

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