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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: Dennis Farm, St Wenn

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 780 metres of existing 11kV overhead line from 2-phase to 3-phase and carry out a like-for-like replacement of 3 x poles.

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 Mid Cornwall Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
4. The LPA were consulted regarding the proposed development and had no objections.
5. On 15 June 2023 an Ecological site survey was carried out on behalf of the Applicant by GE Consulting and the subsequent ‘Ecology Survey and Recommendations’ report was issued on 4 July 2023 (reference: 1994-NG-CB). The report outlined a number of mitigation measures and concluded that, provided all measures are implemented, the proposed development should result in no long-term adverse impacts on the nature conservation value of the area.
6. Natural England were consulted and, based on the mitigation measures outlined in the GE Consulting report, issued assent to carry out the proposed development between 1 December 2023 and 31 March 2024 (Natural England reference: 2211231437CW).

Yours sincerely,

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