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Dear Mrs Corbishley,

**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: Turkey Island PMT 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 360 metres of existing 11kV overhead line to 3-phase.
- Replace 2 x existing poles on a like for like basis.
- Replace 1 x existing pole with an H-pole to support pole-mounted transformer which will be upgraded from 100kVA to 200kVA.

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 Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of South Downs 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 proposed development falls within the South Downs National Park and within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with the Harting Downs SSSI/Local Nature Reserve which is within 135 metres of the proposed development.
4. The Applicant confirmed in communications with Natural England on 18 January 2024 that no access routes will be taken through Harting Downs SSSI/Local Nature Reserve during the proposed development.
5. The Applicant consulted with Natural England regarding the IRZ and unconditional assent was granted on 9 February 2024 to carry out the proposed development between 1 July 2024 and 30 April 2025 (reference: 1501240917NG).
6. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the proposed development. The LPA concluded that the proposed development is not considered to result in any adverse visual impact on the character or appearance of the landscape or South Downs National Park.
7. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and is likely to have minimal visual impact on the National Park in which it is situated.

Yours sincerely,

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