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Dear Ms Moore,

**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: FISKERTON 132KV OHL

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:

- Replace a trident pole with an H pole and erect 3 single poles to form a chair like structure



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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 (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of West Lindsey District Council (“the LPA”). In particular, 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 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. The Applicant consulted with the County Archaeologist and received no objection on 27 February 2024 as there are “...no known archaeological remains in the area and the area of ground disturbance will be relatively small.”
4. The Lincolnshire County Council Highways (Local Lead Flood Authority) were consulted as the development is situated approximately 15m away from a watercourse. They responded with no objections to the works on 11 March 2024, providing the applicant follows the mitigation measures advised by them such as no equipment or tools to be kept near the ordinary watercourse and installing demarcation ropes/barriers around the drain during works.
5. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection “It is located on arable land in the open countryside, ... the visual impact would be permanent, however, given the existing context of the site with the presence of existing electrical transmission infrastructure this is considered acceptable.” on 26 March 2024 (planning reference: 148013).
6. A Construction and Environmental Management Plan was produced by Dalcour Maclaren in April 2024 outlining relevant construction methods and specifying necessary control measures required to minimize environmental impacts, such as refueling will not take place within 30m of the watercourse, spill kits will be kept on site and water containing silt will not be allowed to flow into the watercourse.
7. Public Notices regarding the proposed development were posted in The Lincolnshire Echo from 18 April 2024 to 2 May 2024. No



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representations were received regarding the proposed development by the deadline of 23 May 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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