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Dear Mr Williams,

**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: Cwmgu Fach Farm

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 single 9 metre pole with a 10 metre pole in an existing 11kV overhead line



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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 Brecon Beacons National Park (“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 following designated sensitive area:
 - Brecon Beacons National Park.
4. The Applicant consulted CADW, who responded on 26 March 2024 stating they had no comment to make on the proposed development.
5. The Applicant consulted the LPA who noted no objection to the proposed development on 10 May 2024 (reference: 24/22796/CL). They concluded that an EIA is not required as “There is no change to land use... the size and spatial extent of the development, the impact is considered only slightly increased from the pole that is in place currently.”.
6. The LPA received representations from Natural Resources Wales stating they had no comment to make on the proposed development.
7. The LPA sought the views of the LPA Ecologist, who had no observations to make regarding any ecological impacts.

Yours sincerely,

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