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Dear Mr O'Reilly,

**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: JO/MILA E6L5 TYRELLS LANE LV POLE  
REPLACEMENTS**

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 two poles and install a stay wire



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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 Southern Electric Power Distribution (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of New Forest National Park Authority (“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 to be installed above ground in a sensitive area;
3. The proposed development falls within a designated sensitive area:
  - New Forest National Park
  - The New Forest Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
  - A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with The New Forest SSSI
4. Natural England submitted conditional assent on 12 July 2023 to the development after being consulted via email regarding the SSSI. The condition noted that works are to take place in line with protocols outlined in NE document ‘Practical Guidelines for Working in The New Forest SSSI’.
5. The County Archaeologist submitted no concerns on 4 August 2023 to the proposed development after being consulted via email by the Applicant.
6. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 29 January 2024 (planning reference: 23/01625OHL).

Yours sincerely,

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