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Dear Mr Watson,

**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: Pennycrocker 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:

- Upgrade 550m of existing 11kV overhead line from two phase to three phase.
- Dismantle four spans of 11kv line and replace with underground line



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- Erect a new single pole to support the three-phase transformer and low voltage connections.

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 PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Cornwall Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his 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 Cornwall National Landscapes.
4. The proposed development falls within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone associated with Boscastle to Widemouth SSSI.
5. The LPA were consulted and responded on the 8th of May 2024. They concluded their checks and they “had no objections to make to the proposed development.”
6. Natural England (NE) were consulted on 12th February 2024. NE concluded that “the development is not close to or within a Habitats Site, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and we have no comments to make on this consultation” via email reference: 467793.
7. Cornwall National Landscape were consulted on 12th February 2024. They concluded on 3rd April 2024 via email, that they “had no objection”.
8. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and not likely to have a significant effect on the Natural Landscape.

Yours sincerely,

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