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Dear Mrs Eddy,

**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: Sewage Pumping Station, Roche

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 295 metres of existing 11kV overhead line to 3-phase
- Replace 3 x poles on a like-for-like basis
- Install a new lazy leg pole to support the installation of a new pole-mounted transformer



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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 (South West) PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Cornwall Council (“the LPA”). 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 Breney Common and Goss & Tregoss Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the Mid Cornwall Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
4. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the proposed development (reference: PA24/03637).
5. The Applicant consulted with Natural England who confirmed in communications on 14 August 2024 that the Applicant has followed due process as a Section 28 Authority.
6. An ecology survey was carried out at the site of the proposed development on 4 July 2024 and the subsequent “Preliminary Ecological Appraisal & Habitat Regulations Assessment screening” report was issued by Devon & Cornwall Ecology on 25 July 2024 (reference: DCE1703). The report identified that a 12 metre x 2 metre section of mixed scrub would need to be cleared to access a pole within the SAC/SSSI, however, this impact will be limited to temporary clearance and disturbance and the habitats impacted are common and widespread.



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7. Having considered the Habitats Regulations Assessment completed by Devon & Cornwall Ecology, the Secretary of State is satisfied that there will be no likely significant effects on any National Site Network site under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This is due to the limited works to be carried out within the SAC which will impact approximately 12 metres of scrub habitat – this is sub-optimal habitat for marsh fritillary and not a primary reason for the selection of the site.

Yours sincerely,

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