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Dear Mrs Coad,

**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: Lower Penhallow

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 approximately 1.2 kilometres of existing 11kV overhead from 2-phase to 3-phase.
- Replace 3 x existing poles with stout poles and add one stay to pole 41RVD6



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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 Cornwall National Landscape (formerly Area of Outstanding National Beauty) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with the Gerrans Bay SSSI and Fal & Helford Special Area of Conservation which are less than 300 metres from the proposed development.
4. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the proposed development (reference: PA24/04816).
5. The Applicant consulted with the Cornwall National Landscape Team, who confirmed in communications on 12 June 2024 that they no objection in principle to the proposed development.
6. A consultation with Natural England was not required as the works are an upgrade to the existing network and therefore excluded from IRZ consultations.
7. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and is likely to have minimal visual impact on the National Landscape in which it is situated.

Yours sincerely,

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