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Dear Mrs Price,

**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: RP/A168 - A175 Clearances

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:

- Modify approximately 1,179km of an existing 132kV route by increasing the height of 8 H poles to maintain statutory safety clearance.



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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 PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Pembrokeshire 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 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. The proposed development does not fall within any designated sensitive areas.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA on 28 August 2024. The LPA concluded that the line will not have a significant environmental impact on the surrounding landscape and had no objections to make on the proposed development on 10 December 2024.
5. The Applicant consulted Welsh Government on 27 August 2024. Welsh Government responded via email on 29 August 2024, advising the works are unlikely to make the transmission line visible due to locally encroaching woodland blocking views and therefore had no objections to make on the proposed development.
6. The Applicant consulted Natural Resources Wales (NRW). NRW responded on 4 September 2024 suggesting the applicant considers the relevant guidance highlighted in the corresponding document (reference: CAS-263307-N0N5).
7. The Applicant consulted the county Archaeologist on 27 August 2024. The Archaeological team responded via email on 29 August 2024 considering the regional Historic Environment records and did not consider the proposed work would adversely impact the historic landscape.
8. In accordance with The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, the applicant published a statutory notice to the public in the local newspaper, the Western Telegraph on 18 December 2024 & 1 January 2025. The Applicant received no representation regarding the proposed development by the deadline of 15 January 2025.



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9. 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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