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Dear Mrs Bartle,

**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: SCORRIER, REDRUTH, CORNWALL

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 950 metres of 11kV overhead line to three phase
- Replace twelve poles on a like for like basis
- Install one new pole

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 ("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 Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site.
4. The Applicant consulted the Historic Environment Planning Officer at Cornwall Council who confirmed in communications on 21 January 2025 that the scheme does not require any archaeological mitigation.
5. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who raised no objections to the development on 26 February 2025 (planning reference: PA25/00494).
6. Natural England (NE) was consulted regarding the development and on 19 March 2025 confirmed that they had no objections (reference: 505311).
7. Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Office submitted no objection to the proposal on 27 May 2025, confirming that it 'will not harm the Outstanding Universal Value (international importance) of the World Heritage Site'.

Yours sincerely,

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