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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: 5514744 Marsh Farm 3rd wire OHL upgrade works TW

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 1300 metres of an existing 2 wire 11kV overhead line to 3 wires
- Replace 6 poles as part of the upgrade
- Add a support pole to accommodate a new three-phase transformer
- Relocate an existing pole to balance span lengths
- Install a new mid-span pole to maintain statutory ground clearance and improve span geometry
- Reconfigure an existing pole with an additional stay to ensure structural stability

Secretary of State considerations:



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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 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 Tamar Valley National Landscape.
4. Natural England was consulted and, in the response dated 04 June 2025, confirmed that they had no comments on the proposed development.
5. The Tamar Valley National Landscape team were consulted on 17 June 2025 and confirmed no objection to the proposed development subject to the works being limited in scope to minimise any adverse effects on biodiversity and landscape features, and to avoid increased visual exposure in the local landscape.
6. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 24 July 2025 (planning reference: 25/01560/OHL).
7. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and will have no significant visual impact on the National Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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