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Dear Ms Wallace,

**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: FDX850 - Hillwood Stud Log Cabin

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 Wiltshire Council (“the LPA”) for information.

Screening decision for a proposed development (“the proposed development”) to:

- Line upgrade to 3-phase of a 11kV, 525m overhead line;
- Conversion of an existing pole to a terminal H pole with 200kVA, 3 phase 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 Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of 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 following designated areas:
 - North Wessex Downs National Landscape
4. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the proposed development (reference: PL/2025/07530) in November 2025. It concluded that the proposed development is not an EIA development.
5. Natural England was not consulted as the scale of the works were not deemed to have a significant visual impact.
6. The Secretary of State notes the limited scale of the works, the temporary, localised nature of any impacts and that the proposed development is a minor modification to existing infrastructure. The Secretary of State therefore considers that there are no likely significant effects arising from the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste or the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity and that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effect on the National Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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