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Subject: RE: HRA screening. Brechfa Electricity Connection NSIP. Poles 84-86 alternative undergrounding.
Importance: High

FAO Mr Andrew Hubbard,

Dear Mr Hubbard,

Please find enclosed a copy of our response in relation to your letter and enclosures in the email (below) dated 12 February 2016 from Mr Kenyon.

I have taken the opportunity to copy in the Planning Inspectorate as a matter of courtesy and for their information.

Yours sincerely,
David Watkins.

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Subject: HRA screening

David,

As discussed yesterday, please find attached WPDs request to NRW for a formal response to the HRA screening undertaken for the proposed alternative to poles 84-86. I look forward to receiving your reply,

Regards

David.

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Mr. Andrew Hubbard,
Western Power Distribution,

Our ref: Brechfa Electricity
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Your ref: brechfa connection

Date: 15th February 2016

Annwyl/Dear Mr. Hubbard,

**Re; BRECHFA FOREST CONNECTION. PROPOSED NON-MATERIAL
AMENDMENT POLES 84-86. HABITATS REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT
SCREENING REPORT.**

Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales (NRW) on 12th February 2016 regarding the above matter.

We have reviewed the following document attached to the above consultation letter in relation to any potential significant effects upon the Afon Twyi Special Area of Conservation (SAC) i.e.

- *Habitat Regulation Assessment. Screening for Potentially Significant Effects: Extension of Undergrounding between Poles 84 – 86, February 2016. Western Power Distribution.*

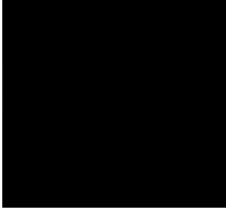
NRW is satisfied with the level of work undertaken in screening for Potentially Significant Effects in relation to the extension to undergrounding at pole locations 84 - 86. We concur with the conclusions of the assessment that, as the proposed works would be 0.3km from the boundary of the Afon Twyi SAC (separated by the B4300) and the areas are not hydrologically linked, any impacts associated with this alternative can be screened out.

NRW is also satisfied that there will be no likely significant effect on the integrity of the Afon Tywi SAC or any of its designated features as a result of this alternative alone or in combination with other schemes assessed.

Yn ddiffuant/yours sincerely,

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