

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE AND BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Director of Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited

Type: External, Non-Executive Director

Committee: Member of the Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited Audit & Compliance Committee

Date of Appointments: 19th June 2024 (appointed to the Audit & Compliance Committee on 19th June 2024)

Current professional activities and positions

Gillian is an external, non-executive director of Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited (“SPENHL”), as well as a “sufficiently independent director” on the Boards of the licensed holding companies and wholly owned subsidiaries of SPENHL (SP Transmission plc, SP Distribution plc and SP Manweb plc). Gillian is also the Chairperson of the SPENHL Audit and Compliance Committee.

Personal profile and academic training

Gillian was educated at Craigholme School and the University of Glasgow, before becoming a Chartered Accountant at Ernst & Young in 1988 and a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner in 1991. She spent 17 years working in Professional Practice with Ernst & Young, latterly as a Corporate Finance Partner, before moving into industry as a Finance Director.

Notable experience in the energy and industrial engineering sector

As Finance Director, Gillian worked at Babcock Rail (formerly First Engineering Limited), and Deep Casing Tools Limited, a venture capital backed entity, which provided equipment to the Oil & Gas sector. Additionally, she worked at Scottish Power on a three month wind farm joint venture project in 2004.

Notable experience in other industries

As Corporate Finance Partner at Ernst & Young, Gillian advised many companies across a range of industries, on such matters as fund raisings, exits and strategic advice.

Finance Director experience was subsequently gained in rail engineering, photonics and property management, before moving to a plural role as Non-Executive Director in industries as diverse as quarrying, insurance, recruitment and tertiary education.

Her role at the University of Strathclyde spanned more than a decade and she was Treasurer there until July 2023, when her governance tenure period was completed. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Strathclyde in November 2022.