
LORD JOHN HUTTON, BARON HUTTON OF FURNESS

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE AND BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Director of Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited

Type: External, Non-Executive Director

Date of Appointment: 15th July 2024

Current professional activities and positions

Lord Hutton 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).

Personal profile and academic training

Lord Hutton was educated at the University of Oxford where he obtained a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Civil Law.

Between 1980 and 1981 Lord Hutton was a Research Associate at Templeton College, Oxford, and was subsequently Senior Lecturer at Northumbria University until 1992.

Noteworthy experience in the energy and industrial engineering sector

Lord Hutton has extensive background in business and industry having served as Secretary of State for Business and Energy from 2005 to 2007 and as Secretary of State for Defence from 2008 to 2009.

Between 2012 and 2018 Lord Hutton was Chair of the Nuclear Industries Association and he has been the Chair of Energy UK since 2017. Since 2022, he has also held positions as Chair for Make UK and the Board of Directors at Pearson Engineering.

Noteworthy experience in other industries

Lord Hutton became a Member of Parliament for Barrow and Furness in 1992. Between 1998 and 2005 he served as Minister of State for Health and Social Care and subsequently as Secretary of State for Work and Pensions until 2010. Lord Hutton was appointed Chair of the Royal United Services Institute between 2010 and 2015.

In 2010, Lord Hutton became a Member of the House of Lords, and he has also been a Non-Executive Director of Circle Health Group since 2014 and Chair of the Board of Hall for Cornwall, a regional arts and theatre company.