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LORD HUTTON OF FURNESS

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE AND BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Director of Scottish Power Limited

Type: External, Non-Executive Director

Committee: Member of the Scottish Power Limited Audit & Compliance Committee

Date of Appointment: 6 May 2025

Current professional activities and positions

Lord Hutton is an experienced Chair, having led organisations in the public, private and charitable sectors.

He is currently Chair of The Association of Infrastructure Investors in Public Private Partnerships, Chair and Non-Executive Director at Pearson Engineering Limited, Chair of the Board of Hall for Cornwall, a regional arts and theatre company, Chair of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Economic Forum and Chair of London Luton Airport.

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 experience 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.

From 2012 to 2018, Lord Hutton was Chair of the Nuclear Industries Association and was the Chair of Energy UK from 2017 to 2022.

He was also Chair of the engineering and manufacturing industry trade association Make UK (formerly EEF) from 2022 to 2024, Nonexecutive Director of the Circle Health Group from 2017 to 2024 and he was also Chair and Non-executive Director at GMET Nuclear Ltd from 2019 to 2024.

From 15 July 2024 until 5 May 2025, Lord Hutton was an independent non-executive director of Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited, and from 16 July 2024 until 5 May 2025, a sufficiently independent director of SP Transmission plc, SP Manweb plc and SP Distribution plc.

Noteworthy experience in other industries

Lord Hutton was elected 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.