

Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies

An All-Party Parliamentary Group



PGES

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for Energy Studies

Annual Report 2014-15

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History

Founded in 1980, the Group was established by former Conservative MP for Lanark and 17th Earl of Lauderdale, Patrick Francis Maitland, and The Rt Hon. Dr J. Dickson Mabon, former MP for Greenock and Port Glasgow and Labour Minister for Energy from 1976-79. It remains the only Parliamentary Group to cover all areas of the energy sector.

This diversity of expertise is evidenced by the broad range of subjects covered throughout the years by our monthly guest speakers and, more recently, by contributors to *Energy Focus*. Recent topics have included European energy network integration, Demand Side Response, the nuclear skills gap, shale gas, and the potential ramifications of Scottish independence on the UK energy market.

Mission statement

To provide a high-level forum for Parliament, industry, academia and others to discuss key energy issues, and share knowledge and expertise across the whole of the sector.

To promote the importance of these issues among key audiences, and foster an informed, long-term view of domestic and international energy policy.

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We live in interesting times, and the past year has certainly been interesting for both UK energy policy, and for PGES.

Not only has there been a change of Government, but PGES has had a change of name and of secretariat. New Parliamentary Rules meant that Associate Groups no longer exist and we have become an All-Party Parliamentary Group (an APPG) with the new APPG logo. There are new rules that affect the reporting and administrative requirements, but practically, the Group will continue to be able to run as it was, with Associate members from industry and academia as well as other organisations involved in energy. The Group will still be led by the Executive Council, which will still comprise Associate Members from industry, academia and individuals, as well as Parliamentarians, who will be able to vote.

With the change of Government, comes a new Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Amber Rudd. We are pleased to have a good relationship with her already and she has agreed to come to our next Annual Dinner in the House of Lords in February 2016.

The Group opened 2014 with the very successful House of Lords Annual Dinner, which was kindly supported by IChemE. We were also delighted to welcome The Rt. Hon. Edward Davey, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change as Guest of Honour, who was extremely generous with his time.

The Group website has been revised and *Energy Focus* is resuming its publication, with top-level interviews from across government and contributions from the leaders of sector representative bodies as well as those organisations at the forefront of energy generation, transmission and delivery.

That's why, whatever the future may hold for UK energy, I am confident that the Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies, along with its members, will be at the forefront of the policy discussion. This report has been written in November, to reflect on the preceding year.

Ian Liddell-Grainger MP
Chairman, PGES
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FINANCE

Accounts for the year to 28th February 2015 showed an operating surplus of £18,526 for 2014-15. This left reserves at £43,532.

Accountant's report to members

Thank you to Simon Law at Nabarro Accountants, who provides accounting services, and Paul Faber ACA at Landau Morley LLP, who provides auditing services for the Group.

ENERGY FOCUS

The publication of *Energy Focus* three times a year enables members to hear from a wide range of contributors as well as recording the papers of our speakers at the monthly meetings. The journal also gives members an opportunity to air their views, and is known for its tracking of energy and environmental subjects in Parliament. This year, one edition has been omitted over the General Election period.

The journal is also now available to all members online, through the PGES website (www.pges.org.uk).

None of this would have been possible in 2014-15, were it not for the support of Fluor, who have continued to sponsor the publication.

As publication of *Energy Focus* resumes, more sponsors are needed to help support this vital communication with Parliamentarians and industry. Please contact the administrator for details.

MEMBERSHIP

Parliamentary

As Vicky Ford, MEP is no longer on the ITRE Committee, Ian Duncan, MEP has stepped in to become the Group's European parliament Officer.

Associate

Seven organisations resigned, ceased trading or were taken over in 2014-15.

The following 3 have been welcomed as new members since September 2015:

Burns & McDonnell
The French Embassy
Vitol Group

Individual & Life

One Individual Member, Professor Michael Laughton has retired.

Membership on the 28th October 2015 was:

Parliamentarians

House of Commons

Alan Whitehead MP
Albert Owen MP
Andrea Leadsom MP
Andrew Turner MP
Brandon Lewis MP
Chris Pincher MP
Chris White MP
Christopher Chope MP
Clive Betts MP
Glyn Davies MP
Clive Efford MP
Dave Anderson MP
David Morris MP
Derek Twigg MP
Eilidh Whiteford MP
George Freeman MP
Huw Irranca-Davies MP
Ian Lavery MP
Ian Liddell-Grainger MP
Ian Lucas MP
James Reed MP
James Heapey MP
Jeremy Lefroy MP
Jon Trickett MP
Kevin Barron MP
Khalid Mahmood MP
Lindsay Hoyle MP
Luciana Berger MP
Mark Garnier MP
Mark Menzies MP
Mark Spencer MP
Mark Tami MP
Neil Parish MP
Nigel Adams MP
Patricia Glass MP
Paul Farrelly MP
Peter Aldous MP
Philip Hollobone MP
Richard Graham MP
Robert Goodwill MP
Ronnie Campbell MP
Stephen Crabb MP
Therese Coffey MP
Tom Watson MP

European Parliament

Charles Tannock MEP
Ian Duncan MEP
Linda McAvan MEP
Vicky Ford MEP

House of Lords

Baroness Eccles
Baroness Ford
Duke of Montrose
Earl of Erroll
Earl of Lindsay
Lord Redesdale
Lord Berkeley
Lord Boswell
Lord Bradshaw
Lord Broers
Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe
Lord Cavendish of Furness
Lord Christopher
Lord Dixon
Lord Ezra
Lord Geddes
Lord Haskel
Lord Haworth
Lord Hoyle of Warrington
Lord Mogg
Lord Palmer
Lord Paul
Lord Smith of Kelvin
Lord Stoddart
Lord Whitty
Lord Wilson of Tillyorn
Lord Woolmer of Leeds
Viscount Brookeborough
Rt Hon Lord Maclennan of Rogart
Lord Moynihan
Rt Hon Lord Smith of Finsbury
Lord Teverson
Lord Tombs
Lord Truscott
Lord Turnbull
Lord Wade of Chorlton
Baroness Worthington
Lord Elibank
Lord Renwick
Lord Hunt of Kings Heath
Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan

Lord Oxburgh

Lord Skelmersdale

Associate Members

City University

Kingston University

Queen's University Belfast

University College London

University of Edinburgh School of Geosciences

University of Leeds

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University of Warwick

Association for Decentralised Energy

Association of UK Coal Importers

BCECA (British Chemical Engineering Contractors Association)

BEAMA

Combustion Engineering Association

Confederation of Paper Industries

Durham Energy Institute

Energy and Utilities Alliance

Energy Institute

Energy Managers Association

Energy Networks Association

Energy Technologies Institute

EPSRC

Glass & Glazing Federation

IChemE

ICSE

IET

Institution of Chemical Engineers

Major Energy Users Council

Nuclear Industry Association

The Carbon Capture & Storage Association

Companies

AB Sugar

ALFA ENERGY

Alkane Energy

Amec Foster Wheeler

Ansaldo Nucleare

APX

Arup

Babcock International

Baringa Partners

BG Group

Bird & Bird LLP

Bosch Thermotechnology

BP

Brit Management Data Foundation

Burns & McDonnell

Candu

Capital Dynamics Ltd.

Centrica

Clean Energy

CMS Cameron McKenna

ConocoPhillips UK Ltd

Cornwall Energy Associates

Corona Energy

Costain

DONG Energy

Doosan Power Systems

Drax

E.on

EDF Energy

Elxon Ltd

Energy UK

Enertek

Ernst & Young

ESB

Esso UK

Fluor

French Embassy

Good Energy

Greenergy

Hogan Lovells

Honeywell Trend

Horizon Nuclear Power

HSE

ICE Futures Europe

IGas

International Power

ITM Power

Jersey Electricity

KBR Energy & Chemicals

Liquid Air Energy Network

Local Waste Solutions

Mott MacDonald

National Grid

ND Metering Solutions

Nexen Petroleum

Northern Powergrid
Nuclear Liabilities Fund
Ofgem
Oliver Wyman
Phillips 66
Ravenheat Manufacturing
Rothschild
RWE npower
Scottish Power
Shell International Limited
Siemens Energy
SNC-Lavalin
South Hook Gas
Statoil
Tata Steel Europe
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Total Holdings UK
UK Coal
UK Power Networks
USwitch
Utilita Energy Limited
Vinci Energies
Wales & West Utilities
Western Power Distribution
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Professor Peter Pearson
Robert Erskine-Murray
Sir John Hannam
Professor Jim Waston
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Life

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Michael Roberts
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