

MICHAEL J. S. GIBBONS OBE FEI

Michael gained an MA from Downing College, Cambridge and started his career at ICI where following work in the UK, USA and Belgium, he became responsible in 1985 for all energy purchased by ICI in the UK. He led much of the ICI work which led to the development of Teesside Power, and served on the Board of Teesside Power Ltd.

He joined Powergen in 1991, and performed a wide range of roles at Director level, including the purchasing of all fuels for the UK power stations, and as Managing Director for Powergen's gas business; he directed the renegotiation of several major contracts, and was Director of UK Communications, responsible for government and external relations, the press office and internal communications.

He has held a wide range of commercial and public appointments, e.g. Chair of the CBI electricity privatisation working party; Member of the Gas Consumers Council; Expert Adviser to the European Commission on energy; Member of the ECSC Joint Consultative Committee and Regional Councillor of the CBI.

Since leaving Powergen in 2002, he worked toward better regulation for the UK government as a Member of the Better Regulation Commission and the BRTF (its predecessor body) from 2002 - 2008. In 2007 he led a Review (the Gibbons Review) of Employment Dispute Resolution Regulations for the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and chaired a Practitioner Panel on the simplification of employment law for the DTI. In February 2008 he was appointed by the European Commission to the High Level Advisory Group on Administrative Burdens (the "Stoiber Group"). In 2009 the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills appointed him the first Chair of the Regulatory Policy Committee, an independent external regulatory scrutiny body to advise the government on proposed new UK regulations; he was reappointed in 2012.

He has been appointed Chairman of Elexon, the UK electricity balancing and settlement company, and the BSC Panel, from 1 October 2013. He has worked on developing the IGCC/CCS Don Valley Power Project with 2Co Power (Yorkshire) Ltd, of which he is a Director, and is now Chairman of the Carbon Capture and Storage Association. He is also Chairman of UKWEC, the British member committee of the World Energy Council, a member of the Advisory Board of Ocean Power Technologies Inc. and a Director of the British Management Data Foundation. He was Chairman of the Hertfordshire Family Mediation Service Limited and a Non-Executive Director of the East and North Herts NHS Trust until 2010.

Michael was awarded an OBE for services to regulatory reform in the New Year Honours List 2008. He enjoys playing squash and tennis, and watching rugby and opera, has three children, and lives with his partner in the Cotswolds.

Summary of current positions

Chairman, Elexon and BSC Panel (from 1 October 2013)

Chairman, UKWEC

Director, 2Co Power (Yorkshire) Ltd

Chairman, Carbon Capture and Storage Association

Director, British Management Data Foundation

Member, Advisory Board, Ocean Power Technologies, Inc

Chairman, Regulatory Policy Committee

Member, High Level Group on Administrative Burdens, European Commission