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Leslie Burns is a Chartered Electrical Engineer with more than 30 years' experience in the Power Supply Industry in a range of roles working for ScottishPower and SSEB. He is a Distribution and Transmission expert with excellent understanding of all activities relating to Network Operations, Asset Management, Engineering Standards and the wider Energy Market both in the UK and abroad.

In recent years, Mr. Burns has utilised his experience to advise other Transmission System Operators in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Hong Kong on various aspects of existing grid operations and planning for proposed future changes.

Mr Burns has acquired a wealth of management experience within the Electricity Distribution and Transmission industry enjoying a range of roles and responsibilities. His unique knowledge and experience coupled with his enthusiasm, decisive nature and simple, direct, friendly manner has regularly delivered successful results. In all of these roles he has encouraged and successfully led organisational and process changes including the following examples:

- Operations Director leading 1100 staff and custodian of significant Capital and Revenue budgets (Up to £ 178m) as well as negotiating substantial contracts and managing the resultant projects.
- Grid System Operations Manager responsible for the management of the ScottishPower Transmission Control Centre. This role included managing the interfaces with the TSOs in England, Northern Ireland and SSE and also chairing the Scottish Grid Code Review Panel.
- Control & Restoration Manager with responsibility for the Distribution Control Centres in Manweb & ScottishPower licence areas.
- Workstream leader in the SP Transition Team carrying out T&D operational reviews and business planning upon the acquisition of Pacificorp by ScottishPower in the USA.
- Workstream Manager for ScottishPower "wires" activities in BETTA and 1998 industry changes.
- External company representative at the Electricity Supply Emergency Code Review Group; England & Wales Distribution Code Review Panel and the Energy Networks Association.
- ScottishPower nominated member of the Hawley Group, under sponsorship of Lord Sainsbury, to review role and performance of the Engineering Council. Group produced a report " Making the best of Valuable Talent " result in the EC being replaced by the formation of the Engineering & Technology Board 1999 – 2000
- Trustee of the ScottishPower Pension Scheme.