
BEATRIZ PESSÔA DE ARAÚJO

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE AND BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Director of Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited

Type: External, Non-Executive Director

Date of Appointments: 1st January 2026

Current professional activities and positions

Beatriz is an external (independent) non-executive director of Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited (“SPENHL”), as well as an external (independent) non-executive director of the licensed holding companies and wholly owned subsidiaries of SPENHL (SP Transmission plc, SP Distribution plc and SP Manweb plc).

She is a family appointed independent non-executive director at Drilton Holdings Limited, the parent company of the Murphy Group and of Folgate Holdings Limited, the parent company of Folgate Estates Limited. She also sits on the Board at The Sustainability Board as Vice Chair and is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Portuguese Institute of Corporate Governance.

On the academic side, Beatriz is Head Tutor of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership’ online course for senior executives Governance for a Sustainable Future.

Personal profile and academic training

Beatriz was educated in Madrid and the UK, attending Cambridge University where she obtained a First-Class Honours B.A.in Law, 1982 (M.A.,1986). Having completed her Law Society Finals, she joined Baker McKenzie as a Trainee Solicitor in 1985 and was promoted to Partner in 1994. During her 38-year career at Baker McKenzie, she advised clients on business-critical transactions (mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate restructurings) and latterly boards on governance best practice. Over this period, she held various management roles, including serving on the London Office Management Committee and was elected by the global partnership to serve on the Global Executive Committee (2009-2013).

Beatriz also holds a certification in corporate governance from the INSEAD Business School, having undertaken the International Director Programme - (IDP-C) (2013). She also completed Berkeley Law Executive Education’s course Sustainable Capitalism & ESG (2021).

Noteworthy experience in the energy and industrial engineering sector

Beatriz was an external non-executive director of Electricity North West Limited and North West Electricity Networks (UK) Limited from 22nd October 2024 to 21st March 2025, and an external, non-executive director of ENW Capital Finance plc, ENW Finance plc and North West Electricity Networks plc from 21st March 2025 to 1st January 2026.

Beatriz gained detailed experience in the chemical industry where she advised a major oil company on ethylene supply arrangements, pipeline agreements, joint ventures and disposals of chemical assets, including the carving out of such assets from integrated chemical sites.

Noteworthy experience in other industries

As a corporate transactional lawyer Beatriz advised clients in the beer, rent-a-car, semiconductor and real estate industries. Her focus industry was pharmaceutical and healthcare where she gained deep expertise in a very regulated industry, not just in the UK but globally.

She has held global advisory roles, including trustee and then Chair of Canning House, co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Responsible Investing and member of the Forum's Climate Governance Community of Experts.