



Serving the Energy & Utility Sector





About the SBGI

The SBGI is a forward looking, progressive organisation. Since its formation in 1905 as the trade association for the whole of the UK onshore gas industry, it has continuously evolved to meet changes in the marketplace. Its scope has recently been extended to include other parts of the energy and utilities sector. Significant further developments in this direction are likely in the next few years.

The SBGI continues to represent and promote the interests of member companies with great vigour and commitment. Through its two operational divisions, Utility Networks and the Heating and Hotwater Industry Council (HHIC), members receive a wide range of valuable services.



Mission Statement

To represent and promote the interests of the UK energy and utility industry, building on a proud track record of over 100 years service to the gas industry, and to provide a wide range of high quality support services to members.



Membership

Each member belongs to the SBGI as a whole but is principally served by either the HHIC or the Utility Networks division. Full members participate in one or more member groups covering the specific industry sector(s) relevant to their business. Associate membership is available for companies whose activities do not fall within the scope of any of those groups.



Services

All member companies benefit from the SBGI's generic services, which complement the sector specific services provided by Utility Networks and HHIC divisions. The SBGI represents the interests of the wider energy and utilities industry to Government, HSE, Ofgem and other key organisations, as well as to MPs and Lords through its membership of several important Parliamentary Groups. The SBGI organises an annual Dinner Dance and (jointly with IGEM) the annual Gas Industry Awards Lunch, as well as seminars on various critical issues, many of which are addressed by the relevant Minister. Other services are delivered through its website at www.sbgi.org.uk. Members' products and services are promoted through both the printed SBGI Energy and Utilities Directory and the online version at www.energyandutilities.org.uk. The annual 'Review of Activities' publication highlights key industry developments throughout the year.

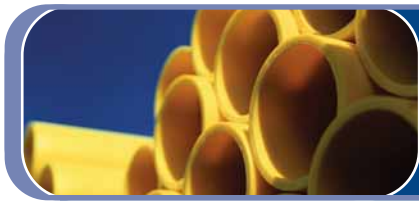


Resources

SBGI services are delivered by a strong team of talented people with a wide range of competence. Many have had extensive experience in the relevant industry sectors. As well servicing its own membership, the SBGI secretariat provides comprehensive services for several other trade organisations operating in the energy and utility sector.

Partnership

The SBGI has a strong track record of working in partnership with other trade associations and professional bodies. This is most visibly demonstrated through joint organisation of major events, but close co-operation with other key players is an ongoing activity, as it is vital to promoting members' interests. In seeking to broaden its operation in the energy and utilities sector and to offer secretariat services to further trade associations, the SBGI will remain committed to working in the spirit of partnership with like minded organisations.



SBGI Divisions



The Utility Networks division of the SBGI promotes the interests of the UK energy and utility networks industry and provides a range of value-adding services to members. It represents the onshore gas industry supply chain in all sectors of network operations from 'beach to meter' and is extending its representation into related sectors such as utility street works, connections, network operations and utility metering.

Membership

Membership is open to any reputable company with a direct interest in UK energy and utility networks and includes:

- Gas distribution network operators
- Network engineering contractors and equipment providers
- Metering and metering services companies
- Gas storage operators

Over 50% of member companies have multi-utility business interests. Among the growing number of Associate members are consultancy groups, systems providers and professional services organisations.

The Utility Networks division provides the following services for its members:

Advocacy - Members' common interests are represented with Government, Ofgem and other organisations relevant to their business through lobbying, targeted communications and formulating industry consultation responses. This activity covers safety, commercial, regulatory, technical and environmental matters.

Information - Members are regularly updated on industry issues and supply chain news through a weekly e-news bulletin, the quarterly magazine 'Utility Business' and the member-only area of the SBGI website, as well as briefings at member group meetings and seminars.

Networking - Numerous attractive networking opportunities are offered by the division's active programme of member group meetings and sector based seminars. These cover topical issues such as street works, connections, regulation, metering, strategic change, gas industry development and gas storage.

International Services - Members are supported in accessing international business development opportunities and benchmarking through targeted market assessment reports, exhibitions and trade missions.

The HHIC is committed to supporting and promoting the sustained growth of the UK domestic heating and hot water industry.

Membership

Membership is open to any reputable company with a direct interest in the UK domestic heating and hot water industry and includes:

- Manufacturers of any products used in the domestic heating market
- Installation businesses
- Merchants and distributors
- Service providers
- Utility companies

HHIC members benefit from the following services:

Information - Members receive accurate and timely information on legislation and industry issues through the weekly 'HHIC News' e-bulletin, the quarterly 'HHIC Journal' and the website at www.hhic.org.uk as well as through member groups and seminars. A market statistics service is also provided.

Representation - The HHIC offers a single united voice for the industry through a range of specialist activities, including lobbying to actively promote members' interests to Government, liaison with all political parties and PR initiatives aimed at keeping the industry in the public eye.

Networking - The HHIC brings together all interested parties by building and maintaining relationships with relevant organisations, associations and professional bodies.

Market Development - The growth of the domestic heating and hot water market is actively promoted by the HHIC through its trade and consumer website www.centralheating.co.uk together with a range of publications and campaigns.

Technical Expertise: The HHIC team offer members the benefit of their extensive technical expertise and knowledge, covering products, markets, product performance and technical information standards and best practice.

Raising Industry Standards: The HHIC is committed to improving standards in terms of both product quality and installation. It developed and continues to manage 'Benchmark', the nationally recognised Code of Practice for manufacturers and installers, which encourages the very highest levels of installation and commissioning of heating appliances. The HHIC also actively participates in the development of industry training programmes.

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