

# Powering the UK

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Energy plays a vital role in the UK economy and for the population as a whole. Energy is used to heat our homes and run our businesses. The industry supports the jobs of hundreds of thousands of people and pays billions in taxes to the UK government.

The industry is working to ensure increasing energy demand can be met, both now but also in 30 or 50 years to come, by investing in the future of energy. In 2013 alone the industry invested £13.1 billion, the equivalent of £500 per household, of which renewable-energy investment accounted for 25% of all new infrastructure investment across the UK for the year. Energy companies are employing more apprentices year on year, ensuring investment is made in new and refurbished energy infrastructure and working to develop sustainable energy

## The facts

### Supporting UK employment

- ▶ The energy sector supported 680,000 UK jobs in 2013. The energy sector employed 131,000 people directly in 2013 compared with 90,000 in 2008.
- ▶ Out of all jobs in the UK, 1 in 44 is in the energy sector.
- ▶ 86% of energy sector job growth between 2008 and 2013 has been outside London and Southern and Eastern England, compared with 53% for other sectors.

### Contribution to UK economy

- ▶ Provided £25 billion in direct contribution to the UK economy, and an additional £71 billion of benefit elsewhere in 2013.
- ▶ In 2013, the energy sector paid £5.7 billion in tax with more on business rates, the climate change levy, the renewable obligation and carbon price floor.

### Energy industry investment

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