

## Appendix A: About us

SSEPD is the owner of two licensed distribution network operators (DNOs): Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) and Southern Electric Power Distribution (SEPD).

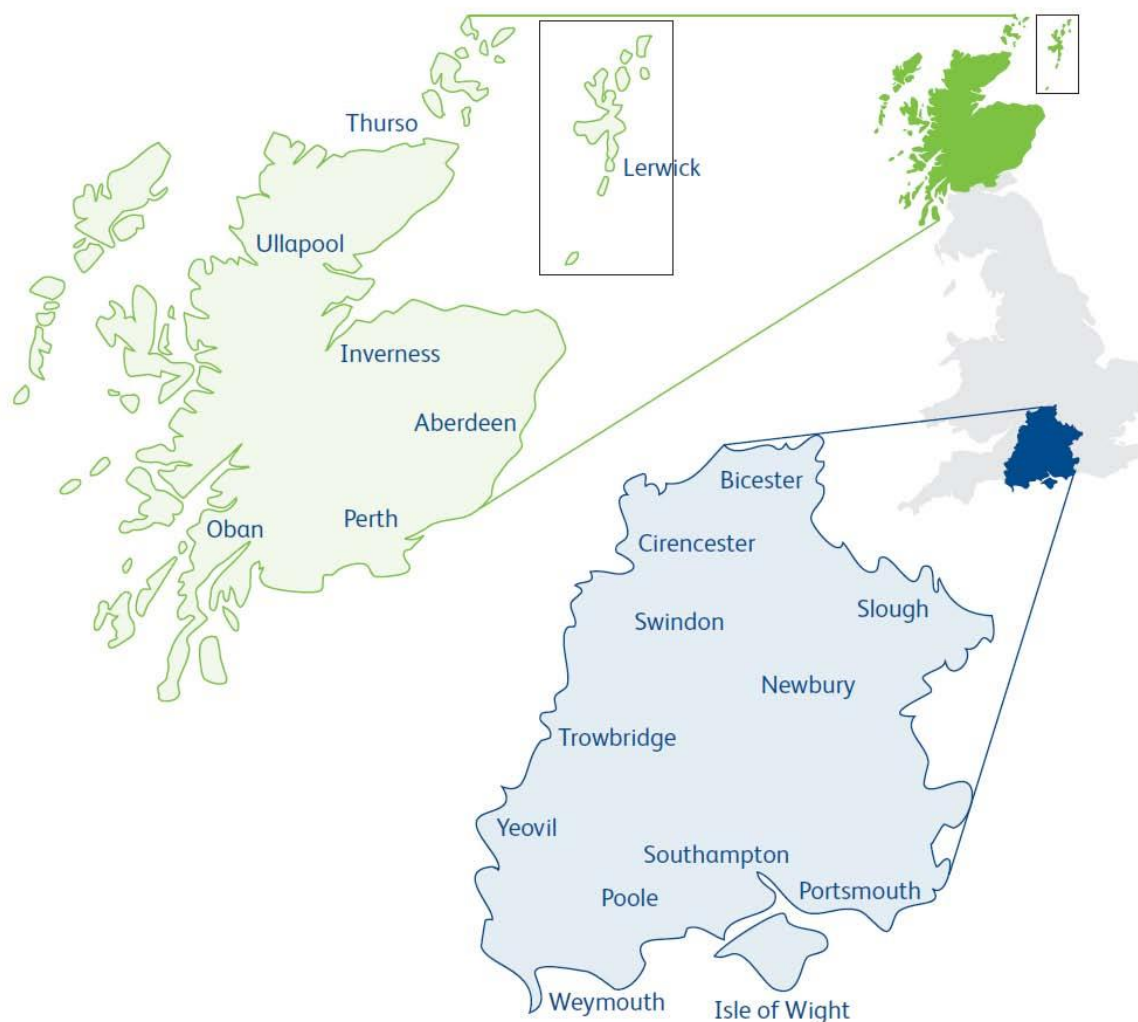


Figure A1: Map of SHEPD and SEPD regions

SEPD covers the most populated area of our two distribution regions and delivers safe, reliable electricity to around 3 million customers across central southern England. Our network is over 76,000km long and ranges from rural communities in Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire for example, to towns and cities including Bournemouth, Oxford, Reading, and Slough among other areas. We also distribute electricity to and across the Isle of Wight.

SHEPD, at the other end of the country, delivers an equally safe and reliable electricity supply to some 740,000 customers in the north of Scotland. Our SHEPD network is over 46,000km long and covers a quarter of Great Britain's landmass which attracts unique challenges both in terms of distance and location. As well as the major towns and cities of Aberdeen, Dundee, Inverness and Perth, we connect to most Scottish islands with over 100 subsea cable links, including the Inner and Outer Hebrides, Arran and the Orkney Islands. We also serve the Shetland Islands, which presently has no interconnection with the mainland and runs a separate electrical system.