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VIRGIL GEORGE HOBBS III

Administrator and Chief Executive, Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern)

Virgil Hobbs is the Administrator and Chief Executive for the Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern). He is honored to have held the position since August 2, 2020.

Mr. Hobbs was born and raised in Fallston, Maryland. He was cultured at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina and received a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Hobbs served four years as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy aboard USS Trippe, FF-1075. He managed various engineering divisions responsible for the operations and maintenance of the fossil fueled steam propulsion and power generation plant.

Mr. Hobbs held managerial and technical positions for nearly 20 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His final assignment was the Hartwell Project Operations Manager with Savannah District. His primary responsibility was prioritizing and balancing resources for competing authorized purposes of hydropower, navigation, flood risk management, environmental stewardship, water supply and recreation.

Prior to his selection as Administrator, Mr. Hobbs served nine years as Southeastern's Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Administrator for Finance & Marketing. He was responsible for overseeing federal hydropower investment repayment studies, power rate formulation, customer liaison, budget execution/development, public affairs program, power/transmission contract management and customer funding of capital renewable energy infrastructure.

Mr. Hobbs has been married to Mary Ann for 35 years, she and two daughters, Ali and Abigail, are graduates of Clemson University. The Hobbs family call Anderson, South Carolina home and attend Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. He is a thespian in local community theater.

Southeastern is one of four U.S. Department of Energy Power Marketing Administrations and is headquartered in Elberton, Georgia. Southeastern markets 3,392 megawatts of capacity and nine billion kilowatt-hours of energy generated annually from 22 federal hydroelectric facilities. Power revenues average \$300 million each year collected from 191 electric cooperatives and 280 municipalities in ten southern states between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River.



ALEX SALKEVER

Former Editor of *BusinessWeek*, AI Expert

A former editor of *BusinessWeek* and award-winning co-author of *The Driver in the Driverless Car*, Alex Salkever is a leading expert in exploring the intersection of technology, business and society. He has over two decades of experience covering cutting-edge advancements in a wide assortment of fields such as AI (and ChatGPT), green energy, genetic engineering, cloud computing, virtual reality, and self-driving cars. This gives Mr. Salkever a unique perspective on the ways in which technology impacts our lives and well-being. He regularly contributes to leading publications and media such as *Fortune*, *Marketwatch*, *CNBC*, *Foreign Affairs*, and many others.

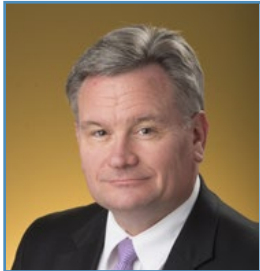
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ROBERT TALLEY

President, Talley & Associates, Inc.

Rob Talley is the President of Talley & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm that has provided strategic business consulting, association advisory services, and regulatory and legislative lobbying for over 25 years. Talley & Associates is regularly recognized by Bloomberg as one of the most productive lobbying firms in Washington, DC. With nearly 35 years of professional experience, Mr. Talley specializes in the energy and environmental sectors. He is a regular speaker and commentator for trade associations and publications, has appeared as a guest commentator on national news programs, and has presented to the United Nations. Mr. Talley holds an M.B.A. from The George Washington University School of Business and Public Management and an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science from the University of Virginia.



DR. ROGER TUTTEROW

Professor of Economics, Kennesaw State University (KSU)

Roger Tutterow is professor of economics at Kennesaw State University (KSU), where he holds the Henssler Financial Endowed Chair. Prior to joining KSU, Dr. Tutterow held faculty and administrative appointments at West Virginia University, Georgia State University and Mercer University. His analyses of the economic, business and political environments have been featured in a wide variety of national media, as well as in regional electronic and print media. In addition to his work in academia, Dr. Tutterow has served as a consultant on financial economics and statistical modeling for corporate clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to closely held businesses. He has provided expert testimony in state and federal court, before the Georgia General Assembly and before the Georgia Public Service Commission. He also has served on the Council of Economic Advisors under Georgia Governors Sonny Perdue, Nathan Deal and Brian Kemp, as well as on numerous other governmental, educational and corporate boards. A Georgia native, Dr. Tutterow holds a Bachelor of Science in Decision Science from Berry College and a Masters and Ph.D. in Economics from Georgia State University.