

W. Paul Bowers

Chief Operating Officer • Georgia Power

Paul Bowers serves as chief operating officer of Georgia Power, the largest subsidiary of Southern Company and one of the nation's largest producers of electricity. In this role, Bowers is responsible for the company's operations, customer service, financial, legal, external affairs and nuclear development functions. He also serves as an executive vice president



of Southern Company and a member of the Southern Company management council.

Prior to being named chief operating officer at Georgia Power, Bowers served as chief financial officer of Southern Company. In this role, Bowers oversaw the company's accounting, finance, tax, investor relations, treasury and risk management functions. He also served as chief risk officer.

Bowers joined the Southern Company system in 1979 at Gulf Power. In 1990, he was elected vice president for Georgia Power, rising to senior vice president in 1995 and joining the company's management council. In 1998, he was elected president and CEO of South Western Electricity plc, the former United Kingdom subsidiary of Southern Company. In September 1999, he led the company through a restructuring to become one of

England's most successful distribution-only utilities. In 2000, he directed the acquisition of the Welch Water and Electric Company, Hyder, which expanded the business to 2.4 million customers in southwest England and Wales. From 2001 to 2008, Bowers served as president of Southern Company Generation, where he oversaw the company's fossil and hydro

generation fleet. In addition, he was responsible for the company's fuel procurement, energy trading and fleet dispatch, system planning, engineering and construction services, and research and environmental affairs, plus the company's competitive generation subsidiary, Southern Power Company.

Bowers serves on the boards of the Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited, the University of Alabama School of Engineering and e3 Partners Ministry. He also is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's energy policy council.

A Pensacola, Florida native, Bowers holds a bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida and a master's degree in management from Troy University. In 1993, Bowers completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.