W. Paul Bowers

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer • Georgia Power



Paul Bowers was named chairman, president and chief executive officer of Georgia Power, effective 2011. The company is the largest subsidiary of Southern Company, one of the nation's leading energy providers.

Paul joined the Southern Company system at Gulf Power in 1979 and has held executive leadership positions at multiple subsidiaries.

Prior to his current position, he was chief financial officer of Southern Company, where he was rated by *Institutional Investors* magazine as one of the industry's Top Three CFOs in America.

In 1998, Paul was elected president and CEO of South Western Electricity LLC (Southern Company's former U.K. subsidiary), which he later transformed into Western Power Distribution (WPD), a distribution network company. In 2001, he was elected president of Southern Company Generation, where he was responsible for the company's overall operational activities. He also served as CEO of Southern Power.

Paul serves on the boards of Nuclear Electric Insurance Ltd. (2018 chairman), Nuclear Energy Institute, AFLAC, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (2017-2018 chairman), Atlanta Committee for Progress (2016 chairman), Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce (2013 chairman), Georgia Chamber of Commerce (2015 chairman), Georgia Research Alliance, and the Georgia Ports Authority. He is curator for the Georgia Historical Society. Paul is a past member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Energy Policy Council and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

For his professional achievements and his commitment to the well-being of the citizens of Georgia, Paul has received the American Jewish Committee's National Human Relations Award and has been inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame. In 2018, Paul was inducted as a Georgia Trustee by the governor of Georgia for exemplifying the highest standard of "Not for Self, but for Others" in his life and career.

A Pensacola, Fla., native, Paul holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of West Florida and a master's degree from Troy University. He is also a Harvard Business School AMP graduate.

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