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Southeastern Power Administration Announces New Administrator



Virgil G. Hobbs III was selected as Administrator for the Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern). Mr. Hobbs succeeds Kenneth E. Legg who retired earlier this year. Mr. Hobbs' appointment was effective August 2, 2020.

Before his selection as Administrator, Mr. Hobbs served as Southeastern's Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Administrator for Finance & Marketing. He was responsible for overseeing federal hydropower investment repayment studies and power rate formulation, customer relations, budget development and execution, economic analyses, power delivery and transmission service contract management and the public affairs program.

Before coming to Southeastern in 2011, Mr. Hobbs was the Hartwell Project Operations Manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District. As Operations Manager, his primary responsibilities were project oversight and balancing resources for the competing authorized purposes of hydropower, navigation, flood risk management, environmental stewardship, and recreation. Mr. Hobbs' overall federal career spans 32 years in the power and natural resource fields.

Born and raised in Fallston, Maryland, Mr. Hobbs holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina. He served four years as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy aboard USS Trippe, FF-1075 where he managed various engineering divisions responsible for the operations and maintenance of the fossil fueled main propulsion and power generation plant.

Mr. Hobbs and his wife Mary Ann, a Registered Nurse, have two daughters, Ali, a Healthcare Industrial Engineer in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Abigail, a First Grade Teacher in Simpsonville, South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs reside in Anderson, South Carolina where they attend Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Hobbs is active in local community theater.

Southeastern Power Administration, headquartered in Elberton, GA, is one of four Power Marketing Administrations within the U.S. Department of Energy. Southeastern is responsible for the marketing of more than nine billion kilowatt-hours of energy each year to 475 municipal and electric cooperative customers serving 12 million energy consumers in a ten state area, with annual power revenues totaling over \$300 million.

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