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Noel Black is the SVP of Government Affairs for Southern Company, working out of the Washington, DC office. Noel leads the companies' energy policy development to advocate for orders and rules that deliver affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for all our customers. He also directs the company's regulatory policy outreach with federal and state agencies such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Noel has significant merger and acquisition experience successfully managing the regulatory approvals for multibillion dollar transactions in his career.

Black also designs and delivers strategic solutions to benefit customers that support renewable integration and electricity price stability for the region such as Southeastern Energy Exchange Market or SEEM. He served as the inaugural Chair of SEEM and oversaw the market development, regulatory filings and approvals, and its successful launch.

Black began his career at Southern Company in 1994 and has served in a variety of leadership roles at operating subsidiaries Alabama Power, Georgia Power, Mississippi Power, and Savannah Electric. Before starting work in federal regulatory affairs in 2011, Black served in electric operations as an area manager for Georgia Power responsible for providing for engineering, construction, storm response, customer service, economic and community development and external affairs in north Georgia.

In addition to leadership roles within Edison Electric Institute Committees Noel serves on the Advisory board for the University of Idaho's Energy Executive Course, the George Washington Energy Law Board, the board of Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University, and Chairs the Power for Tomorrow Board.

A native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Black earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.