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Richard Holmes is Senior Vice President, Metro Atlanta Region for Georgia Power. He joined Georgia Power in 1974 as an Accounting Associate in the Accounting Management Program. He has held various managerial positions in Customer Service, Corporate Relations and Region Operations. In 1999, Holmes became Assistant to the



President and CEO of Georgia Power. Following that assignment, he served as Vice President of Region Operations, Vice President Administrative Services, and then Senior Vice President of Corporate Services. In 2004, he also served as Corporate Compliance Officer before being named to his current position in 2005.

Holmes now has operational responsibility for Georgia Power's 1.2 million customers in the metropolitan Atlanta area. This includes electric operations, sales & marketing, customer service & business offices, governmental relations and community & economic development.

Holmes earned his BBA from Columbus State University and his MBA from Atlanta University. He also completed the Harvard University Business School Program for Management Development.

Active in the community, Holmes serves on the boards of the Georgia State Department of

Community Health, Literacy Action, Kennesaw State University Foundation, American Association of Blacks in Energy, Atlanta Branch NAACP, Atlanta Beltline Partnership, McPherson Planning Local Redevelopment Authority, and the Atlanta Police Foundation. In 1999, he served as Chairman of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, becoming the first African-American to lead the second largest chamber of commerce in Georgia.

Holmes is a graduate of Leadership Georgia, Leadership Atlanta, Leadership Cobb, Leadership Columbus and the Regional Leadership Institute.