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Jim Kerr is executive vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer of Southern Company, which serves 4.4 million customers and is one of America's largest electricity providers. Kerr is the primary legal advisor to, and a member of, Southern Company's management council. As the senior legal officer of the company, he leads the Office of the General Counsel, which includes the company's legal, corporate governance, audit and compliance functions. He also co-chairs Southern Company's internal business assurance council and serves in other risk management roles.

Previously, Kerr was a partner at McGuireWoods LLP and senior advisor at McGuireWoods Consulting LLC, where he co-chaired the energy industry team. He joined McGuireWoods in 2008, serving clients in various sectors of the energy industry, including Southern Company. While there, he demonstrated his extensive knowledge of federal and state energy policy and regulations as he represented utilities in base rate, fuel case and facility certification proceedings. Kerr has also been active in other electric utility matters, including transmission and generation siting and development, environmental regulation, energy efficiency and smart grid.



Kerr was a member of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, which regulates the rates and services of all public utilities in the state, for eight years. He served as president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners from 2007 to 2008 and president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners from 2002 to 2003.

Kerr is a member of the Georgia Aquarium board of directors. He previously served on the board of directors of Consert Inc., a company focused on smart grid initiatives, and as a member of the board of directors for the Electric Power Research Institute.

He earned a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Washington and Lee University and a juris doctorate degree, with honors, from the University of North Carolina School of Law. Kerr and his wife Frances have two children.

Atlanta-based Southern Company owns electric utilities in four states and a growing competitive generation company, as well as fiber optics and wireless communications.