



# News Release

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## **Seymour Retires from Southeastern Power Administration After 60 Years of Federal Service**



Joel W. Seymour retired from Southeastern Power Administration on August, 29, 2020 after more than 60 years of federal service. Mr. Seymour served the entirety of his federal career at Southeastern. First, in the Power Operations section working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in hydropower operations and scheduling electric power. In recent years, he was the Assistant Administrator of Human Resources and Administration. In this role, he was responsible for personnel, information management, contracting, and agency administration.

He was born and raised in Elbert County and holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Georgia. Mr. Seymour was a member of the National Guard for 39 years and was promoted to General. As General, he commanded the Georgia State Defense Force with over 800 members. He also served as chairperson of the State Guard Association of the United States. He is a reserve officer in the Georgia Department of Defense and also serves as an area chair for the Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

Mr. Seymour also served his community as a member of the Elberton City Council, Chairman of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the North East Georgia Regional Development Council. He is a current member of the Rotary Club of Elberton, American Legion, and the Old Guard of Atlanta Georgia. He also served as a chairperson with the National Guard Association of Georgia. Additionally, Mr. Seymour and is a Legion of LaFayette member with the National Guard Association of the United States.

He is married to Nancy Coggins Seymour and they have four children and five grandchildren. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and plans to continue living in Elberton and further serve his community.

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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