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Stanley W. (Stan) Connally Jr. is executive vice president and chief operating officer at Southern Company – one of the largest producers of energy in the United States. He oversees Southern Company system electric operations to deliver on the promise of providing customers with the clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy that meets growing energy needs.

Connally is responsible for how the system makes and moves electricity. This includes safety; system generation; transmission operations and policy; technical and business shared services; commercial operations and Southern Wholesale Energy; system planning; research and development; environmental affairs and sustainability; and systemwide power delivery strategy. He leads the company's work to assess and deploy the full portfolio of electric generation technologies, including potential new nuclear development.

Connally served as chairman, president and CEO of Gulf Power from 2012 through 2018. In that role, he was responsible for the integrated electric operations of the former Southern Company subsidiary serving nearly 450,000 customers across northwest Florida, including external and regulatory activities and the company's financial results.

Earlier in his career, he was responsible for fossil and hydroelectric generation at Georgia Power as its senior vice president and senior production officer. Connally's earlier experience across the company ranges from customer operations, sales and marketing to power plant leadership. He has served across all Southern Company regulated electric subsidiaries in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

He has served on the boards of a number of community and economic development organizations that support children and families and help communities grow. He was vice chair of Enterprise Florida, the state's public-private partnership for economic development, served on the Florida Chamber of Commerce board as chair of the policy council, and sat on the Florida Council of 100 board.

Connally served on the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) board of directors from 2017 to 2024, including as chairman. He is the lead independent director of Capital City Bank Group's board and serves on its audit committee. Connally serves on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board, which provides strategic vision and counsel for the institute's president and senior leadership.

He serves as the national response event coordinator for the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC). As the principal liaison between the federal government and the electric power industry, the ESCC coordinates efforts to safeguard America's critical energy infrastructure during major emergencies, including natural disasters and other threats.

Connally earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and National Academy for Nuclear Training's Reactor Technology Course for Utility Executives. He also has completed the Goizueta Executive Education Program at Emory University.