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Dennis Chastain serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (Georgia EMC). Georgia EMC is the statewide trade association that represents Georgia's 41 electric membership cooperatives (EMCs), Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia Transmission Corporation and Georgia Systems Operations Corporation in the areas of, government relations, community and economic development, public relations, communications and media relations, and training and safety education. Georgia EMC also publishes *Georgia Magazine*, the largest circulation monthly magazine in Georgia.

Prior to becoming President/CEO in January 2016, he served as Senior Vice President of Georgia EMC from February 2014-December 2015 and as Vice President, Community and Economic Development from January 2002-January 2014. He began his electric cooperative career in 1987 when he joined Oglethorpe Power where he served in various roles in the marketing organization including serving as Director, Economic Development from July 1996-December 2001.

Dennis currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, the Board of Governors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Board of Directors of the Georgia Corporation for Economic Development, the funding arm of the Georgia Allies, Georgia's public-private economic development marketing partnership.

A native Georgian, Dennis holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia. He is also a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma, a graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Management Internship Program at the University of Wisconsin, and is a 1999 graduate of Leadership Georgia.

Georgia's 41 EMCs collectively operate the state's largest electric distribution network with more than 173,000 miles of power lines in a system that covers 73 percent of Georgia's land area in 157 of Georgia's 159 counties. These 41 EMCs provide electric service to over 4.1 million Georgians.