



## **George Acker**

### **Vice President External Relations, Duke Energy South Carolina**

George Acker is the Vice President of External Relations for Duke Energy South Carolina, serving approximately 715,000 electric retail customers in the state. He is responsible for advancing the company's rate and regulatory initiatives and managing state and local regulatory and governmental relations, economic development and community affairs. George serves as the company's lobbyist principal for the state.

Since 1981, George has worked for Duke Energy in a number of capacities across North Carolina and South Carolina. He began his career with Duke Energy in Charlotte, NC. He came to Greenville, SC as an office manager. George continued his career in South Carolina as a district manager in Greenville, Anderson, Columbia, and Spartanburg. He has been in his current position since 2010.

He has been active in a number of organizations including chairing the Upstate SC Alliance and formerly chairing the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities and Greenville Chamber. George is a graduate of Leadership SC and has been involved in civic and economic development groups across the state. He serves as a board member for the Greenville and Spartanburg Chambers, the SC State Chamber, and Cannon Hospital. George currently serves as the Chairman of the Upstate Employers Network, the Secretary for the Clemson University Research Foundation, and a Commissioner for Tri-County Technical College.

George earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1973 and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1976.

George and his wife, Susan, have 3 children and currently live in Pickens, SC.

Duke Energy, one of the largest power companies in the United States, supplies and delivers electricity to approximately 7 million customers in the Southeast and Midwest. The company also distributes natural gas in Ohio and Kentucky. Its commercial power and international businesses operate diverse power generation assets in North America and Latin America, including a growing renewable energy portfolio. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Duke Energy is a Fortune 250 company traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DUK.

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