

John Pemberton

SVP, Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel | PowerSecure, Southern Power

John L. Pemberton is senior vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer for PowerSecure and Southern Power.

Pemberton provides legal support and oversees compliance, technology, communications and external affairs for both companies.

He was named to this position in 2019.

Prior to his current position, Pemberton served as senior vice president, chief administrative officer and general counsel for Southern Power, where his responsibilities included contract compliance, environmental compliance, communications, real estate and coordinating with system federal policy efforts.

Pemberton joined Southern Company in 2003. During his career, he has held a number of leadership positions with Southern Company, including vice president of governmental affairs in Southern Company's Washington, D.C., office, where he managed the company's federal outreach activities.

Pemberton has also served as senior vice president and senior production officer for Georgia Power, where he was responsible for coal, natural gas and hydro generation. He also served as senior vice president and general counsel for Southern Company operations and Southern Nuclear. In this role, he was responsible for overseeing legal services, regulatory matters and external affairs for Southern Company's operations organization and for Southern Nuclear.

Before joining Southern Company, Pemberton served as chief of staff for the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation from 2001-2003, where he helped manage the office's efforts on several utility-related policy issues. Pemberton also was counsel and then chief of counsel for the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Pemberton is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, as well as the Creighton University School of Law. He serves as a member of the board and executive committee of American Clean Power Association. Pemberton also serves as a board member to the YMCA of Atlanta, the YMCA High Harbour and the Reach Georgia Foundation.

