



### **Kenneth J. Nemeth**

Kenneth J. Nemeth became a member of the Southern States Energy Board staff on April 15, 1972, and has served as the Board's Secretary and Executive Director since February 1975. He is responsible for the direction, formulation, development, demonstration, and implementation of all Board programs. During Ken Nemeth's tenure, the Board has undertaken initiatives in a wide range of energy and environmental policy and technology areas. These include the creation of international partnerships and coalitions for clean energy, environmental protection and economic development. His diplomatic and political skills have facilitated joint partnerships throughout the world.

Ken's experience in Puerto Rico dates back to the early 1970s when he met and worked with Governor Luis Ferré. Ken advised Dr. Modesto Iriarte and Dr. Juan Bonnet of PREPA in 1973 on the construction permit and operating license for the planned Aguirre Nuclear Power Station on Puerto Rico's

South coast. He has known and collaborated with every governor of Puerto Rico since Don Luis Ferré and especially Governors Carlos Romero and Pedro Rossello, who served as Chairman of SSEB in 1995-96. He also testified before the legislature on the passage of the Energy Affairs Administration act. Ken worked with Pedro Gelabert and Danny Pagan during their service as Secretaries of Natural and Environmental Resources, especially on the mitigation of solid waste landfills on the Island. Don Miguel Hernandez Agosto, as President of the Senate, sought Ken's advice and Counsel on the construction of a planned coal plant on the Island, and also on the development of recycling facilities. Under Ken Nemeth's direction, the Board has assisted the Puerto Rico energy office in applying for grants from DOE, developing legislation, visiting energy facilities, assessing damage to solar installations on Mona Island, and providing technical assistance to industries.

Mr. Nemeth is a graduate of the Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, and holds a Doctor of Science degree *honoris causa* from the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Kentucky.