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Fritz Hirst serves as vice president of Government Affairs. Mr. Hirst leads NERC's engagement with policymakers and regulators throughout North America. In the United States, his responsibilities include representing NERC before Congress and executive branch agencies and supporting NERC's mission with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In these roles, Mr. Hirst works closely with federal, state, and provincial policymakers and provides strategic counsel to NERC's business units and executive team.

Mr. Hirst has more than 30 years of public affairs and energy policy experience. Prior to joining NERC in 2014, he served as director of Federal Affairs for TECO Energy, an electric and natural gas company, for 12 years. At TECO, Mr. Hirst developed and implemented strategies to achieve policy outcomes at the federal level and advised business units and senior executive management.

Mr. Hirst also served on Capitol Hill as the principal energy and environmental policy advisor to a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He supervised Capitol Hill staff and directed and implemented legislative priorities and strategic initiatives. Early in his career, Mr. Hirst was an account executive for a public affairs firm specializing in energy and environmental policy. He earned a bachelor's degree in Economics and French from Gettysburg College and a master's degree from the American University School of Public Affairs.