

## Stan Hoptroff

### Vice President, Business Technology

Stan Hoptroff is a member of NERC's Executive team and is responsible for NERC's Business Technology department. As a key strategic leader, Mr. Hoptroff is tasked with driving the organization to the next level of effectiveness and efficiency. Mr. Hoptroff has overall responsibility for developing and overseeing the company's IT strategy, systems, applications, budget, and personnel. In addition, Mr. Hoptroff is also responsible for developing and executing a consensus-driven, end-state technology vision for NERC in its role as the Electric Reliability Organization, a function which NERC performs in collaboration with the seven Regional Entities. This role includes driving the design, procurement, development, deployment, operation, and maintenance of enterprise software applications and services across a distributed enterprise.

Prior to joining NERC, Mr. Hoptroff was responsible for IT operations across the 120,000 square miles and four electric utilities of Southern Company's service territory. He led the efforts of 255 employees in overseeing mainframe, storage, telecommunications, and other technology infrastructure.

Through his 33-year career with Southern Company, Mr. Hoptroff provided valuable leadership to several IT operational areas, including computer operations, data engineering, client services, help desk, ecommerce strategy, financial planning, application development, and maintenance. Mr. Hoptroff is committed to developing staff members by actively serving as a mentor.

Mr. Hoptroff earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Kennesaw State University and a master's degree in Technology Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Additionally, Mr. Hoptroff attended the Center for Creative Leadership's Leadership Development Program, the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Integrating Finance and Strategy for Value Creation, Northwestern University's Kellogg School Constructive Collaboration program, and Stanford's Innovative Technology Leader program.

Mr. Hoptroff was selected as one of Computerworld's Premier 100 IT Leaders for 2013.