

Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr.

Chair

Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr. was elected to the NERC Board of Trustees in February 2016. Mr. DeFontes currently serves as the Board of Trustees chair, an *ex officio* member of all committees, and an ESCC observer. He previously served as vice chair and chair-elect of the Board.

Mr. DeFontes served as president and CEO of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) from 2004 to 2014, and prior to that served in a number of different positions at BGE beginning in 1971. While at BGE, he led a major transformation effort to position BGE for a fast-changing operating environment and future opportunities, implemented major investments in energy conservation, peak demand reduction and smart grid, and served as a witness in a number of regulatory matters before the Maryland Public Service Commission, as well as testifying before the Maryland General Assembly.

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of BGE, Mr. DeFontes served on the Board of ReliabilityFirst from 2006 to 2012, and on the Boards of a number of different organizations, including the Southeastern Electricity Exchange, the American Gas Association, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (where he also served as chair), the Greater Baltimore Committee, and St. Joseph Medical Center.

Mr. DeFontes earned a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Swarthmore College and a master's degree from Loyola College.