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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

#### **Southern States Energy Board Announces Staff Changes**

Norcross, Ga.--The Southern States Energy Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathryn A. Baskin as the Board's new Deputy Director.

“As we prepare to guide the Southern States Energy Board into the future, it is important that our leadership remains strong, and our resolve is clear, to continue to build an outstanding regional organization that brings value-added service to our member states and territories,” stated the Board’s Secretary and Executive Director, Ken Nemeth, in his announcement of new staff appointments.

Ms. Baskin is in her 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Board and has held several positions during her tenure. Formerly Managing Director, she was responsible for the organization of overall Board activities, including technical project management, information services, and administrative and financial oversight. She also serves as an expert in consensus building and energy and environmental policy.

As Deputy Director, Ms. Baskin will be responsible for the Board’s strategic planning, providing oversight and guidance on policy and technology-based programs that will secure the Board’s future direction. Another critical focus will be the Southern States Energy Board’s interface with member

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state governments across its southern region of 16 states and two territories. Ms. Baskin’s educational experience includes a B.B.A. in Business Administration with an emphasis on Public Policy Economics from Georgia State University.

In this announcement, Mr. Nemeth also named Kimberly Sams Gray as Managing Director of the organization. Her service to the Board spans more than 20 years, most recently as the Assistant Director of Geoscience Programs. In this position, Ms. Gray directed the technical aspects of the Board’s carbon management programs, including the Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (SECARB). Her expertise is centered on effective and efficient technical program management, education and outreach, and risk mitigation. She holds a B.S. in Geology from Georgia State University and serves on the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to the International Organization for Standardization Technical Committee 265 on CO<sub>2</sub> Capture, Transportation, and Geological Storage.

“The Board is fortunate to have dedicated staff members like Kathryn and Kimberly, who understand how to provide leadership and service on key energy and environmental issues to states and territories. Their management and technical expertise is a great mix that will drive Board programs forward in the future,” stated Mr. Nemeth.

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The Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) is an interstate compact, composed of governors and state legislators from 16 southern states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as a Presidential appointee. The Board’s mission is to enhance economic development and the quality of life in the South through innovations in energy and environmental policies, programs and technologies.