

## **J. B. (JOE) THOMAS**

**Joe Thomas** is a retired Land Location and Acquisition Supervisor in the Land Department for Georgia Power Company.

In this role, he was responsible for the company's transmission, generation and distribution land acquisition requirements in the Metro Atlanta Area. This included joint location activities, purchase of easements and fee simple purchases.

Prior to being named Location and Acquisition Supervisor in the Land Department, Thomas was responsible for Area Planning activities in the Metro Atlanta area in the Transmission Department. Since beginning his career at Georgia Power in 1973, he has held positions in Transmission, Distribution, Network Underground and Region Operations.

Thomas is involved in numerous civic and professional organizations. He currently serves on the board of the Georgia Power Federal Credit Union (Secretary) and as Treasurer and CFO of Janie and Ida's House of Hope. He is a member of Canaan Glen Homeowners Association and Ben Hill United Methodist Church (President of Ben Hill United Methodist Men). Thomas graduated from Tuskegee University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree from Mercer University in Business Administration.

He has one son. He resides in Atlanta, Georgia, with his wife Gwen. His hobbies include golf and traveling.

## W. L. PALMER BIO



**WILLIE L. PALMER** is a native of Northport, Alabama. He attended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where he graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. Later that year, Willie began his career at Georgia Power Company as an Accounting Associate. He advanced through various positions of increasing responsibility in the accounting organization, region operations and supply chain management before his current role as Region External Affairs Manager. In this position he creates and maintains business relationships with employees at the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Government (GA). He also works closely with elected officials, community and civic leaders.

Willie has been active in the community with the following organizations. The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE), currently serving as the Vice President of the Atlanta Chapter Board of Directors; the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy Board of Directors, serving as the Treasurer, where he headed an initiative to develop proper accounting control and procedures for the organization. Willie is a Certified Public Accountant.