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The following is sent on behalf of Tom Fanning to all Southern Company employees:

The 2011 Southern Company proxy statement is currently being distributed to all common stockholders, and I would like to ask your help.

Many Southern Company employees own Southern Company common stock, either through the Employee Savings Plan (ESP) or some other method of ownership. In fact, collectively, Southern Company ESP participants own about 7 percent of all outstanding shares. But historically, most of those shares have not been actively voted via the annual proxy process. In fact, in 2010, only about 13 percent of shareholders in the ESP voted.

I personally believe that having a more active shareholder base makes us a stronger company overall – and I hope you agree. If you are a Southern Company shareholder, please study the matters to be voted upon in this year’s proxy statement and vote as you see fit. To aid you in making an informed decision, further details on the proxy will be provided in Highlights and other internal media.

I’m proud that so many of our employees think enough of our company to also be owners. Our common interest in the continued prosperity of the business is no doubt an integral part of Southern Company’s success. If you are an owner,

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please take an active role in the future of this company and vote your proxy – either by mail, phone or the Internet – as soon as possible after you have received it.

Should you have any questions about your proxy statement or the voting process, please contact Opal Shorter at (404) 506-0813. Thank you for your support.

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