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**THE SOUTHERN COMPANY**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**Message To All Employees From David Ratcliffe**

Our annual stockholder meeting is next week. If you own Southern Company stock and have not already voted, I encourage you to vote on the items listed in our proxy statement. There are some important resolutions that are close to passing, and the Southern Company Board of Directors would like your support.

You can vote by marking your proxy card and mailing it in the postage-paid envelope that was provided, or you can:

Vote by Internet: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

Vote by Phone: 1-800-690-6903

To vote by Internet or phone, you will need to have your control number ready. It is located on the proxy card or in the e-mail you received last month.

Links to the proxy statement and annual report are located on our Web site at <http://investor.southerncompany.com/factsheet.cfm>.

Thank you.

*David Ratcliffe*