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(To Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated August 16, 2011)

The Southern Company
Series 2011A 1.95% Senior Notes due September 1,
2016
Baa1/A-/A (Moody's/Standard & Poor's/Fitch)
\$500,000,000
99.848%
September 1, 2016
1.50% due July 31, 2016
0.932%
+105 basis points
1.982%
1.95%
T+15 basis points
March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning
March 1, 2012
\$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof
842587CH8 / US842587CH88
August 16, 2011
August 23, 2011 (T+5)
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
Commerz Markets LLC
BNP Paribas Securities Corp.
Blaylock Robert Van, LLC
Guzman & Company
Lebenthal & Co., LLC
Toussaint Capital Partners, LLC

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