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PRICING TERM SHEET

(To Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated December 5, 2016)

The Southern Company Issuer:

Series 2016B Junior Subordinated Notes due March 15, 2057 Security:

SEC Registered Format: December 5, 2016 Trade Date: **Expected Settlement Date:** December 8, 2016 (T+3)

Expected Ratings:* Baa3 (Stable)/BBB (Negative)/BBB (Stable)(Moody's/Standard & Poor's/Fitch)

Principal Amount: \$550,000,000

Over-allotment Option: None

Denominations: \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Initial Public Offering Price:

Maturity Date: March 15, 2057

Interest Rate During Fixed Rate

5.50% up to, but not including, March 15, 2022 Period:

Interest Rate During Floating Rate From, and including, March 15, 2022, at a floating rate based on three month

LIBOR plus 363 basis points, reset quarterly Period: Up to 10 consecutive years per deferral Optional Deferral:

Redeemable, in whole or in part, on or after March 15, 2022 at 100% of the Optional Redemption:

principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest

Prior to March 15, 2022, at any time at 100% of the principal amount, plus any Call for Tax Event:

accrued and unpaid interest

Prior to March 15, 2022, at any time at 102% of the principal amount, plus any Call for Rating Agency Event:

accrued and unpaid interest

Interest Payment Dates During

Fixed Rate Period:

Semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning

on March 15, 2017

Interest Payment Dates During

Floating Rate Period:

Quarterly in arrears on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of

each year, beginning on June 15, 2022

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Goldman, Sachs & Co.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC Joint Book-Running Managers: Mizuho Securities USA Inc.

> Wells Fargo Securities, LLC BNP Paribas Securities Corp. MUFG Securities Americas Inc.

Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. Senior Co-Managers:

> SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

BBVA Securities Inc. Co-Managers:

> Commerz Markets LLC PNC Capital Markets LLC Regions Securities LLC

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