

SOUTHERN CO  
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**PRICING TERM SHEET**

(To Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated May 19, 2016 (the “Preliminary Prospectus Supplement”))

Unless otherwise indicated, terms used but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement.

Issuer: The Southern Company (the “Company”)  
 1.55% Senior Notes due 2018 (the “2018 Notes”)  
 1.85% Senior Notes due 2019 (the “2019 Notes”)  
 2.35% Senior Notes due 2021 (the “2021 Notes”)  
 2.95% Senior Notes due 2023 (the “2023 Notes”)  
 3.25% Senior Notes due 2026 (the “2026 Notes”)  
 4.25% Senior Notes due 2036 (the “2036 Notes”)  
 4.40% Senior Notes due 2046 (the “2046 Notes”)

Securities:

The 2018 Notes, the 2019 Notes, the 2021 Notes, the 2023 Notes, the 2026 Notes, the 2036 Notes and the 2046 Notes are together referred to as the “Notes.”

Expected Ratings:\* Baa2 (Stable)/BBB+ (Negative)/A- (Stable) (Moody’s/Standard & Poor’s/Fitch)

2018 Notes: \$ 500,000,000  
 2019 Notes: \$1,000,000,000  
 2021 Notes: \$1,500,000,000  
 2023 Notes: \$1,250,000,000  
 2026 Notes: \$1,750,000,000  
 2036 Notes: \$ 500,000,000  
 2046 Notes: \$2,000,000,000

Principal Amount:

Initial Public Offering Price:

2018 Notes: 99.929% of the Principal Amount  
 2019 Notes: 99.981% of the Principal Amount  
 2021 Notes: 99.864% of the Principal Amount  
 2023 Notes: 99.915% of the Principal Amount  
 2026 Notes: 99.638% of the Principal Amount  
 2036 Notes: 99.579% of the Principal Amount  
 2046 Notes: 99.482% of the Principal Amount

Maturity Date:

2018 Notes: July 1, 2018  
 2019 Notes: July 1, 2019  
 2021 Notes: July 1, 2021  
 2023 Notes: July 1, 2023  
 2026 Notes: July 1, 2026  
 2036 Notes: July 1, 2036  
 2046 Notes: July 1, 2046

Benchmark

Treasury:

2018 Notes: 0.750% due April 30, 2018  
 2019 Notes: 0.875% due May 15, 2019  
 2021 Notes: 1.375% due April 30, 2021  
 2023 Notes: 1.625% due April 30, 2023  
 2026 Notes: 1.625% due May 15, 2026  
 2036 Notes: 2.500% due February 15, 2046

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Benchmark Treasury  
Yield:

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| 2046 Notes: | 2.500% | due February 15, 2046 |
| 2018 Notes: | 0.884% |                       |
| 2019 Notes: | 1.056% |                       |
| 2021 Notes: | 1.378% |                       |
| 2023 Notes: | 1.663% |                       |
| 2026 Notes: | 1.842% |                       |
| 2036 Notes: | 2.631% |                       |
| 2046 Notes: | 2.631% |                       |

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|                   | 2018 Notes: +70 basis points   |
|                   | 2019 Notes: +80 basis points   |
| Spread to         | 2021 Notes: +100 basis points  |
| Benchmark         | 2023 Notes: +130 basis points  |
| Treasury:         | 2026 Notes: +145 basis points  |
|                   | 2036 Notes: +165 basis points  |
|                   | 2046 Notes: +180 basis points  |
|                   | 2018 Notes: 1.584%   |
|                   | 2019 Notes: 1.856%   |
|                   | 2021 Notes: 2.378%   |
| Re-offer Yield:   | 2023 Notes: 2.963%   |
|                   | 2026 Notes: 3.292%   |
|                   | 2036 Notes: 4.281%   |
|                   | 2046 Notes: 4.431%   |
|                   | 2018 Notes: 1.55%  |
|                   | 2019 Notes: 1.85%  |
|                   | 2021 Notes: 2.35%  |
| Coupon:           | 2023 Notes: 2.95%  |
|                   | 2026 Notes: 3.25%  |
|                   | 2036 Notes: 4.25%  |
|                   | 2046 Notes: 4.40%  |
| Interest Payment  | January 1 and July 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2017   |
| Dates:            |  |
| Optional          |  |
| Redemption:       |  |
|                   | 2018 Notes: Prior to July 1, 2018 at T+12.5 basis points   |
|                   | 2019 Notes: Prior to July 1, 2019 at T+15 basis points   |
|                   | 2021 Notes: Prior to June 1, 2021 at T+15 basis points   |
| Make-Whole Call:  | 2023 Notes: Prior to May 1, 2023 at T+20 basis points  |
|                   | 2026 Notes: Prior to April 1, 2026 at T+25 basis points  |
|                   | 2036 Notes: Prior to January 1, 2036 at T+25 basis points  |
|                   | 2046 Notes: Prior to January 1, 2046 at T+30 basis points  |
|                   | 2018 Notes: None   |
|                   | 2019 Notes: None   |
|                   | 2021 Notes: On or after June 1, 2021 at 100%   |
| Par Call:         | 2023 Notes: On or after May 1, 2023 at 100%  |
|                   | 2026 Notes: On or after April 1, 2026 at 100%  |
|                   | 2036 Notes: On or after January 1, 2036 at 100%  |
|                   | 2046 Notes: On or after January 1, 2046 at 100%  |
| Special Mandatory | Upon the first to occur of either (i) February 23, 2017 if the Merger is not consummated on or prior |
| Redemption:       | to such date or (ii) the date on which the Merger Agreement is terminated, the Company will be       |
|                   | required to redeem the Notes (other than the 2026 Notes), in whole, at a redemption price equal to   |
|                   | 101% of the aggregate principal amount of such series of Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest     |
|                   | on such series of Notes to but not including the date of such redemption.                            |
|                   | The Notes (other than the 2026 Notes) may be redeemed at the Company's option, in whole, at any      |
| Special Optional  | time prior to February 23, 2017, at a redemption price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal      |
| Redemption:       | amount of such series of Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest on such series of Notes to but not  |
|                   | including the date of redemption, if, in the Company's judgment, the Merger will not be              |
|                   | consummated on or prior to February 23, 2017.  |

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Format: SEC Registered  
Denominations: \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof  
2018 Notes: 842587 CN5/US842587CN56  
2019 Notes: 842587 CQ8/US842587CQ87  
2021 Notes: 842587 CS4/US842587CS44  
CUSIP/ISIN: 2023 Notes: 842587 CU9/US842587CU99  
2026 Notes: 842587 CV7/US842587CV72  
2036 Notes: 842587 CW5/US842587CW55  
2046 Notes: 842587 CX3/US842587CX39  
Trade Date: May 19, 2016  
Expected  
Settlement Date: May 24, 2016 (T+3)

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Citigroup Global Markets Inc.  
Barclays Capital Inc.  
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC  
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith  
Incorporated

Joint Book-Running Managers: Mizuho Securities USA Inc.  
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC  
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC  
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.  
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.  
UBS Securities LLC

Senior Co-Managers: BNP Paribas Securities Corp.  
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.  
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.  
BBVA Securities Inc.  
CIBC World Markets Corp.  
Commerz Markets LLC  
Regions Securities LLC  
TD Securities (USA) LLC  
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC  
Fifth Third Securities, Inc.  
PNC Capital Markets LLC  
Santander Investment Securities Inc.

Co-Managers: Blaylock Beal Van, LLC  
Loop Capital Markets LLC  
Mischler Financial Group, Inc.  
Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc.  
Apto Partners, LLC  
CastleOak Securities, L.P.  
C.L. King & Associates, Inc.  
Drexel Hamilton, LLC  
MFR Securities, Inc.  
Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., L.L.C.  
The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

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