Southern Company

1st Quarter 2023 Earnings

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Southern Company reports first-quarter 2023 earnings

ATLANTA – Southern Company today reported first-quarter earnings of \$862 million, or 79 cents per share, in 2023 compared with earnings of \$1.03 billion, or 97 cents per share, in the first quarter of 2022.

Excluding the items described under "Net Income – Excluding Items" in the table below, Southern Company earned \$867 million, or 79 cents per share, during the first quarter of 2023, compared with \$1.03 billion, or 97 cents per share, during the first quarter of 2022.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures	Three Months Ended Mar			
Net Income - Excluding Items (in millions)		2023	2022	
Net Income - As Reported	\$	862 \$	1,032	
Less:				
Estimated Loss on Plants Under Construction		(2)	(1)	
Tax Impact		1		
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt		(5)		
Tax Impact		1		
Net Income - Excluding Items	\$	867 \$	1,033	
Average Shares Outstanding - (in millions)		1,091	1,063	
Basic Earnings Per Share - Excluding Items	\$	0.79 \$	0.97	

NOTE: For more information regarding these non-GAAP adjustments, see the footnotes accompanying the Financial Highlights page of the earnings package.

Adjusted earnings drivers for the first quarter 2023, as compared with 2022, were increased depreciation and amortization, milder weather and higher interest expense, partially offset by higher revenues associated with rates and pricing at the company's regulated utilities.

First-quarter 2023 operating revenues were \$6.5 billion, compared with \$6.6 billion for the first quarter of 2022, a decrease of 2.5 percent.

"Southern Company delivered a solid start to 2023 despite the mildest weather on record for a first quarter in the Southeastern United States," said President Christopher C. Womack. Added Womack, "We are

encouraged by continued strong residential customer growth in both the electric and gas sectors, as well as healthy economies and a robust economic development pipeline in our service footprint."

Southern Company's first-quarter earnings slides with supplemental financial information are available at http://investor.southerncompany.com.

Southern Company's financial analyst call will begin at 1 p.m. Eastern Time today, during which Womack and Chief Financial Officer Daniel S. Tucker will discuss earnings and provide a general business update. Investors, media and the public may listen to a live webcast of the call and view associated slides at http://investor.southerncompany.com. A replay of the webcast will be available on the site for 12 months.

About Southern Company

Southern Company (NYSE: SO) is a leading energy provider serving 9 million customers across the Southeast and beyond through its family of companies. Providing clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy with excellent service is our mission. The company has electric operating companies in three states, natural gas distribution companies in four states, a competitive generation company, a leading distributed energy distribution company with national capabilities, a fiber optics network and telecommunications services. Through an industry-leading commitment to innovation, resilience and sustainability, we are taking action to meet customers' and communities' needs while advancing our goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Our uncompromising values ensure we put the needs of those we serve at the center of everything we do and are the key to our sustained success. We are transforming energy into economic, environmental and social progress for tomorrow. Our corporate culture and hiring practices have earned the company national awards and recognition from numerous organizations, including Forbes, The Military Times, DiversityInc, Black Enterprise, J.D. Power, Fortune, Human Rights Campaign and more. To learn more, visit www.southerncompany.com.

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Financial Highlights

(In Millions of Dollars Except Earnings Per Share)

	Three Months Ended Marc				
Net Income-As Reported (See Notes)	2	2023		2022	
Traditional Electric Operating Companies	\$	610	\$	774	
Southern Power		102		72	
Southern Company Gas		309		319	
Total		1,021		1,165	
Parent Company and Other		(159)		(133)	
Net Income-As Reported	\$	862	\$	1,032	
Basic Earnings Per Share ¹	\$	0.79	\$	0.97	
Average Shares Outstanding (in millions)		1,091		1,063	
End of Period Shares Outstanding (in millions)		1,090		1,063	

Non-GAAP Financial Measures	Three Months Ended March			
Net Income-Excluding Items (See Notes)		2023		2022
Net Income-As Reported	\$	862	\$	1,032
Less:				
Estimated Loss on Plants Under Construction ²		(2)		(1)
Tax Impact		1		_
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt ³		(5)		
Tax Impact		1		_
Net Income-Excluding Items	\$	867	\$	1,033
Basic Earnings Per Share–Excluding Items	\$	0.79	\$	0.97

⁻ See Notes on the following page.

Southern Company Financial Highlights

Notes

- (1) Dilution is not material in any period presented. Diluted earnings per share was \$0.79 and \$0.97 for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- (2) Earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 also include charges (net of salvage proceeds), associated legal expenses (net of insurance recoveries), and tax impacts related to Mississippi Power Company's integrated coal gasification combined cycle facility project in Kemper County, Mississippi. Mississippi Power Company expects to incur additional pre-tax period costs to complete dismantlement of the abandoned gasifier-related assets and site restoration activities, including related costs for compliance and safety, asset retirement obligation accretion, and property taxes, net of salvage, totaling approximately \$15 million annually through 2025. Additionally, further charges and credits related to estimated probable losses on Georgia Power Company's construction of Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 may occur; however, the amount and timing are uncertain.
- (3) Earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2023 include costs associated with the extinguishment of debt at Southern Company. Similar transaction costs may occur in the future at Southern Company or one of its unregulated subsidiaries; however, the amount and timing of any such costs are uncertain.

Southern Company Significant Factors Impacting EPS

		Three Months Ended March				arch						
	_	2023		2023		2023		2023		2022	C	hange
Earnings Per Share—												
As Reported ¹ (See Notes)	\$	0.79	\$	0.97	\$	(0.18)						
Significant Factors:												
Traditional Electric Operating Companies					\$	(0.16)						
Southern Power						0.03						
Southern Company Gas						(0.01)						
Parent Company and Other						(0.02)						
Increase in Shares						(0.02)						
Total-As Reported					\$	(0.18)						
		Three I	Mon	ths End	ed M	arch						
Non-GAAP Financial Measures	_	2023		2022		hange						
Earnings Per Share—												
Excluding Items (See Notes)	\$	0.79	\$	0.97	\$	(0.18)						
Total-As Reported					\$	(0.18)						
Less:						,						
Estimated Loss on Plants Under Construction ²						_						
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt ³						_						
Total–Excluding Items					\$	(0.18)						
					\$	(0						

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Significant Factors Impacting EPS

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Southern Company EPS Earnings Analysis Three Months Ended March 2023 vs. March 2022

Description	Cents
Retail Sales	1¢
Retail Revenue Impacts	7
Weather	(11)
Wholesale & Other Operating Revenues	3
Non-Fuel O&M ^(*)	2
Depreciation and Amortization	(14)
Interest Expense and Other	(5)
Income Taxes	1
Total Traditional Electric Operating Companies	(16)¢
Southern Power	3
Southern Company Gas	(1)
Parent Company and Other	(2)
Increase in Shares	(2)
Total Change in EPS (Excluding Items)	(18)¢
Estimated Loss on Plants Under Construction ¹	_
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt ²	_
Total Change in EPS (As Reported)	(18)¢

^(*) Includes non-service cost-related benefits income.

⁻ See additional Notes on the following page.

Southern Company EPS Earnings Analysis

Notes

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Southern Company Consolidated Earnings As Reported (In Millions of Dollars)

	Three Months Ended March					
	2023		2022		Cl	hange
Retail Electric Revenues-						
Fuel	\$	1,050	\$	1,014	\$	36
Non-Fuel		2,549	4	2,599		(50)
Wholesale Electric Revenues		599		664		(65)
Other Electric Revenues		190		177		13
Natural Gas Revenues		1,875	2	2,058		(183)
Other Revenues		217		136		81
Total Operating Revenues		6,480	(6,648		(168)
Fuel and Purchased Power		1,292	1	1,343		(51)
Cost of Natural Gas		898	1	1,095		(197)
Cost of Other Sales		127		69		58
Non-Fuel O&M		1,482	1	1,516		(34)
Depreciation and Amortization		1,111		892		219
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes		394		372		22
Gain on Dispositions, net		(42)		(23)		(19)
Total Operating Expenses		5,262	4	5,264		(2)
Operating Income		1,218	1	1,384		(166)
Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction		65		51		14
Earnings from Equity Method Investments		48		46		2
Interest Expense, Net of Amounts Capitalized		582		462		120
Other Income (Expense), net		147		145		2
Income Taxes		97		173		(76)
Net Income		799		991		(192)
Dividends on Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries		_		4		(4)
Net Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests		(63)		(45)		(18)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO SOUTHERN COMPANY	\$	862	\$	1,032	\$	(170)

<u>Notes</u>

⁻ Certain prior year data may have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

Southern Company Kilowatt-Hour Sales and Customers (In Millions of KWHs)

Three Months Ended March						
2023	2022	Change	Weather Adjusted Change			
46,725	48,728	(4.1)%				
33,382	35,155	(5.0)%	0.4 %			
10,630	12,103	(12.2)%	1.2 %			
10,883	10,987	(0.9)%	1.8 %			
11,724	11,912	(1.6)%	(1.6)%			
145	153	(4.9)%	(4.0)%			
13,343	13,573	(1.7)%	N/A			
	2023 46,725 33,382 10,630 10,883 11,724 145	2023 2022 46,725 48,728 33,382 35,155 10,630 12,103 10,883 10,987 11,724 11,912 145 153	2023 2022 Change 46,725 48,728 (4.1)% 33,382 35,155 (5.0)% 10,630 12,103 (12.2)% 10,883 10,987 (0.9)% 11,724 11,912 (1.6)% 145 153 (4.9)%			

(In Thousands of Customers)

	Period Ended March			
	2023 2022 Change			
Regulated Utility Customers-				
Total Utility Customers-	8,824	8,755	0.8%	
Total Traditional Electric	4,449	4,397	1.2%	
Southern Company Gas	4,375	4,358	0.4%	

Southern Company Financial Overview As Reported (In Millions of Dollars)

	Three Months Ended March					
		2023	2022		% Change	
Southern Company –						
Operating Revenues	\$	6,480	\$	6,648	(2.5)%	
Earnings Before Income Taxes		896		1,164	(23.0)%	
Net Income Available to Common		862		1,032	(16.5)%	
Alabama Power –						
Operating Revenues	\$	1,647	\$	1,649	(0.1)%	
Earnings Before Income Taxes		253		458	(44.8)%	
Net Income Available to Common		255		347	(26.5)%	
Georgia Power –						
Operating Revenues	\$	2,176	\$	2,208	(1.4)%	
Earnings Before Income Taxes		349		415	(15.9)%	
Net Income Available to Common		296		385	(23.1)%	
Mississippi Power –						
Operating Revenues	\$	390	\$	335	16.4 %	
Earnings Before Income Taxes		71		50	42.0 %	
Net Income Available to Common		58		42	38.1 %	
Southern Power –						
Operating Revenues	\$	508	\$	539	(5.8)%	
Earnings Before Income Taxes		32		15	113.3 %	
Net Income Available to Common		102		72	41.7 %	
Southern Company Gas –						
Operating Revenues	\$	1,875	\$	2,058	(8.9)%	
Earnings Before Income Taxes		412		416	(1.0)%	
Net Income Available to Common		309		319	(3.1)%	

<u>Notes</u>

- See Financial Highlights pages for discussion of certain significant items occurring during the periods.