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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies its approval for listing and registration of the Series 2017B 5.25% Junior Subordinated Notes due December 1, 2077 of THE **SOUTHERN COMPANY** under the Exchange Act of 1934.

Sincerely,