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Form 10-Q  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**  
**o QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010**  
**OR**  
**o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

<b>Commission File Number</b>	<b>Registrant, State of Incorporation, Address and Telephone Number</b>	<b>I.R.S. Employer Identification No.</b>
1-3526	<b>The Southern Company</b> (A Delaware Corporation) 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30308 (404) 506-5000	58-0690070
1-3164	<b>Alabama Power Company</b> (An Alabama Corporation) 600 North 18 <sup>th</sup> Street Birmingham, Alabama 35291 (205) 257-1000	63-0004250
1-6468	<b>Georgia Power Company</b> (A Georgia Corporation) 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30308 (404) 506-6526	58-0257110
001-31737	<b>Gulf Power Company</b> (A Florida Corporation) One Energy Place Pensacola, Florida 32520 (850) 444-6111	59-0276810
001-11229	<b>Mississippi Power Company</b> (A Mississippi Corporation) 2992 West Beach Gulfport, Mississippi 39501 (228) 864-1211	64-0205820
333-98553	<b>Southern Power Company</b> (A Delaware Corporation) 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30308	58-2598670



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Indicate by check mark whether the registrants (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrants were required to file such reports), and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants have submitted electronically and posted on their corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrants were required to submit and post such files). Yes  No  (Response applicable only to The Southern Company at this time.)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

<b>Registrant</b>	<b>Large Accelerated Filer</b>	<b>Accelerated Filer</b>	<b>Non-accelerated Filer</b>	<b>Smaller Reporting Company</b>
The Southern Company	X			
Alabama Power Company			X	
Georgia Power Company			X	
Gulf Power Company			X	
Mississippi Power Company			X	
Southern Power Company			X	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) Yes  No  (Response applicable to all registrants.)

<b>Registrant</b>	<b>Description of</b>	<b>Shares Outstanding at September 30, 2010</b>
<b>The Southern Company</b>	<b>Common Stock Par Value \$5 Per Share</b>	<b>838,671,173</b>
<b>Alabama Power Company</b>	<b>Par Value \$40 Per Share</b>	<b>30,537,500</b>
<b>Georgia Power Company</b>	<b>Without Par Value</b>	<b>9,261,500</b>
<b>Gulf Power Company</b>	<b>Without Par Value</b>	<b>3,642,717</b>
<b>Mississippi Power Company</b>	<b>Without Par Value</b>	<b>1,121,000</b>
<b>Southern Power Company</b>	<b>Par Value \$0.01 Per Share</b>	<b>1,000</b>

This combined Form 10-Q is separately filed by The Southern Company, Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company, and Southern Power Company. Information contained herein relating to any individual registrant is filed by such registrant on its own behalf. Each registrant makes no representation as to information relating to the other registrants.

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<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
2007 Retail Rate Plan	Georgia Power's retail rate plan for the years 2008 through 2010
AFUDC	Allowance for funds used during construction
Alabama Power	Alabama Power Company
Clean Air Act	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
Duke Energy	Duke Energy Corporation
ECO Plan	Mississippi Power's Environmental Compliance Overview Plan
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Fitch	Fitch Ratings, Inc.
Form 10-K	Combined Annual Report on Form 10-K of Southern Company, Alabama Power, Georgia Power, Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, and Southern Power for the year ended December 31, 2009
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
Georgia Power	Georgia Power Company
Georgia PSC Staff	Georgia Public Service Commission Public Interest Advocacy Staff
Gulf Power	Gulf Power Company
IGCC	Integrated coal gasification combined cycle
IIC	Intercompany Interchange Contract
Internal Revenue Code	Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
KWH	Kilowatt-hour
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
Mirant	Mirant Corporation
Mississippi Power	Mississippi Power Company
mmBtu	Million British thermal unit
Moody's	Moody's Investors Service
MW	Megawatt
MWH	Megawatt-hour
NDR	Alabama Power's natural disaster reserve
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NSR	New Source Review
OCI	Other Comprehensive Income
PEP	Mississippi Power's Performance Evaluation Plan
Power Pool	The operating arrangement whereby the integrated generating resources of the traditional operating companies and Southern Power are subject to joint commitment and dispatch in order to serve their combined load obligations
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PSC	Public Service Commission
Rate CNP Environmental	Alabama Power's certificated new plant for environmental costs
Rate ECR	Alabama Power's energy cost recovery rate mechanism
Rate NDR	Alabama Power's natural disaster cost recovery rate mechanism
Rate RSE	Alabama Power's rate stabilization and equalization plan
registrants	Southern Company, Alabama Power, Georgia Power, Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, and Southern Power
SCS	Southern Company Services, Inc.





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**DEFINITIONS**

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<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Southern Company	The Southern Company
Southern Company system	Southern Company, the traditional operating companies, Southern Power, and other subsidiaries
SouthernLINC Wireless	Southern Communications Services, Inc.
Southern Nuclear	Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
Southern Power	Southern Power Company
traditional operating companies	Alabama Power, Georgia Power, Gulf Power, and Mississippi Power
Westinghouse	Westinghouse Electric Company LLC
wholesale revenues	revenues generated from sales for resale

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This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements concerning the strategic goals for the wholesale business, retail sales, customer growth, economic recovery, fuel cost recovery and other rate actions, environmental regulations and expenditures, future earnings, dividend payout ratios, access to sources of capital, financing activities, start and completion of construction projects, plans and estimated costs for new generation resources, impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, impact of recent healthcare legislation, impact of the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010, estimated sales and purchases under new power sale and purchase agreements, and estimated construction and other expenditures. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as may, will, could, should, expects, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, projects, predicts, potential, or combinations of these terms or other similar terminology. There are various factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements; accordingly, there can be no assurance that such indicated results will be realized. These factors include:

- the impact of recent and future federal and state regulatory change, including legislative and regulatory initiatives regarding deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry, implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, environmental laws including regulation of water quality, coal combustion byproducts, and emissions of sulfur, nitrogen, carbon, soot, particulate matter, hazardous air pollutants, including mercury, and other substances, financial reform legislation, and also changes in tax and other laws and regulations to which Southern Company and its subsidiaries are subject, as well as changes in application of existing laws and regulations;
- current and future litigation, regulatory investigations, proceedings, or inquiries, including the pending EPA civil actions against certain Southern Company subsidiaries, FERC matters, and IRS audits;
- the effects, extent, and timing of the entry of additional competition in the markets in which Southern Company's subsidiaries operate;
- variations in demand for electricity, including those relating to weather, the general economy and recovery from the recent recession, population and business growth (and declines), and the effects of energy conservation measures;
- available sources and costs of fuels;
- effects of inflation;
- ability to control costs and avoid cost overruns during the development and construction of facilities;
- investment performance of Southern Company's employee benefit plans and nuclear decommissioning trusts;
- advances in technology;
- state and federal rate regulations and the impact of pending and future rate cases and negotiations, including rate actions relating to fuel and other cost recovery mechanisms;
- regulatory approvals and actions related to the potential Plant Vogtle expansion, including Georgia PSC and NRC approvals and potential DOE loan guarantees;
- regulatory approvals and actions related to the Kemper IGCC, including Mississippi PSC approvals and potential DOE loan guarantees;
- the performance of projects undertaken by the non-utility businesses and the success of efforts to invest in and develop new opportunities;
- internal restructuring or other restructuring options that may be pursued;
- potential business strategies, including acquisitions or dispositions of assets or businesses, which cannot be assured to be completed or beneficial to Southern Company or its subsidiaries;
- the ability of counterparties of Southern Company and its subsidiaries to make payments as and when due and to perform as required;
- the ability to obtain new short- and long-term contracts with wholesale customers;
- the direct or indirect effect on Southern Company's business resulting from terrorist incidents and the threat of terrorist incidents;
- interest rate fluctuations and financial market conditions and the results of financing efforts, including Southern Company's and its subsidiaries' credit ratings;
- the ability of Southern Company and its subsidiaries to obtain additional generating capacity at competitive prices;

catastrophic events such as fires, earthquakes, explosions, floods, hurricanes, droughts, pandemic health events such as influenzas, or other similar occurrences;  
the direct or indirect effects on Southern Company's business resulting from incidents affecting the U.S. electric grid or operation of generating resources;  
the effect of accounting pronouncements issued periodically by standard setting bodies; and  
other factors discussed elsewhere herein and in other reports (including the Form 10-K) filed by the registrants from time to time with the SEC.

**Each registrant expressly disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.**

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**THE SOUTHERN COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Retail revenues	\$ 4,572,617	\$ 3,997,659	\$ 11,603,017	\$ 10,355,330
Wholesale revenues	565,932	519,122	1,580,748	1,408,286
Other electric revenues	160,960	139,869	438,547	391,070
Other revenues	20,403	24,832	62,336	78,267
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>5,319,912</b>	4,681,482	<b>13,684,648</b>	12,232,953
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Fuel	1,969,683	1,733,527	5,243,826	4,588,932
Purchased power	209,287	166,791	464,226	407,623
Other operations and maintenance	1,020,370	820,889	2,846,785	2,523,184
MC Asset Recovery litigation settlement				202,000
Depreciation and amortization	426,797	332,117	1,136,730	1,099,216
Taxes other than income taxes	235,260	212,882	661,521	620,851
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>3,861,397</b>	3,266,206	<b>10,353,088</b>	9,441,806
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>1,458,515</b>	1,415,276	<b>3,331,560</b>	2,791,147
<b>Other Income and (Expense):</b>				
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	45,162	51,061	139,853	141,173
Interest income	5,463	6,013	15,057	17,791
Leveraged lease income (losses)	5,839	6,578	12,639	24,695
Gain on disposition of lease termination				26,300
Loss on extinguishment of debt				(17,184)
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(225,138)	(226,345)	(666,289)	(684,902)
Other income (expense), net	(14,481)	(10,466)	(37,185)	(27,293)
<b>Total other income and (expense)</b>	<b>(183,155)</b>	(173,159)	<b>(535,925)</b>	(519,420)
<b>Earnings Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>1,275,360</b>	1,242,117	<b>2,795,635</b>	2,271,727
Income taxes	441,927	435,947	925,110	828,833
<b>Consolidated Net Income</b>	<b>833,433</b>	806,170	<b>1,870,525</b>	1,442,894
<b>Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock of Subsidiaries</b>	<b>16,195</b>	16,195	<b>48,585</b>	48,585
<b>Consolidated Net Income After Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock of Subsidiaries</b>	<b>\$ 817,238</b>	\$ 789,975	<b>\$ 1,821,940</b>	\$ 1,394,309

**Common Stock Data:**

Earnings per share (EPS) -

Basic EPS	\$	<b>0.98</b>	\$	0.99	\$	<b>2.20</b>	\$	1.77
Diluted EPS	\$	<b>0.97</b>	\$	0.99	\$	<b>2.19</b>	\$	1.76

Average number of shares of common stock  
outstanding (in thousands)

Basic	<b>835,953</b>	798,418	<b>828,947</b>	789,675
Diluted	<b>841,835</b>	800,178	<b>833,220</b>	791,259

Cash dividends paid per share of common  
stock

\$	<b>0.4550</b>	\$	0.4375	\$	<b>1.3475</b>	\$	1.2950
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The accompanying notes as they relate to Southern Company are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

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**THE SOUTHERN COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Consolidated net income	\$ 1,870,525	\$ 1,442,894
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income to net cash provided from operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization, total	1,376,511	1,310,854
Deferred income taxes	572,862	(14,565)
Deferred revenues	(76,976)	(40,781)
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(139,853)	(141,173)
Leveraged lease income (losses)	(12,639)	(24,695)
Gain on disposition of lease termination		(26,300)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		17,184
Pension, postretirement, and other employee benefits	51,792	42,775
Stock based compensation expense	28,307	20,850
Hedge settlements	1,530	(16,167)
Generation construction screening costs	(50,554)	(21,955)
Other, net	10,126	32,321
Changes in certain current assets and liabilities		
-Receivables	(319,384)	319,286
-Fossil fuel stock	220,017	(361,520)
-Materials and supplies	(10,880)	(40,811)
-Other current assets	(48,186)	(50,977)
-Accounts payable	(82,318)	(210,459)
-Accrued taxes	118,131	238,988
-Accrued compensation	93,323	(273,349)
-Other current liabilities	(75,733)	157,384
Net cash provided from operating activities	<b>3,526,601</b>	2,359,784
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Property additions	(2,893,812)	(3,179,009)
Investment in restricted cash from pollution control revenue bonds	(12)	(49,528)
Distribution of restricted cash from pollution control revenue bonds	24,811	90,088
Nuclear decommissioning trust fund purchases	(695,855)	(1,066,688)
Nuclear decommissioning trust fund sales	671,600	1,019,401
Proceeds from property sales	6,607	339,911
Cost of removal, net of salvage	(83,930)	(85,022)
Change in construction payables	(83,678)	110,265
Other investing activities	48,285	(35,766)
Net cash used for investing activities	<b>(3,005,984)</b>	(2,856,348)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		



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Increase (decrease) in notes payable, net	(289,202)	118,124
Proceeds		
Long-term debt issuances	2,796,000	2,216,010
Common stock issuances	610,465	668,529
Redemptions		
Long-term debt	(1,871,485)	(1,229,484)
Payment of common stock dividends	(1,113,948)	(1,018,928)
Payment of dividends on preferred and preference stock of subsidiaries	(48,921)	(48,675)
Other financing activities	(34,513)	(18,732)
Net cash provided from financing activities	48,396	686,844
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>569,013</b>	<b>190,280</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>689,722</b>	<b>416,581</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 1,258,735</b>	<b>\$ 606,861</b>

**Supplemental Cash Flow Information:**

Cash paid during the period for		
Interest (net of \$61,165 and \$59,849 capitalized for 2010 and 2009, respectively)	\$ 589,129	\$ 589,919
Income taxes (net of refunds)	\$ 277,716	\$ 644,541

The accompanying notes as they relate to Southern Company are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

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**THE SOUTHERN COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)**

	At September 30, 2010	At December 31, 2009
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,258,735	\$ 689,722
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	18,336	43,135
Receivables		
Customer accounts receivable	1,435,968	953,222
Unbilled revenues	443,838	394,492
Under recovered regulatory clause revenues	226,820	333,459
Other accounts and notes receivable	261,104	374,670
Accumulated provision for uncollectible accounts	(29,741)	(24,568)
Fossil fuel stock, at average cost	1,222,690	1,446,984
Materials and supplies, at average cost	808,446	793,847
Vacation pay	144,607	145,049
Prepaid expenses	529,823	508,338
Other regulatory assets, current	222,531	166,549
Other current assets	66,295	48,558
Total current assets	6,609,452	5,873,457
<b>Property, Plant, and Equipment:</b>		
In service	56,029,332	53,587,853
Less accumulated depreciation	19,947,881	19,121,271
Plant in service, net of depreciation	36,081,451	34,466,582
Nuclear fuel, at amortized cost	660,856	593,119
Construction work in progress	4,457,402	4,170,596
Total property, plant, and equipment	41,199,709	39,230,297
<b>Other Property and Investments:</b>		
Nuclear decommissioning trusts, at fair value	1,142,566	1,070,117
Leveraged leases	620,674	610,252
Miscellaneous property and investments	279,015	282,974
Total other property and investments	2,042,255	1,963,343
<b>Deferred Charges and Other Assets:</b>		
Deferred charges related to income taxes	1,182,050	1,047,452
Unamortized debt issuance expense	192,296	208,346
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt	265,867	254,936
Deferred under recovered regulatory clause revenues	291,736	373,245
Other regulatory assets, deferred	2,652,520	2,701,910

Other deferred charges and assets	<b>458,895</b>	392,880
Total deferred charges and other assets	<b>5,043,364</b>	4,978,769
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 54,894,780</b>	\$ 52,045,866

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**THE SOUTHERN COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)**

	At September 30, 2010	At December 31, 2009
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Securities due within one year	\$ 1,983,593	\$ 1,112,705
Notes payable	348,399	639,199
Accounts payable	1,160,993	1,329,448
Customer deposits	333,876	330,582
Accrued taxes		
Accrued income taxes	77,995	13,005
Unrecognized tax benefits	177,969	165,645
Other accrued taxes	459,839	398,384
Accrued interest	238,944	218,188
Accrued vacation pay	182,454	183,911
Accrued compensation	351,859	247,950
Liabilities from risk management activities	175,938	124,648
Other regulatory liabilities, current	190,760	528,147
Other current liabilities	311,793	292,016
Total current liabilities	5,994,412	5,583,828
<b>Long-term Debt</b>	<b>18,198,225</b>	18,131,244
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:</b>		
Accumulated deferred income taxes	7,069,518	6,454,822
Deferred credits related to income taxes	238,734	248,232
Accumulated deferred investment tax credits	472,174	447,650
Employee benefit obligations	2,336,393	2,304,344
Asset retirement obligations	1,247,760	1,201,343
Other cost of removal obligations	1,202,491	1,091,425
Other regulatory liabilities, deferred	295,545	277,932
Other deferred credits and liabilities	502,756	345,888
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	13,365,371	12,371,636
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>37,558,008</b>	36,086,708
<b>Redeemable Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries</b>	<b>374,496</b>	374,496
<b>Stockholders Equity:</b>		
<b>Common Stockholders Equity:</b>		
Common stock, par value \$5 per share		
Authorized September 30, 2010: 1.5 billion shares		
December 31, 2009: 1.0 billion shares		

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Issued September 30, 2010: 839,145,736 Shares

December 31, 2009: 820,151,801 Shares

Treasury September 30, 2010: 474,563 Shares

December 31, 2009: 505,116 Shares

Par value	<b>4,195,666</b>	4,100,742
Paid-in capital	<b>3,550,130</b>	2,994,245
Treasury, at cost	<b>(13,962)</b>	(14,797)
Retained earnings	<b>8,594,861</b>	7,884,922
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<b>(71,747)</b>	(87,778)
<b>Total Common Stockholders Equity</b>	<b>16,254,948</b>	14,877,334
<b>Preferred and Preference Stock of Subsidiaries</b>	<b>707,328</b>	707,328
<b>Total Stockholders Equity</b>	<b>16,962,276</b>	15,584,662
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>	<b>\$ 54,894,780</b>	\$ 52,045,866

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Consolidated Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 833,433</b>	\$ 806,170	<b>\$ 1,870,525</b>	\$ 1,442,894
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Qualifying hedges:				
Changes in fair value, net of tax of \$1,025, \$(1,356), \$544, and \$(2,338), respectively	<b>1,595</b>	(2,151)	<b>814</b>	(3,815)
Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, net of tax of \$2,438, \$4,610, \$9,114, and \$13,073, respectively	<b>3,839</b>	7,339	<b>14,413</b>	20,807
Marketable securities:				
Change in fair value, net of tax of \$(2,007), \$(1,056), \$(391), and \$239, respectively	<b>(3,086)</b>	(1,359)	<b>(290)</b>	2,310
Pension and other post retirement benefit plans:				
Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, net of tax of \$230, \$222, \$690, and \$665, respectively	<b>365</b>	350	<b>1,094</b>	1,049
<b>Total other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>2,713</b>	4,179	<b>16,031</b>	20,351
Dividends on preferred and preference stock of subsidiaries	<b>(16,195)</b>	(16,195)	<b>(48,585)</b>	(48,585)
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 819,951</b>	\$ 794,154	<b>\$ 1,837,971</b>	\$ 1,414,660

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**OVERVIEW**

Discussion of the results of operations is focused on Southern Company's primary business of electricity sales in the Southeast by the traditional operating companies—Alabama Power, Georgia Power, Gulf Power, and Mississippi Power—and Southern Power. The traditional operating companies are vertically integrated utilities providing electric service in four Southeastern states. Southern Power constructs, acquires, owns, and manages generation assets and sells electricity at market-based rates in the wholesale market. Southern Company's other business activities include investments in leveraged lease projects, telecommunications, and renewable energy projects. For additional information on these businesses, see BUSINESS—The Southern Company System—Traditional Operating Companies, Southern Power, and Other Businesses in Item 1 of the Form 10-K.

Southern Company continues to focus on several key performance indicators. These indicators include customer satisfaction, plant availability, system reliability, and earnings per share. For additional information on these indicators, see MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS—OVERVIEW—Key Performance Indicators of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS*****Net Income***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$27.2	3.5	\$427.6	30.7

Southern Company's third quarter 2010 net income after dividends on preferred and preference stock of subsidiaries was \$817.2 million (\$0.98 per share) compared to \$790.0 million (\$0.99 per share) for third quarter 2009. The increase for the third quarter 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was primarily the result of increases in revenues due to warmer weather, revenues associated with increases in rates under Alabama Power's Rate RSE and Rate CNP Environmental that took effect in January 2010, and increases in sales primarily in the industrial sector. The increase for the third quarter 2010 was partially offset by increases in operations and maintenance expenses, which includes an additional NDR accrual at Alabama Power, reduced amortization of the regulatory liability related to other cost of removal obligations at Georgia Power as authorized by the Georgia PSC, and an increase in depreciation on additional plant in service related to environmental, distribution, and transmission projects. Southern Company's year-to-date 2010 net income after dividends on preferred and preference stock of subsidiaries was \$1.82 billion (\$2.20 per share) compared to \$1.39 billion (\$1.77 per share) for year-to-date 2009. The increase for year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was primarily the result of a litigation settlement agreement with MC Asset Recovery, LLC (MC Asset Recovery) in the first quarter 2009, increases in revenues due to warmer weather in the second and third quarters 2010 and significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010, the amortization of the regulatory liability related to other cost of removal obligations at Georgia Power as authorized by the Georgia PSC, revenues associated with increases in rates under Alabama Power's Rate RSE and Rate CNP Environmental that took effect in January 2010, and increases in sales primarily in the industrial sector. The increase for year-to-date 2010 was partially offset by increases in operations and maintenance expenses, which includes an additional NDR accrual at Alabama Power, a gain in 2009 on the early termination of two international leveraged lease investments, and an increase in depreciation on additional plant in service related to environmental, distribution, and transmission projects.





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**Retail Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$574.9	14.4	\$1,247.7	12.0

In the third quarter 2010, retail revenues were \$4.57 billion compared to \$4.00 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, retail revenues were \$11.60 billion compared to \$10.36 billion for the corresponding period in 2009.

Details of the change to retail revenues are as follows:

	<b>Third Quarter 2010</b>		<b>Year-to-Date 2010</b>	
	<i>(in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
Retail prior year	\$3,997.7		\$10,355.3	
Estimated change in				
Rates and pricing	162.1	4.1	296.7	2.9
Sales growth (decline)	8.0	0.2	50.4	0.5
Weather	197.3	4.9	377.1	3.6
Fuel and other cost recovery	207.5	5.2	523.5	5.0
Retail current year	\$4,572.6	14.4%	\$11,603.0	12.0%

Revenues associated with changes in rates and pricing increased in the third quarter and for year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009 primarily due to Rate RSE and Rate CNP Environmental increases at Alabama Power, higher contributions from market-driven rates for sales to industrial customers at Georgia Power, recovery of environmental compliance costs at Gulf Power, and increased recognition of environmental compliance cost recovery revenues at Georgia Power in accordance with the 2007 Retail Rate Plan.

Revenues attributable to changes in sales increased in the third quarter and for year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009 due to increases in weather-adjusted retail KWH energy sales of 1.4% and 2.5%, respectively. For the third quarter 2010, weather-adjusted residential KWH energy sales increased 0.1%, weather-adjusted commercial KWH energy sales decreased 0.8%, and weather-adjusted industrial KWH energy sales increased 5.7%. For year-to-date 2010, weather-adjusted residential KWH energy sales increased 0.9%, weather-adjusted commercial KWH energy sales decreased 0.7%, and weather-adjusted industrial KWH energy sales increased 8.2%. Increased demand in the primary metals, chemicals, and transportation sectors were the main contributors to the increases in weather-adjusted industrial KWH energy sales for the third quarter and year-to-date 2010.

Revenues resulting from changes in weather increased in the third quarter 2010 as a result of warmer weather when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, revenues resulting from changes in weather increased as a result of warmer weather in the second and third quarters 2010 and significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009.

Fuel and other cost recovery revenues increased \$207.5 million in the third quarter 2010 and \$523.5 million for year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009. Electric rates for the traditional operating companies include provisions to adjust billings for fluctuations in fuel costs, including the energy component of

purchased power costs. Under these provisions, fuel revenues generally equal fuel expenses, including the fuel component of purchased power costs, and do not affect net income.

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**Wholesale Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$46.8	9.0	\$172.5	12.2

Wholesale energy sales will vary depending on the market cost of available energy compared to the cost of Southern Company system-owned generation, demand for energy within the Southern Company service territory, and the availability of Southern Company system generation. Increases and decreases in revenues that are driven by fuel prices are accompanied by an increase or decrease in fuel costs and do not have a significant impact on net income. In the third quarter 2010, wholesale revenues were \$565.9 million compared to \$519.1 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to higher energy and capacity revenues under existing PPAs and new PPAs at Southern Power that began in January, June, and July 2010. This increase was partially offset by the expiration of long-term unit power sales contracts in May 2010 at Alabama Power and the capacity subject to those contracts being made available for retail service starting in June 2010.

For year-to-date 2010, wholesale revenues were \$1.58 billion compared to \$1.41 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily due to higher energy and capacity revenues under existing PPAs and new PPAs at Southern Power that began in January, June, and July 2010, as well as increased energy sales that were not covered by PPAs at Southern Power due to more favorable weather year-to-date 2010 compared to the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was partially offset by the expiration of long-term unit power sales contracts in May 2010 at Alabama Power and the capacity subject to those contracts being made available for retail service starting in June 2010.

**Other Electric Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$21.1	15.1	\$47.4	12.1

In the third quarter 2010, other electric revenues were \$161.0 million compared to \$139.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily the result of a \$15.2 million increase in transmission revenues and a \$3.1 million increase in co-generation revenues due to increased sales volume.

For year-to-date 2010, other electric revenues were \$438.5 million compared to \$391.1 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily the result of a \$25.7 million increase in transmission revenues, a \$10.7 million increase in co-generation revenues due to increased sales volume, a \$4.1 million increase in rents from electric property, and a \$2.3 million increase in outdoor lighting revenues.

Revenues from co-generation and other energy services are generally offset by related expenses and do not have a significant effect on net income.

**Other Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$(4.4)	(17.8)	\$(16.0)	(20.4)

In the third quarter 2010, other revenues were \$20.4 million compared to \$24.8 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily the result of a \$4.3 million decrease in revenues at SouthernLINC Wireless related to lower average revenue per subscriber and fewer subscribers due to increased competition in the industry.

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For year-to-date 2010, other revenues were \$62.3 million compared to \$78.3 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily the result of a \$15.0 million decrease in revenues at SouthernLINC Wireless related to lower average revenue per subscriber and fewer subscribers due to increased competition in the industry.

**Fuel and Purchased Power Expenses**

	Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009 (change in millions)		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009 (change in millions)	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Fuel*	\$236.2	13.6	\$654.9	14.3
Purchased power	42.5	25.5	56.6	13.9
Total fuel and purchased power expenses	\$278.7		\$711.5	

\* Fuel includes fuel purchased by the Southern Company system for tolling agreements where power is generated by the provider and is included in purchased power when determining the average cost of purchased power. Fuel and purchased power expenses for the third quarter 2010 were \$2.18 billion compared to \$1.90 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily the result of a \$208.5 million increase related to total KWHs generated and purchased and a \$70.2 million increase in the average cost of fuel and purchased power. The increase in total fuel and purchased power expenses resulted primarily from increased generation and higher fossil fuel prices when compared to the corresponding period in 2009.

For year-to-date 2010, fuel and purchased power expenses were \$5.71 billion compared to \$5.00 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily the result of a \$402.9 million increase related to total KWHs generated and purchased and a \$308.6 million increase in the average cost of fuel and purchased power. The increase in total fuel and purchased power expenses resulted primarily from increased generation and higher fossil fuel prices when compared to the corresponding period in 2009.

Fuel expenses at the traditional operating companies are generally offset by fuel revenues and do not have a significant effect on net income. See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - State PSC Matters - Retail Fuel Cost Recovery herein for additional information. Fuel expenses incurred under Southern Power's PPAs are generally the responsibility of the counterparties and do not significantly affect net income.

Details of Southern Company's cost of generation and purchased power are as follows:

	Third Quarter 2010 (cents per net KWH)	Third Quarter 2009	Percent Change	Year-to-Date 2010 (cents per net KWH)	Year-to-Date 2009	Percent Change
Average Cost	3.55	3.42	3.8	3.55	3.39	4.7
Fuel	8.03	8.00	0.4	7.13	6.20	15.0
Purchased power						

Energy purchases will vary depending on demand for energy within the Southern Company service area, the market cost of available energy as compared to the cost of Southern Company system-generated energy, and the availability of Southern Company system generation.

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**Other Operations and Maintenance Expenses**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$199.5	24.3	\$323.6	12.8

In the third quarter 2010, other operations and maintenance expenses were \$1.02 billion compared to \$820.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily the result of a \$42.2 million increase in fossil, hydro, and nuclear expenses, a \$31.4 million increase in commodity and labor costs, a \$79.5 million increase in transmission and distribution expenses, which includes an additional accrual of \$40.0 million to the NDR at Alabama Power, a \$37.2 million increase in administrative and general expenses, and a \$9.2 million increase in customer service and sales expenses.

For year-to-date 2010, other operations and maintenance expenses were \$2.85 billion compared to \$2.52 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily the result of a \$112.1 million increase in fossil, hydro, and nuclear expenses, a \$69.4 million increase in commodity and labor costs, a \$108.2 million increase in transmission and distribution expenses, which includes an additional accrual of \$40.0 million to the NDR at Alabama Power, a \$30.4 million increase in administrative and general expenses, and a \$3.5 million increase in customer service and sales expenses.

See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL State PSC Matters Alabama Power Retail Regulatory Matters Natural Disaster Cost Recovery and Note (B) to the Condensed Financial Statements under State PSC Matters Alabama Power Natural Disaster Cost Recovery herein for additional information on the NDR.

**MC Asset Recovery Litigation Settlement**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
		\$(202.0)	N/M

N/M Not Meaningful

In the first quarter 2009, Southern Company entered into a litigation settlement agreement with MC Asset Recovery which resulted in a charge of \$202.0 million and required MC Asset Recovery to release Southern Company and certain other designated avoidance actions assigned to MC Asset Recovery in connection with Mirant's plan of reorganization, as well as to release all actions against current or former officers and directors of Mirant and Southern Company that have or could have been filed. The settlement has been completed and resolves all claims by MC Asset Recovery against Southern Company. In June 2009, the case was dismissed with prejudice. See Note (B) to the Condensed Financial Statements under Mirant Matters herein for additional information.

**Depreciation and Amortization**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$94.7	28.5	\$37.5	3.4

In the third quarter 2010, depreciation and amortization was \$426.8 million compared to \$332.1 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to the amortization of \$5.0 million in the third quarter

2010 compared to \$54.0 million in the third quarter 2009 of the regulatory liability related to other cost of removal obligations at Georgia Power as authorized by the Georgia PSC, as well as additional depreciation on plant in service related to environmental, transmission, and distribution projects.

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For year-to-date 2010, depreciation and amortization was \$1.14 billion compared to \$1.10 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily the result of additional depreciation on plant in service related to environmental, transmission, and distribution projects. The increase was partially offset by the amortization of \$119.3 million in 2010 compared to \$54.0 million in 2009 of the regulatory liability related to other cost of removal obligations at Georgia Power as authorized by the Georgia PSC.

See Note 3 to the financial statements of Southern Company in Item 8 of the Form 10-K under Retail Regulatory Matters Georgia Power Cost of Removal for additional information on the amortization of the other cost of removal regulatory liability.

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009

<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$22.4	10.5	\$40.6	6.6

In the third quarter 2010, taxes other than income taxes were \$235.3 million compared to \$212.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily due to higher municipal franchise fees at Georgia Power as a result of increased retail revenues, increases in ad valorem taxes, and increases in payroll taxes.

For year-to-date 2010, taxes other than income taxes were \$661.5 million compared to \$620.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily due to higher municipal franchise fees at Georgia Power as a result of increased retail revenues, increases in ad valorem taxes, and increases in payroll taxes.

**Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009

<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$(5.9)	(11.6)	\$(1.3)	(0.9)

In the third quarter 2010, AFUDC equity was \$45.2 million compared to \$51.1 million for the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, AFUDC equity was \$139.9 million compared to \$141.2 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The third quarter and year-to-date 2010 decreases were primarily due to the completion of environmental projects at Alabama Power and Gulf Power. These decreases were partially offset by increases in construction related to three new combined cycle units, two new nuclear generating units, and ongoing environmental and transmission projects at Georgia Power.

**Leveraged Lease Income**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009

<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$(0.8)	(11.2)	\$(12.1)	(48.8)

In the third quarter 2010, leveraged lease income was \$5.8 million compared to \$6.6 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was not material.

For year-to-date 2010, leveraged lease income was \$12.6 million compared to \$24.7 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This decrease was primarily related to the early termination of two leveraged lease investments in the second quarter 2009.





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***Gain on Disposition of Lease Termination***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
		\$(26.3)	N/M

N/M Not Meaningful

In the second quarter 2009, Southern Company terminated two international leveraged lease investments early which resulted in a gain of \$26.3 million.

***Loss on Extinguishment of Debt***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
		\$(17.2)	N/M

N/M Not Meaningful

In the second quarter 2009, Southern Company terminated two international leveraged lease investments early. The proceeds from the terminations were used to extinguish all debt related to leveraged lease investments, a portion of which had make-whole redemption provisions which resulted in a loss of \$17.2 million.

***Interest Expense, Net of Amounts Capitalized***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$(1.2)	(0.5)	\$(18.6)	(2.7)

In the third quarter 2010, interest expense, net of amounts capitalized was \$225.1 million compared to \$226.3 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was not material.

For year-to-date 2010, interest expense, net of amounts capitalized was \$666.3 million compared to \$684.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily due to a \$24.8 million decrease related to lower average interest rates on variable-rate debt, an \$18.7 million decrease in other interest charges, and a \$1.3 million decrease related to higher capitalized interest. Partially offsetting this decrease was a \$26.2 million increase associated with \$1.04 billion in additional debt outstanding at September 30, 2010 when compared to September 30, 2009.

***Income Taxes***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$6.0	1.4	\$96.3	11.6

In the third quarter 2010, income taxes were \$441.9 million compared to \$435.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily due to higher pre-tax earnings in the third quarter 2010, partially offset by state investment tax credits at Georgia Power, and tax benefits associated with the construction of a biomass facility at

Southern Power.

For year-to-date 2010, income taxes were \$925.1 million compared to \$828.8 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily due to higher pre-tax earnings in 2010, partially offset by a decrease in uncertain tax positions at Georgia Power related to state income tax credits that remain subject to litigation, state investment tax credits at Georgia Power, and tax benefits associated with the construction of a biomass facility at Southern Power.

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See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Income Tax Matters Georgia State Income Tax Credits and Note (B) to the Condensed Financial Statements under Income Tax Matters Georgia State Income Tax Credits and Note (G) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for additional information.

**FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL**

The results of operations discussed above are not necessarily indicative of Southern Company's future earnings potential. The level of Southern Company's future earnings depends on numerous factors that affect the opportunities, challenges, and risks of Southern Company's primary business of selling electricity. These factors include the traditional operating companies' ability to maintain a constructive regulatory environment that continues to allow for the recovery of all prudently incurred costs during a time of increasing costs. Other major factors include profitability of the competitive wholesale supply business and federal regulatory policy, which may impact Southern Company's level of participation in this market. Future earnings for the electricity business in the near term will depend, in part, upon maintaining energy sales which is subject to a number of factors. These factors include weather, competition, new energy contracts with neighboring utilities and other wholesale customers, energy conservation practiced by customers, the price of electricity, the price elasticity of demand, and the rate of economic growth or decline in the service area. In addition, the level of future earnings for the wholesale supply business also depends on numerous factors including creditworthiness of customers, total generating capacity available in the Southeast, future acquisitions and construction of generating facilities, and the successful remarketing of capacity as current contracts expire. Changes in economic conditions impact sales for the traditional operating companies and Southern Power, and the pace of the economic recovery remains uncertain. The timing and extent of the economic recovery will impact growth and may impact future earnings. For additional information relating to these issues, see RISK FACTORS in Item 1A and MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K.

**Environmental Matters**

Compliance costs related to the Clean Air Act and other environmental statutes and regulations could affect earnings if such costs cannot continue to be fully recovered in rates on a timely basis. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Southern Company under Environmental Matters in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

***New Source Review Actions***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters New Source Review Actions of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Southern Company under Environmental Matters New Source Review Actions in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding civil actions brought by the EPA against certain Southern Company subsidiaries. The EPA's action against Alabama Power is alleging that Alabama Power violated the NSR provisions of the Clean Air Act and related state laws with respect to certain of its coal-fired generating facilities. On September 2, 2010, following the end of discovery, the EPA dismissed five of its eight remaining claims against Alabama Power, leaving only three claims for summary disposition or trial, including one relating to a facility co-owned by Mississippi Power. The parties each filed motions for summary judgment on September 30, 2010. The court has set a trial date for October 2011 for any remaining claims. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot now be determined.

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***Carbon Dioxide Litigation***

*New York Case*

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Carbon Dioxide Litigation New York Case of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Southern Company under Environmental Matters Carbon Dioxide Litigation New York Case in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding carbon dioxide litigation. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit denied the defendants' petition for rehearing en banc on March 5, 2010. On August 2, 2010, the defendants filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be determined at this time.

*Other Litigation*

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Carbon Dioxide Litigation Other Litigation of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Southern Company under Environmental Matters Carbon Dioxide Litigation Other Litigation in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding carbon dioxide litigation related to Hurricane Katrina. On May 28, 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed the plaintiffs' appeal of the case based on procedural grounds relating to the loss of a quorum by the full court on reconsideration, reinstating the district court decision in favor of the defendants. On August 27, 2010, the plaintiffs petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus directing the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to reinstate the plaintiffs' appeal. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

***Air Quality***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Air Quality of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding the Industrial Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology regulations. On April 29, 2010, the EPA issued a proposed rule that would establish emissions limits for various hazardous air pollutants typically emitted from industrial boilers, including biomass boilers. The EPA is required to finalize the rules by January 16, 2011. The impact of these proposed regulations will depend on their final form and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time.

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Air Quality of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding proposed sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) regulations. On August 23, 2010, the EPA's final revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for SO<sub>2</sub>, which included the establishment of a new short-term standard, became effective. The ultimate impact of the revised standard will depend on additional regulatory action, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time.

On January 22, 2010, the EPA finalized revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) by setting a new one-hour standard that became effective on April 12, 2010. The impact of this regulation will depend on additional regulatory action, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time. Although none of the areas within Southern Company's service territory are expected to be designated as nonattainment for the standard, based on current ambient air quality monitoring data, the new NO<sub>2</sub> standard could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs for units that require new source permitting.

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Air Quality of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). On August 2, 2010, the EPA published a proposed rule to replace CAIR, which was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in 2008 but left in place pending the promulgation of a replacement rule. This proposed rule, referred to as the Transport Rule, would require 31 eastern



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states and the District of Columbia (D.C.) to reduce power plant emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) that contribute to downwind states' nonattainment of federal ozone and/or fine particulate matter ambient air quality standards. To address fine particulate matter standards, the proposed Transport Rule would require D.C. and 27 eastern states, including Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, to reduce annual emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> from power plants. To address ozone standards, the proposed Transport Rule would also require D.C. and 25 states, including each of the states in Southern Company's service territory, to achieve additional reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from power plants during the ozone season. The proposed Transport Rule contains a preferred option that would allow limited interstate trading of emissions allowances; however, the EPA also requests comment on two alternative approaches that would not allow interstate trading of emissions allowances. The EPA states that it also intends to develop a second phase of the Transport Rule next year to address the more stringent ozone air quality standards as they are finalized. The EPA expects to finalize the Transport Rule in late spring of 2011 and to set the initial compliance deadline starting in 2012. The impact of this proposed regulation and potential future regulation will depend on its final form, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time. These regulations could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates.

***Coal Combustion Byproducts***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Environmental Matters - Environmental Statutes and Regulations - Coal Combustion Byproducts of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding potential additional regulation of coal combustion byproducts. On June 21, 2010, the EPA published a rulemaking proposal which requested comments on two potential regulatory options for management and disposal of coal combustion byproducts: regulation as a solid waste or regulation as if the materials technically constituted a hazardous waste. Adoption of either option could require closure of or significant change to existing storage units and construction of lined landfills, as well as additional waste management and groundwater monitoring requirements. Under both options, the EPA proposes to exempt the beneficial reuse of coal combustion byproducts from regulation; however, a hazardous or other designation indicative of heightened risk could limit or eliminate beneficial reuse options. Comments on the proposed rules are due by November 19, 2010. Although its analysis is preliminary, Southern Company believes the EPA has significantly underestimated compliance costs in the proposed rule.

The outcome of these proposed regulations will depend on their final form and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time. However, additional regulation of coal combustion byproducts could have a significant impact on the management, beneficial use, and disposal of such byproducts. These changes could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates. Further, higher costs that are recovered through regulated rates could contribute to reduced demand for electricity, which could negatively impact results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition.

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***Global Climate Issues***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Global Climate Issues of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding the potential for legislation and regulation addressing greenhouse gas and other emissions. On April 1, 2010, the EPA issued a final rule regulating greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles under the Clean Air Act. The EPA has stated that, once this rule becomes effective on January 2, 2011, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases will become regulated pollutants under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) preconstruction permit program and the Title V operating permit program, which both apply to power plants. As a result, the construction of new facilities or the major modification of existing facilities could trigger the requirement for a PSD permit and the installation of the best available control technology for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. On May 13, 2010, the EPA issued a final rule, referred to as the Tailoring Rule, governing how these programs would be applied to stationary sources, including power plants. This rule establishes two phases for applying PSD and Title V requirements to greenhouse gas emissions sources. The first phase, beginning on January 2, 2011, will apply to sources and projects that would already be covered under PSD or Title V, whereas the second phase, beginning July 1, 2011, will apply to sources and projects that would not otherwise trigger those programs but for their greenhouse gas emissions. The final rules could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates. The ultimate outcome of these final rules cannot be determined at this time and will depend on the outcome of any legal challenges.

***State PSC Matters******Retail Fuel Cost Recovery***

The traditional operating companies each have established fuel cost recovery rates approved by their respective state PSCs. In recent years, the traditional operating companies have experienced volatility in pricing of fuel commodities with higher than expected pricing for coal and uranium and volatile price swings in natural gas. These higher fuel costs have resulted in total under recovered fuel costs included in the balance sheets of Georgia Power and Gulf Power of approximately \$505 million at September 30, 2010. Alabama Power and Mississippi Power collected all previously under recovered fuel costs and, as of September 30, 2010, had a total over recovered fuel balance of approximately \$102 million. At December 31, 2009, total under recovered fuel costs included in the balance sheets of Georgia Power and Gulf Power were approximately \$667 million and Alabama Power and Mississippi Power had a total over recovered fuel balance of \$229 million. Fuel cost recovery revenues are adjusted for differences in actual recoverable fuel costs and amounts billed in current regulated rates. Accordingly, changes to the billing factors will have no significant effect on Southern Company's revenues or net income but will affect cash flow. The traditional operating companies continuously monitor the under or over recovered fuel cost balances. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL PSC Matters Fuel Cost Recovery of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements under Retail Regulatory Matters Alabama Power Fuel Cost Recovery and Retail Regulatory Matters Georgia Power Fuel Cost Recovery in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

***Alabama Power Retail Regulatory Matters******Nuclear Outage Accounting Order***

On August 17, 2010, the Alabama PSC approved a change to the nuclear maintenance outage accounting process associated with routine refueling activities. Currently, Alabama Power accrues nuclear outage operations and maintenance expenses for the two units of Plant Farley during the 18-month cycle for the outages. In accordance with the new order, nuclear outage expenses will be deferred when the charges actually occur and then amortized over the subsequent 18-month period.



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The initial result of implementation of the new accounting order is that no nuclear maintenance outage expenses will be recognized from January 2011 through December 2011, which will decrease nuclear outage operations and maintenance expenses in 2011 from 2010 by approximately \$50 million. During the fall of 2011, actual nuclear outage expenses associated with one unit of Plant Farley will be deferred to a regulatory asset account; beginning in January 2012 these deferred costs will be amortized to nuclear operations and maintenance expense over an 18-month period. During the spring of 2012, actual nuclear outage expenses associated with the other unit of Plant Farley will be deferred to a regulatory asset account; beginning in July 2012 these deferred costs will be amortized to nuclear operations and maintenance expense over an 18-month period. Alabama Power will continue the pattern of deferral of nuclear outage expenses as incurred and the recognition of expenses over a subsequent 18-month period.

*Natural Disaster Cost Recovery*

Based on an order from the Alabama PSC, Alabama Power maintains a reserve for operations and maintenance expenses to cover the cost of damages from major storms to its transmission and distribution facilities, referred to as the NDR.

On August 20, 2010, the Alabama PSC approved an order enhancing the NDR that eliminated the \$75 million authorized limit and allows Alabama Power to make additional accruals to the NDR. The order also allows for reliability-related expenditures to be charged against the additional accruals when the NDR balance exceeds \$75 million. Alabama Power may designate a portion of the NDR to reliability-related expenditures as a part of an annual budget process for the following year or during the current year for identified unbudgeted reliability-related expenditures that are incurred. Accruals that have not been designated can be used to offset storm charges. Additional accruals to the NDR will enhance Alabama Power's ability to deal with the financial effects of future natural disasters, promote system reliability, and offset costs retail customers would otherwise bear.

The structure of the monthly Rate NDR charge to customers is not altered and continues to include a component to maintain the \$75 million base reserve.

In September 2010, Alabama Power accrued an additional \$40 million to the NDR, resulting in an accumulated balance of approximately \$118 million, which is included in the Condensed Balance Sheets herein under other regulatory liabilities, deferred. The additional accruals are reflected as operations and maintenance expense in the Condensed Statements of Income herein.

***Georgia Power Retail Regulatory Matters***

*Rate Plans*

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - PSC Matters - Georgia Power of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Southern Company under Retail Regulatory Matters - Georgia Power - Retail Rate Plans and Cost of Removal in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding the 2007 Retail Rate Plan.

On August 27, 2009, the Georgia PSC approved an accounting order that would allow Georgia Power to amortize up to \$324 million of its regulatory liability related to other cost of removal obligations. Under the terms of the accounting order, Georgia Power was entitled to amortize up to one-third of the regulatory liability (\$108 million) in 2009, limited to the amount needed to earn no more than a 9.75% retail return on equity (ROE). In addition, Georgia Power may amortize up to two-thirds of the regulatory liability (\$216 million) in 2010, limited to the amount needed to earn no more than a 10.15% retail ROE. From July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010, Georgia Power had amortized \$161 million of the regulatory liability. Georgia Power currently expects to amortize approximately \$40 million of the regulatory liability in the fourth quarter 2010; however, the final amount is subject to the limitations described previously and cannot be determined at this time.

In accordance with the 2007 Retail Rate Plan, Georgia Power filed a base rate case with the Georgia PSC on July 1, 2010. The filing includes a requested rate increase totaling \$615 million, or 8.2% of retail revenues, to be effective January 1,



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2011 based on a proposed retail ROE of 11.95%. The requested increase will be recovered through Georgia Power's existing base rate tariffs as follows: \$451 million, or 6.0%, through the traditional base rate tariffs; \$115 million, or 1.5%, through the Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery (ECCR) tariff; \$32 million through the Demand Side Management (DSM) tariffs; and \$17 million through the Municipal Franchise Fee (MFF) tariff. The majority of the increase in retail revenues is being requested to cover the costs of environmental compliance and continued investment in new generation, transmission, and distribution facilities to support growth and ensure reliability. The remainder of the increase includes recovery of higher operation, maintenance, and other investment costs to meet the current and future demand for electricity.

Unlike rate plans based on traditional one-year test periods, the 2007 Retail Rate Plan was designed to operate for the three-year period ending December 31, 2010. The 2010 rate case request includes proposed enhancements to the structure of the 2007 Retail Rate Plan to fit the current economic climate, including a process of annual tariff compliance reviews that would allow it to continue to operate for multiple years (Proposed Alternate Rate Plan). The primary points of the Proposed Alternate Rate Plan include:

- § Continuation of a plus or minus 100 basis point range for ROE.
  
- § Creation of an Adjustable Cost Recovery (ACR) tariff. If approved, beginning with an effective date of January 1, 2012, the ACR will work to maintain Georgia Power's earnings within the ROE band established by the Georgia PSC in this case. If Georgia Power's earnings projected for the upcoming year are within the ROE band, no adjustment under the ACR tariff will be requested. If Georgia Power's earnings projected for the upcoming year are outside (either above or below) the approved ROE band, the ACR tariff will be used to adjust projected earnings back to the mid-point of the approved ROE band.

The ACR tariff would also return to the sharing mechanism used prior to the 2007 Retail Rate Plan whereby two-thirds of any actual earnings for the previous year above the approved ROE band would be refunded to customers, with the remaining one-third retained by Georgia Power as incentive to manage expenses and operate as efficiently as possible. In addition, if earnings are below the approved ROE band, Georgia Power would accept one-third of the shortfall and retail customers would be responsible for the remaining two-thirds.

- § Creation of a new Certified Capacity Cost Recovery (CCCR) tariff to recover costs related to new capacity additions certified by the Georgia PSC and updated through applicable project construction monitoring reports and hearings.
  
- § Continuation and enhancement of the ECCR and DSM-Residential tariffs from the 2007 Retail Rate Plan and creation of a DSM-Commercial tariff to recover environmental capital and operating costs resulting from governmental mandates and DSM costs approved and certified by the Georgia PSC.
  
- § Implementation of an annual review of the MFF tariff to adjust for changes in relative gross receipts between customers served inside and outside municipal boundaries.

These proposed enhancements would become effective in 2012 with revenue requirements for each tariff updated through separate compliance filings based on Georgia Power's budget for the upcoming year. Based on Georgia Power's 2010 budget, earnings are currently projected to be slightly below the proposed ROE band in 2012 and within the band in 2013. However, updated budgets and revenue forecasts may eliminate, increase, or decrease the need for an ACR tariff adjustment in either year. In addition, Georgia Power currently estimates the ECCR tariff would increase by \$120 million in 2012 and would decrease by \$12 million in 2013. The CCCR tariff would begin recovering the costs of Plant McDonough Units 4, 5, and 6 with increases of \$99 million in February 2012, \$77 million in June 2012, and \$76 million in February 2013. The DSM tariffs would increase by \$17 million in 2012 and

\$18 million in 2013 to reflect the terms of the stipulated agreement in Georgia Power's 2010 DSM Certification proceeding. Amounts recovered under the MFF tariff are based on amounts recovered under all other tariffs.

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Hearings on Georgia Power's direct testimony were held in October 2010. In direct testimony filed on October 22, 2010, the Georgia PSC Staff proposed various adjustments based on a traditional one-year test period that would result in a proposed increase of \$436 million in 2011 using a 10.5% ROE. The Georgia PSC Staff recommendation would also allow additional increases of \$181 million and \$88 million in 2012 and 2013, respectively, to recover the costs associated with Plant McDonough Units 4, 5, and 6. These additional increases would be recovered through Georgia Power's traditional base rate tariffs. While supporting the proposed DSM and MFF tariffs, the Georgia PSC Staff recommended against approval of the proposed ECCR, CCCR, and ACR tariffs. Georgia Power disagrees with the Georgia PSC Staff's positions. Hearings on the Georgia PSC Staff and intervenor direct testimony will be held in November 2010. Georgia Power's rebuttal hearings will occur in early December 2010. The Georgia PSC is scheduled to issue a final order in this matter on December 21, 2010.

The final outcome of these matters cannot now be determined.

***Fuel Cost Recovery***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - PSC Matters - Fuel Cost Recovery of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements under Retail Regulatory Matters - Georgia Power - Fuel Cost Recovery in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

On March 11, 2010, the Georgia PSC voted to approve the stipulation among Georgia Power, the Georgia PSC Staff, and three customer groups with the exception that the under recovered fuel balance be collected over 42 months. The new rates, which became effective April 1, 2010, will result in an increase of approximately \$373 million to Georgia Power's total annual fuel cost recovery billings. Georgia Power is required to file its next fuel case by March 1, 2011.

**Legislation**

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Legislation of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

***Healthcare Reform***

On March 23, 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) was signed into law and, on March 30, 2010, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA and, together with PPACA, the Acts), which makes various amendments to certain aspects of the PPACA, was signed into law. The Acts effectively change the tax treatment of federal subsidies paid to sponsors of retiree health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits that are at least actuarially equivalent to the corresponding benefits provided under Medicare Part D. The federal subsidy paid to employers was introduced as part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MPDIMA). Since the 2006 tax year, Southern Company and the traditional operating companies have been receiving the federal subsidy related to certain retiree prescription drug plans that were determined to be actuarially equivalent to the benefit provided under Medicare Part D. Under the MPDIMA, the federal subsidy does not reduce an employer's income tax deduction for the costs of providing such prescription drug plans nor is it subject to income tax individually. Under the Acts, beginning in 2013, an employer's income tax deduction for the costs of providing Medicare Part D-equivalent prescription drug benefits to retirees will be reduced by the amount of the federal subsidy. Under GAAP, any impact from a change in tax law must be recognized in the period enacted regardless of the effective date; however, as a result of state regulatory treatment, this change had no material impact on the financial statements of Southern Company. Southern Company is in the process of assessing the extent to which the legislation may affect its future health care and related employee benefit plan costs. Any future impact on the financial statements of Southern Company cannot be determined at this time.

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***Stimulus Funding***

On April 28, 2010, Southern Company signed a Smart Grid Investment Grant agreement with the DOE, formally accepting a \$165 million grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This funding, to be matched by Southern Company, will be used for transmission and distribution automation and modernization projects that must be completed by April 28, 2013.

**Income Tax Matters**

***Georgia State Income Tax Credits***

Georgia Power's 2005 through 2009 income tax filings for the State of Georgia include state income tax credits for increased activity through Georgia ports. Georgia Power had also filed similar claims for the years 2002 through 2004. The Georgia Department of Revenue has not responded to these claims. In July 2007, Georgia Power filed a complaint in the Superior Court of Fulton County to recover the credits claimed for the years 2002 through 2004. On March 22, 2010, the Superior Court of Fulton County ruled in favor of Georgia Power's motion for summary judgment. The Georgia Department of Revenue has appealed to the Georgia Court of Appeals. An unrecognized tax benefit has been recorded related to these credits. If Georgia Power prevails, no material impact on Southern Company's net income is expected as a significant portion of any tax benefit is expected to be returned to retail customers. If Georgia Power is not successful, payment of the related state tax could have a significant, and possibly material, negative effect on Southern Company's cash flow. See Note 5 to the financial statements of Southern Company under "Unrecognized Tax Benefits" in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (G) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for additional information. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot now be determined.

***Tax Method of Accounting for Repairs***

Southern Company submitted a change in the tax accounting method for repair costs associated with Southern Company's generation, transmission, and distribution systems with the filing of the 2009 federal income tax return in September 2010. The new tax method is expected to result in net positive cash flow for 2010 of approximately \$243 million. Although IRS approval of this change is considered automatic, the amount claimed is subject to review because the IRS will be issuing final guidance on this issue. Currently, the IRS is working with the utility industry in an effort to resolve this matter in a consistent manner for all utilities. Due to uncertainty concerning the ultimate resolution of this issue, an unrecognized tax benefit has been recorded for the change in the tax accounting method for repair costs. See Note (G) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for additional information. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

***Bonus Depreciation***

On September 27, 2010, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010 (SBJCA) was signed into law. The SBJCA includes an extension of the 50% bonus depreciation for certain property acquired in 2010 and placed in service in 2010 or, in certain limited cases, 2011. Southern Company has estimated the cash flow reduction to tax payments for 2010 to be approximately \$309 million.

**Construction Projects**

The subsidiary companies of Southern Company are engaged in continuous construction programs to accommodate existing and estimated future loads on their respective systems. Southern Company intends to continue its strategy of developing and constructing new generating facilities, including units at Southern Power, proposed new nuclear units, and a proposed IGCC facility, as well as adding environmental control equipment and expanding the transmission and distribution systems. For the traditional operating companies, major generation construction projects are subject to state PSC approvals in order to be included in retail rates. While Southern Power generally constructs and acquires generation assets covered by long-term PPAs, any uncontracted capacity could negatively affect future earnings. See Note 7 to the

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financial statements of Southern Company under Construction Program in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for estimated construction expenditures for the next three years. In addition, see Note 3 to the financial statements of Southern Company under Retail Regulatory Matters Georgia Power Nuclear Construction and Retail Regulatory Matters Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (B) to the Condensed Financial Statements under State PSC Matters Georgia Power Nuclear Construction and State PSC Matters Mississippi Power Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle herein for additional information.

On September 3, 2010, Georgia Power filed with the Georgia PSC the Nuclear Construction Cost Recovery tariff, as authorized in April 2009 under the Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act. The filing includes a rate increase of approximately \$218 million to recover financing costs associated with the construction of two additional nuclear units on the site of Plant Vogtle (Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4), effective January 1, 2011.

**Other Matters**

Southern Company and its subsidiaries are involved in various other matters being litigated, regulatory matters, and certain tax-related issues that could affect future earnings. In addition, Southern Company and its subsidiaries are subject to certain claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. The business activities of Southern Company's subsidiaries are subject to extensive governmental regulation related to public health and the environment, such as regulation of air emissions and water discharges. Litigation over environmental issues and claims of various types, including property damage, personal injury, common law nuisance, and citizen enforcement of environmental requirements such as opacity and air and water quality standards, has increased generally throughout the United States. In particular, personal injury and other claims for damages caused by alleged exposure to hazardous materials, and common law nuisance claims for injunctive relief and property damage allegedly caused by greenhouse gas and other emissions, have become more frequent. The ultimate outcome of such pending or potential litigation against Southern Company and its subsidiaries cannot be predicted at this time; however, for current proceedings not specifically reported herein or in Note 3 to the financial statements of Southern Company in Item 8 of the Form 10-K, management does not anticipate that the liabilities, if any, arising from such current proceedings would have a material adverse effect on Southern Company's financial statements.

The coastal contamination resulting from the oil spill that began in April 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico has not significantly impacted operations, but has had and may continue to have significant economic impacts on the affected areas within Southern Company's service territory.

See the Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for discussion of various other contingencies, regulatory matters, and other matters being litigated which may affect future earnings potential.

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Southern Company prepares its consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements of Southern Company in Item 8 of the Form 10-K. In the application of these policies, certain estimates are made that may have a material impact on Southern Company's results of operations and related disclosures. Different assumptions and measurements could produce estimates that are significantly different from those recorded in the financial statements. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for a complete discussion of Southern Company's critical accounting policies and estimates related to Electric Utility Regulation, Contingent Obligations, Unbilled Revenues, and Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits.

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**FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY**

**Overview**

Southern Company's financial condition remained stable at September 30, 2010. Southern Company intends to continue to monitor its access to short-term and long-term capital markets as well as its bank credit arrangements to meet future capital and liquidity needs. See Sources of Capital and Financing Activities herein for additional information.

Net cash provided from operating activities totaled \$3.5 billion for the first nine months of 2010, an increase of \$1.2 billion from the corresponding period in 2009. Significant changes in operating cash flow for the first nine months of 2010 compared to the corresponding period in 2009 include an increase in net income as previously discussed, a reduction in fossil fuel stock, and an increase in deferred income taxes primarily due to the change in the tax accounting method for repair costs as previously discussed. Net cash used for investing activities totaled \$3.0 billion for the first nine months of 2010, an increase of \$150 million from the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was due to proceeds received on sales of property in 2009. Net cash provided from financing activities totaled \$48 million for the first nine months of 2010, a decrease of \$638 million from the corresponding period in 2009, primarily due to fewer issuances of securities in the first nine months of 2010 and a reduction in notes payable outstanding. Fluctuations in cash flow from financing activities vary from year to year based on capital needs and the maturity or redemption of securities.

Significant balance sheet changes for the first nine months of 2010 include an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$569 million and an increase of \$2.0 billion in total property, plant, and equipment for the installation of equipment to comply with environmental standards and construction of generation, transmission, and distribution facilities. Other significant changes include an increase in equity of \$1.4 billion.

The market price of Southern Company's common stock at September 30, 2010 was \$37.24 per share (based on the closing price as reported on the New York Stock Exchange) and the book value was \$19.38 per share, representing a market-to-book ratio of 192%, compared to \$33.32, \$18.15, and 184%, respectively, at the end of 2009. The dividend for the third quarter 2010 was \$0.4550 per share compared to \$0.4375 per share in the third quarter 2009.

**Capital Requirements and Contractual Obligations**

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY Capital Requirements and Contractual Obligations of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for a description of Southern Company's capital requirements for its construction program, scheduled maturities of long-term debt, interest, preferred and preference stock dividends, leases, trust funding requirements, other purchase commitments, unrecognized tax benefits and interest, and derivative obligations. Approximately \$2 billion will be required through September 30, 2011 to fund maturities and announced repurchases and redemptions of long-term debt. Georgia Power met its obligations to repurchase \$462.5 million in pollution control revenue bonds subsequent to September 30, 2010 with a portion of its current cash and cash equivalents balance at September 30, 2010. Gulf Power met its obligations to redeem \$75 million in senior notes subsequent to September 30, 2010 with a portion of its current cash and cash equivalents balance at September 30, 2010. No mandatory contributions to Southern Company's pension plan are expected for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2011, although management may consider making discretionary contributions. The construction programs are subject to periodic review and revision, and actual construction costs may vary from these estimates because of numerous factors. These factors include: changes in business conditions; changes in load projections; changes in environmental statutes and regulations; changes in generating plants to meet new regulatory requirements; changes in FERC rules and regulations; PSC approvals; changes in legislation; the cost and efficiency of construction labor, equipment, and materials; project scope and design changes; and the cost of capital. In addition, there can be no assurance that costs related to capital expenditures will be fully recovered.



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**Sources of Capital**

Southern Company intends to meet its future capital needs through internal cash flow and external security issuances. Equity capital can be provided from any combination of Southern Company's stock plans, private placements, or public offerings. The amount and timing of additional equity capital to be raised in 2010, as well as in subsequent years, will be contingent on Southern Company's investment opportunities. Except as described below with respect to potential DOE loan guarantees, the traditional operating companies and Southern Power plan to obtain the funds required for construction and other purposes from sources similar to those utilized in the past, which were primarily from operating cash flows, security issuances, term loans, short-term borrowings, and equity contributions from Southern Company.

However, the amount, type, and timing of any future financings, if needed, will depend upon prevailing market conditions, regulatory approval, and other factors. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY—Sources of Capital of Southern Company in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

On June 18, 2010, Georgia Power reached an agreement with the DOE to accept terms for a conditional commitment for federal loan guarantees that would apply to future Georgia Power borrowings related to Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4. Any borrowings guaranteed by the DOE would be full recourse to Georgia Power and secured by a first priority lien on Georgia Power's 45.7% undivided ownership interest in Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4. Total guaranteed borrowings would not exceed the lesser of 70% of eligible project costs or approximately \$3.4 billion, and are expected to be funded by the Federal Financing Bank. Final approval and issuance of loan guarantees by the DOE are subject to receipt of the combined construction and operating license for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 from the NRC, negotiation of definitive agreements, completion of due diligence by the DOE, receipt of any necessary regulatory approvals, and satisfaction of other conditions. There can be no assurance that the DOE will issue loan guarantees for Georgia Power. In addition, Mississippi Power has applied to the DOE for federal loan guarantees to finance a portion of the eligible construction costs of the Kemper IGCC. Mississippi Power is in advanced due diligence with the DOE but has yet to begin discussions with the DOE regarding the terms and conditions of any loan guarantee. There can be no assurance the DOE will issue federal loan guarantees to Mississippi Power.

Southern Company's current liabilities frequently exceed current assets because of the continued use of short-term debt as a funding source to meet cash needs as well as scheduled maturities of long-term debt. To meet short-term cash needs and contingencies, Southern Company has substantial cash flow from operating activities and access to capital markets, including commercial paper programs (which are backed by bank credit facilities), to meet liquidity needs. At September 30, 2010, Southern Company and its subsidiaries had approximately \$1.3 billion of cash and cash equivalents and approximately \$4.8 billion of unused committed credit arrangements with banks. Of the cash and cash equivalents, approximately \$1.1 billion was held in various money market mutual funds. The money market mutual funds invest in a portfolio of highly-rated, short-term securities, and redemptions from the funds are available on a same day basis up to the full amount of the investment. Of the unused credit arrangements, \$126 million expire in 2010, \$1.4 billion expire in 2011, and \$3.2 billion expire in 2012. Of the credit arrangements expiring in 2010 and 2011, \$81 million contain provisions allowing two-year term loans executable at expiration and \$922 million contain provisions allowing one-year term loans executable at expiration. At September 30, 2010, approximately \$1.8 billion of the credit facilities were dedicated to providing liquidity support to the traditional operating companies' variable rate pollution control revenue bonds. Subsequent to September 30, 2010, Gulf Power renewed an existing credit agreement totaling \$30 million and increased an existing credit agreement by \$5 million; both agreements contain provisions allowing a one-year term loan executable at expiration and extended the expiration date to 2011. See Note 6 to the financial statements of Southern Company under Bank Credit Arrangements in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (E) to the Condensed Financial

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Statements under Bank Credit Arrangements herein for additional information. The traditional operating companies may also meet short-term cash needs through a Southern Company subsidiary organized to issue and sell commercial paper at the request and for the benefit of each of the traditional operating companies. At September 30, 2010, the Southern Company system had approximately \$345 million of commercial paper borrowings outstanding with a weighted average interest rate of 0.4% per annum. During the third quarter 2010, Southern Company had an average of \$814 million of commercial paper outstanding at a weighted average interest rate of 0.3% per annum and the maximum amount outstanding was \$1.1 billion. Management believes that the need for working capital can be adequately met by utilizing commercial paper programs, lines of credit, and cash.

**Off-Balance Sheet Financing Arrangements**

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY

Off-Balance Sheet Financing Arrangements of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 7 to the financial statements of Southern Company under Operating Leases in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for information related to Mississippi Power's lease of a combined cycle generating facility at Plant Daniel. In April 2010, Mississippi Power was required to notify the lessor, Juniper Capital L.P., if it intended to terminate the lease at the end of the initial term expiring in October 2011. Mississippi Power chose not to give notice to terminate the lease. Mississippi Power has the option to purchase the units or renew the lease. Mississippi Power will have to provide notice of its intent to either renew the lease or purchase the facility by July 2011. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

**Credit Rating Risk**

Southern Company does not have any credit arrangements that would require material changes in payment schedules or terminations as a result of a credit rating downgrade. There are certain contracts that could require collateral, but not accelerated payment, in the event of a credit rating change of certain subsidiaries to BBB and Baa2, or BBB- and/or Baa3 or below. These contracts are for physical electricity purchases and sales, fuel purchases, fuel transportation and storage, emissions allowances, energy price risk management, and construction of new generation. At September 30, 2010, the maximum potential collateral requirements under these contracts at a BBB and Baa2 rating were approximately \$9 million and at a BBB- and/or Baa3 rating were approximately \$483 million. At September 30, 2010, the maximum potential collateral requirements under these contracts at a rating below BBB- and/or Baa3 were approximately \$2.5 billion. Generally, collateral may be provided by a Southern Company guaranty, letter of credit, or cash. Additionally, any credit rating downgrade could impact Southern Company's ability to access capital markets, particularly the short-term debt market.

On January 22, 2010, Fitch applied new guidelines regarding the ratings of various hybrid capital instruments and preferred securities of companies in all sectors, including banks, insurers, non-bank financial institutions, and non-financial corporate entities, including utilities. As a result, the Fitch ratings of the preferred stock, preference stock, and long-term debt payable to affiliated trusts of the traditional operating companies decreased from A to A- at Alabama Power and Georgia Power, from A- to BBB+ at Gulf Power, and from A+ to A at Mississippi Power. These ratings are not applicable to the collateral requirements described above.

On August 12, 2010, Moody's downgraded the issuer and long-term debt ratings of Southern Company (senior unsecured to Baa1 from A3), Georgia Power (senior unsecured to A3 from A2), Gulf Power (senior unsecured to A3 from A2) and Mississippi Power (senior unsecured to A2 from A1). Moody's also announced that it had downgraded the short-term ratings of Southern Company and a financing subsidiary of Southern Company that issues commercial paper for the benefit of Southern Company subsidiaries (including Georgia Power, Gulf Power, and Mississippi Power) to P-2 from P-1. In addition, Moody's announced that it had downgraded the variable rate demand obligation ratings of Georgia Power, Gulf Power, and Mississippi Power to VMIG-2 from VMIG-1 and the preferred and preference stock ratings of Georgia Power (to Baa2 from Baa1), Gulf Power (to Baa2 from Baa1), and Mississippi Power (to Baa1 from A3). Moody's also downgraded the trust preferred securities rating of Georgia Power to Baa1 from A3. All of these companies have stable ratings outlooks from Moody's.



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On September 3, 2010, Fitch downgraded the issuer and long-term debt ratings of Mississippi Power (senior unsecured to A+ from AA- and issuer default rating to A from A+). Fitch also announced that it had downgraded the short-term ratings of Mississippi Power to F1 from F1+. In addition, Fitch announced that it had downgraded the pollution control revenue bond ratings of Mississippi Power to A+ from AA- and the preferred stock ratings of Mississippi Power to A- from A. Fitch announced that the ratings outlook for Mississippi Power is stable. Also, Fitch announced that the ratings outlook of Southern Company had been revised to negative.

**Market Price Risk**

Southern Company's market risk exposure relative to interest rate changes for the third quarter 2010 has not changed materially compared with the December 31, 2009 reporting period. Since a significant portion of outstanding indebtedness is at fixed rates, Southern Company is not aware of any facts or circumstances that would significantly affect exposures on existing indebtedness in the near term. However, the impact on future financing costs cannot now be determined.

Due to cost-based rate regulation, the traditional operating companies continue to have limited exposure to market volatility in interest rates, commodity fuel prices, and prices of electricity. In addition, Southern Power's exposure to market volatility in commodity fuel prices and prices of electricity is limited because its long-term sales contracts shift substantially all fuel cost responsibility to the purchaser. However, during 2010, Southern Power is exposed to market volatility in energy-related commodity prices as a result of sales of uncontracted generating capacity. The traditional operating companies continue to manage fuel-hedging programs implemented per the guidelines of their respective state PSCs. To mitigate residual risks relative to movements in electricity prices, the traditional operating companies enter into physical fixed-price contracts for the purchase and sale of electricity through the wholesale electricity market. To mitigate residual risks relative to movements in gas prices, the registrants may enter into fixed-price contracts for natural gas purchases; however, a significant portion of contracts are priced at market. As such, Southern Company had no material change in market risk exposure for the third quarter 2010 when compared with the December 31, 2009 reporting period.

The changes in fair value of energy-related derivative contracts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	<b>Third Quarter 2010 Changes</b>	<b>Year-to-Date 2010 Changes</b>
	<i>Fair Value (in millions)</i>	
Contracts outstanding at the beginning of the period, assets (liabilities), net	\$(202)	\$ (178)
Contracts realized or settled	49	160
Current period changes <sup>(a)</sup>	(96)	(231)
Contracts outstanding at the end of the period, assets (liabilities), net	\$(249)	\$ (249)

(a) Current period changes also include the changes in fair value of new contracts entered into during the period, if any.

The change in the fair value positions of the energy-related derivative contracts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was a decrease of \$47 million and a decrease of \$71 million, respectively, substantially all of which is due to natural gas positions. The change is attributable to both the volume and prices of natural gas. At September 30, 2010, Southern Company had a net hedge volume of 138 million mmBtu with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.85 per mmBtu above market prices, compared to 134 million mmBtu at June 30,

2010 with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.56 per mmBtu above market prices and compared to 145 million mmBtu at December 31, 2009 with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.23 per mmBtu above market prices. The majority of the natural gas hedges are recovered through the traditional operating companies fuel cost recovery clauses.

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The fair value of energy-related derivative contracts by hedge designation reflected in the financial statements as assets (liabilities) consists of the following:

<b>Asset (Liability) Derivatives</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>
	<i>(in millions)</i>	
Regulatory hedges	\$(247)	\$ (175)
Cash flow hedges	1	(2)
Not designated	(3)	(1)
<b>Total fair value</b>	<b>\$(249)</b>	<b>\$ (178)</b>

Energy-related derivative contracts that are designated as regulatory hedges relate to the traditional operating companies' fuel-hedging programs, where gains and losses are initially recorded as regulatory liabilities and assets, respectively, and then are included in fuel expense as they are recovered through the fuel cost recovery clauses. Gains and losses on energy-related derivatives that are designated as cash flow hedges are mainly used by Southern Power to hedge anticipated purchases and sales and are initially deferred in OCI before being recognized in income in the same period as the hedged transaction. Gains and losses on energy-related derivative contracts that are not designated or fail to qualify as hedges are recognized in the statements of income as incurred.

Total net unrealized pre-tax gains (losses) recognized in income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 were \$(4) million and \$(2) million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, the total net unrealized pre-tax gains (losses) recognized in income were \$2 million and \$1 million, respectively.

Southern Company uses over-the-counter contracts that are not exchange-traded but are fair valued using prices which are actively quoted, and thus fall into Level 2. The maturities of the energy-related derivative contracts at September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	<b>September 30, 2010</b>			
	<b>Fair Value Measurements</b>			
	Total Fair Value	Year 1	Maturity Years 2&3	Years 4&5
	<i>(in millions)</i>			
Level 1	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 2	(249)	(168)	(80)	(1)
Level 3				
<b>Fair value of contracts outstanding at end of period</b>	<b>\$(249)</b>	<b>\$ (168)</b>	<b>\$ (80)</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>

See Note (C) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for further discussion on fair value measurements. For additional information, see MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS' FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY' Market Price Risk' of Southern Company in Item 7 and Note 1 under 'Financial Instruments' and Note 11 to the financial statements of Southern Company in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (H) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein.

**Financing Activities**

During the third quarter 2010, Southern Company issued approximately \$198 million of common stock through the Southern Investment Plan and employee and director stock plans. In addition, Southern Company issued

approximately 2 million shares of common stock through at-the-market issuances pursuant to sales agency agreements related to Southern Company's continuous equity offering program and received cash proceeds of approximately \$73 million, net of \$0.6 million in fees and commissions. The proceeds were primarily used to fund ongoing construction projects, to repay short-term and long-term indebtedness, and for general corporate purposes.

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In the first nine months of 2010, Southern Company issued approximately \$475 million of common stock through the Southern Investment Plan and employee and director stock plans. In addition, Southern Company issued approximately 4 million shares of common stock through at-the-market issuances pursuant to sales agency agreements related to Southern Company's continuous equity offering program and received cash proceeds of approximately \$143 million, net of \$1.2 million in fees and commissions. The proceeds were primarily used to fund ongoing construction projects, to repay short-term and long-term indebtedness, and for general corporate purposes.

In March 2010, Georgia Power issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2010A Floating Rate Senior Notes due March 15, 2013. The net proceeds were used to repay at maturity \$250 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2008A Floating Rate Senior Notes due March 17, 2010, to repay a portion of its outstanding short-term indebtedness, and for general corporate purposes, including Georgia Power's continuous construction program.

In April 2010, Gulf Power issued \$175 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2010A 4.75% Senior Notes due April 15, 2020. The net proceeds were used to repay at maturity \$140 million aggregate principal amount of its Series 2009A Floating Rate Senior Notes due June 28, 2010, to repay a portion of its outstanding short-term indebtedness, and for general corporate purposes, including Gulf Power's continuous construction program.

In June 2010, Georgia Power issued \$600 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2010B 5.40% Senior Notes due June 1, 2040. The net proceeds from the sale of the Series 2010B Senior Notes were used for the redemption of all of the \$200 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series R 6.00% Senior Notes due October 15, 2033 and all of the \$150 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series O 5.90% Senior Notes due April 15, 2033, to repay a portion of its outstanding short-term indebtedness, and for general corporate purposes, including Georgia Power's continuous construction program.

In June 2010, Gulf Power incurred obligations in connection with the issuance of \$21 million aggregate principal amount of the Development Authority of Monroe County (Georgia) Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Gulf Power Plant Scherer Project), First Series 2010. The net proceeds were used to fund pollution control and environmental improvement facilities at Plant Scherer.

In September 2010, Southern Company issued \$400 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2010A 2.375% Senior Notes due September 15, 2015. The net proceeds will be used for the announced redemption of \$250 million aggregate principal amount of Southern Company Capital Funding, Inc.'s Series C 5.75% Senior Notes due November 15, 2015 and were also used to repay a portion of its outstanding short-term indebtedness, and for other general corporate purposes.

In September 2010, Mississippi Power entered into a one-year \$125 million aggregate principal amount long-term floating rate bank loan that bears interest based on one-month LIBOR. The proceeds were used to repay a portion of Mississippi Power's short-term indebtedness and for general corporate purposes, including Mississippi Power's continuous construction program.

In September 2010, Georgia Power issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount Series 2010C 4.75% Senior Notes due September 1, 2040. The net proceeds were used to redeem all of the \$250 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series X 5.70% Senior Notes due January 15, 2045, \$125 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series W 6% Senior Notes due August 15, 2044, \$100 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series T 5.75% Senior Public Income Notes due January 15, 2044, and \$35 million aggregate principal amount of Savannah Electric and Power Company's (Savannah Electric) Series G 5.75% Senior Notes due December 1, 2044 (which were assumed by Georgia Power upon its merger with Savannah Electric).

Also in September 2010, Georgia Power issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount Series 2010D 1.30% Senior Notes due September 15, 2013. Subsequent to September 30, 2010, the net proceeds were used for the repurchase of all of the \$114.3 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding Development Authority of Burke County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Vogtle Project), First Series 2009, due January 1, 2049; \$40 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Development Authority of Monroe County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Scherer Project), First Series 2009, due January 1, 2049; \$173 million



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amount of the outstanding Development Authority of Bartow County (Georgia) Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Bowen Project), First Series 2009, due December 1, 2032; \$89.2 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Development Authority of Monroe County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Scherer Project), Second Series 2009, due October 1, 2048; and \$46 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Development Authority of Burke County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Vogtle Project), First Series 1996, due October 1, 2032, and for other general corporate purposes, including Georgia Power's continuous construction program. The pollution control revenue bonds repurchased by Georgia Power are being held by Georgia Power and may be remarketed to investors in the future.

In September 2010, Gulf Power issued \$125 million aggregate principal amount of its Series 2010B 5.10% Senior Notes due October 1, 2040. The net proceeds were used to repay a portion of its outstanding short-term indebtedness, for general corporate purposes, including Gulf Power's continuous construction program, and, subsequent to September 30, 2010, for the redemption of all of the \$40 million aggregate principal amount of Gulf Power's Series I 5.75% Senior Notes due September 15, 2033 and \$35 million aggregate principal amount of Gulf Power's Series J 5.875% Senior Notes due April 1, 2044.

Subsequent to September 30, 2010, Alabama Power issued \$250 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2010A 3.375% Senior Notes due October 1, 2020. Subsequent to September 30, 2010, the net proceeds were used for the redemption of \$150 million aggregate principal amount of Alabama Power's Series AA 5.625% Senior Notes due April 15, 2034 and for other general corporate purposes, including Alabama Power's continuous construction program. See Southern Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows herein for further details regarding financing activities during the first nine months of 2010.

In addition to any financings that may be necessary to meet capital requirements and contractual obligations, Southern Company and its subsidiaries plan to continue, when economically feasible, a program to retire higher-cost securities and replace these obligations with lower-cost capital if market conditions permit.

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See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY Market Price Risk herein for each registrant and Note 1 to the financial statements of each registrant under Financial Instruments, Note 11 to the financial statements of Southern Company, Alabama Power, and Georgia Power, and Note 10 to the financial statements of Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, and Southern Power in Item 8 of the Form 10-K. Also, see Note (H) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for information relating to derivative instruments.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.

As of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, Southern Company conducted an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of Southern Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Sections 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(b) Changes in internal controls.

There have been no changes in Southern Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) during the third quarter 2010 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect Southern Company's internal control over financial reporting other than as described in the next paragraph.

In August 2010, Alabama Power implemented a new general ledger system and Mississippi Power implemented new general ledger, supply chain, and work management systems. These systems provide additional operational and internal control benefits including system security and the automation of previously manual controls. These process improvement initiatives were not in response to an identified internal control deficiency.

**Item 4T. Controls and Procedures.**

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.

As of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, Alabama Power, Georgia Power, Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, and Southern Power conducted separate evaluations under the supervision and with the participation of each company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Sections 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon these evaluations, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, in each case, concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(b) Changes in internal controls.

There have been no changes in Georgia Power's, Gulf Power's, or Southern Power's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) during the third quarter 2010 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect Georgia Power's, Gulf Power's, or Southern Power's internal control over financial reporting.

There have been no changes in Alabama Power's and Mississippi Power's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) during the third quarter 2010 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect Alabama Power's and Mississippi Power's internal control over financial reporting, other than as described in the next paragraph.

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In August 2010, Alabama Power implemented a new general ledger system and Mississippi Power implemented new general ledger, supply chain, and work management systems. These systems provide additional operational and internal control benefits including system security and the automation of previously manual controls. These process improvement initiatives were not in response to an identified internal control deficiency.

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**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Retail revenues	<b>\$ 1,526,738</b>	\$ 1,342,665	<b>\$ 3,924,612</b>	\$ 3,520,408
Wholesale revenues, non-affiliates	<b>85,823</b>	170,573	<b>395,164</b>	483,180
Wholesale revenues, affiliates	<b>42,966</b>	34,042	<b>193,622</b>	170,887
Other revenues	<b>50,406</b>	44,876	<b>149,927</b>	123,963
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>1,705,933</b>	1,592,156	<b>4,663,325</b>	4,298,438
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Fuel	<b>500,150</b>	506,376	<b>1,455,226</b>	1,437,095
Purchased power, non-affiliates	<b>34,931</b>	42,915	<b>65,532</b>	84,582
Purchased power, affiliates	<b>57,524</b>	73,966	<b>161,216</b>	172,096
Other operations and maintenance	<b>378,133</b>	272,118	<b>997,731</b>	827,275
Depreciation and amortization	<b>153,488</b>	136,784	<b>451,065</b>	406,687
Taxes other than income taxes	<b>84,261</b>	77,353	<b>247,592</b>	239,673
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>1,208,487</b>	1,109,512	<b>3,378,362</b>	3,167,408
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>497,446</b>	482,644	<b>1,284,963</b>	1,131,030
<b>Other Income and (Expense):</b>				
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	<b>8,155</b>	21,053	<b>28,529</b>	56,931
Interest income	<b>4,129</b>	4,419	<b>12,143</b>	12,689
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	<b>(76,292)</b>	(75,817)	<b>(226,986)</b>	(224,792)
Other income (expense), net	<b>(6,137)</b>	(6,714)	<b>(17,827)</b>	(17,577)
<b>Total other income and (expense)</b>	<b>(70,145)</b>	(57,059)	<b>(204,141)</b>	(172,749)
<b>Earnings Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>427,301</b>	425,585	<b>1,080,822</b>	958,281
Income taxes	<b>157,782</b>	154,050	<b>398,912</b>	344,416
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>269,519</b>	271,535	<b>681,910</b>	613,865
<b>Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock</b>	<b>9,866</b>	9,866	<b>29,598</b>	29,598
<b>Net Income After Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock</b>	<b>\$ 259,653</b>	\$ 261,669	<b>\$ 652,312</b>	\$ 584,267

**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009

	<i>(in thousands)</i>		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Net Income After Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock</b>	<b>\$ 259,653</b>	\$ 261,669	<b>\$ 652,312</b>	\$ 584,267
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Qualifying hedges:				
Changes in fair value, net of tax of \$18, \$(187), \$8, and \$(1,773), respectively	<b>30</b>	(307)	<b>13</b>	(2,916)
Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, net of tax of \$(68), \$1,217, \$475, and \$3,456, respectively	<b>(110)</b>	2,002	<b>782</b>	5,685
<b>Total other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>(80)</b>	1,695	<b>795</b>	2,769
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 259,573</b>	\$ 263,364	<b>\$ 653,107</b>	\$ 587,036

The accompanying notes as they relate to Alabama Power are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

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	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ <b>681,910</b>	\$ 613,865
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization, total	<b>519,320</b>	474,250
Deferred income taxes	<b>301,119</b>	(32,333)
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	<b>(28,529)</b>	(56,931)
Pension, postretirement, and other employee benefits	<b>(8,840)</b>	(2,955)
Stock based compensation expense	<b>4,174</b>	3,475
Other, net	<b>27,933</b>	25,302
Changes in certain current assets and liabilities		
-Receivables	<b>(109,948)</b>	232,890
-Fossil fuel stock	<b>21,130</b>	(20,609)
-Materials and supplies	<b>(9,906)</b>	(22,783)
-Other current assets	<b>(33,540)</b>	(43,436)
-Accounts payable	<b>(66,037)</b>	(197,357)
-Accrued taxes	<b>(48,091)</b>	168,493
-Accrued compensation	<b>7,541</b>	(46,583)
-Other current liabilities	<b>(103,390)</b>	70,111
Net cash provided from operating activities	<b>1,154,846</b>	1,165,399
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Property additions	<b>(684,738)</b>	(896,913)
Distribution of restricted cash from pollution control revenue bonds	<b>18,464</b>	39,866
Nuclear decommissioning trust fund purchases	<b>(126,039)</b>	(177,639)
Nuclear decommissioning trust fund sales	<b>126,039</b>	177,639
Cost of removal, net of salvage	<b>(25,830)</b>	(21,419)
Change in construction payables	<b>(34,329)</b>	37,486
Other investing activities	<b>(9,212)</b>	(27,484)
Net cash used for investing activities	<b>(735,645)</b>	(868,464)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Decrease in notes payable, net		(24,995)
Proceeds		
Common stock issued to parent		135,000
Capital contributions from parent company	<b>18,823</b>	17,177
Pollution control revenue bonds		53,000
Senior notes issuances		500,000
Redemptions		
Senior notes		(250,000)



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Payment of preferred and preference stock dividends	<b>(29,670)</b>	(29,602)
Payment of common stock dividends	<b>(407,025)</b>	(392,100)
Other financing activities	<b>(1,242)</b>	(2,474)
Net cash provided from (used for) financing activities	<b>(419,114)</b>	6,006
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>87</b>	302,941
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>368,016</b>	28,181
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 368,103</b>	\$ 331,122

**Supplemental Cash Flow Information:**

Cash paid during the period for		
Interest (net of \$11,121 and \$23,813 capitalized for 2010 and 2009, respectively)	<b>\$ 214,102</b>	\$ 190,014
Income taxes (net of refunds)	<b>\$ 212,036</b>	\$ 274,486

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**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)**

	At September 30, 2010	At December 31, 2009
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 368,103	\$ 368,016
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	18,249	36,711
Receivables		
Customer accounts receivable	451,381	322,292
Unbilled revenues	142,372	134,875
Under recovered regulatory clause revenues	12,065	37,338
Other accounts and notes receivable	46,986	33,522
Affiliated companies	45,382	61,508
Accumulated provision for uncollectible accounts	(12,035)	(9,551)
Fossil fuel stock, at average cost	369,074	394,511
Materials and supplies, at average cost	335,954	326,074
Vacation pay	54,038	53,607
Prepaid expenses	222,608	111,320
Other regulatory assets, current	45,246	34,347
Other current assets	8,633	6,203
Total current assets	2,108,056	1,910,773
<b>Property, Plant, and Equipment:</b>		
In service	19,794,009	18,574,229
Less accumulated provision for depreciation	6,861,206	6,558,864
Plant in service, net of depreciation	12,932,803	12,015,365
Nuclear fuel, at amortized cost	296,484	253,308
Construction work in progress	560,185	1,256,311
Total property, plant, and equipment	13,789,472	13,524,984
<b>Other Property and Investments:</b>		
Equity investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	61,600	59,628
Nuclear decommissioning trusts, at fair value	516,696	489,795
Miscellaneous property and investments	70,066	69,749
Total other property and investments	648,362	619,172
<b>Deferred Charges and Other Assets:</b>		
Deferred charges related to income taxes	411,986	387,447
Prepaid pension costs	159,843	132,643
Other regulatory assets, deferred	741,280	750,492
Other deferred charges and assets	207,103	198,582

Total deferred charges and other assets	<b>1,520,212</b>	1,469,164
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 18,066,102</b>	\$ 17,524,093

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	At September 30, 2010	At December 31, 2009
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
<b>Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Securities due within one year	\$ 450,000	\$ 100,000
Accounts payable		
Affiliated	225,885	194,675
Other	193,220	328,400
Customer deposits	85,849	86,975
Accrued taxes		
Accrued income taxes	1,721	14,789
Other accrued taxes	101,088	31,918
Accrued interest	65,219	65,455
Accrued vacation pay	44,415	44,751
Accrued compensation	81,239	71,286
Liabilities from risk management activities	40,499	37,844
Over recovered regulatory clause revenues	95,227	181,565
Other current liabilities	38,062	40,020
Total current liabilities	1,422,424	1,197,678
<b>Long-term Debt</b>	<b>5,732,575</b>	<b>6,082,489</b>
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:</b>		
Accumulated deferred income taxes	2,572,558	2,293,468
Deferred credits related to income taxes	85,979	88,705
Accumulated deferred investment tax credits	158,770	164,713
Employee benefit obligations	405,342	387,936
Asset retirement obligations	511,828	491,007
Other cost of removal obligations	701,073	668,151
Other regulatory liabilities, deferred	198,742	169,224
Deferred over recovered regulatory clause revenues	5,495	22,060
Other deferred credits and liabilities	77,676	37,113
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	4,717,463	4,322,377
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>11,872,462</b>	<b>11,602,544</b>
<b>Redeemable Preferred Stock</b>	<b>341,715</b>	<b>341,715</b>
<b>Preference Stock</b>	<b>343,373</b>	<b>343,373</b>
<b>Common Stockholder's Equity:</b>		
Common stock, par value \$40 per share		

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Authorized - 40,000,000 shares		
Outstanding - 30,537,500 shares	<b>1,221,500</b>	1,221,500
Paid-in capital	<b>2,145,902</b>	2,119,818
Retained earnings	<b>2,145,738</b>	1,900,526
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<b>(4,588)</b>	(5,383)
Total common stockholder's equity	<b>5,508,552</b>	5,236,461
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity</b>	<b>\$ 18,066,102</b>	\$ 17,524,093

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**AND**  
**YEAR-TO-DATE 2010 vs. YEAR-TO-DATE 2009**

**OVERVIEW**

Alabama Power operates as a vertically integrated utility providing electricity to retail customers within its traditional service area located within the State of Alabama and to wholesale customers in the Southeast. Many factors affect the opportunities, challenges, and risks of Alabama Power's primary business of selling electricity. These factors include the ability to maintain a constructive regulatory environment, to maintain energy sales given current economic conditions, and to effectively manage and secure timely recovery of costs. These costs include those related to projected long-term demand growth, increasingly stringent environmental standards, fuel, capital expenditures, and restoration following major storms. Appropriately balancing the need to recover these increasing costs with customer prices will continue to challenge Alabama Power for the foreseeable future.

Alabama Power continues to focus on several key performance indicators. These indicators include customer satisfaction, plant availability, system reliability, and net income after dividends on preferred and preference stock. For additional information on these indicators, see MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OVERVIEW Key Performance Indicators of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS*****Net Income***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$(2.0)	(0.8)	\$68.0	11.6

Alabama Power's net income after dividends on preferred and preference stock for the third quarter 2010 was \$259.7 million compared to \$261.7 million for the corresponding period in 2009. Alabama Power's net income after dividends on preferred and preference stock for year-to-date 2010 was \$652.3 million compared to \$584.3 million for the corresponding period in 2009. For the third quarter 2010, the decrease in net income when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was not material. The increase for year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was primarily due to increases in rates under Rate RSE and Rate CNP Environmental that took effect in January 2010, warmer weather in the second and third quarters 2010 as well as significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010, and increases in industrial sales. The increases in revenues were partially offset by increases in operations and maintenance expenses, which include an additional NDR accrual in the third quarter 2010, and depreciation and amortization and a reduction in AFUDC equity.

The increases in rates under Rate RSE and Rate CNP Environmental were offset by decreases in Rate ECR and the costs associated with the expiration of a PPA certificated by the Alabama PSC, resulting in an overall annual reduction in Alabama Power's retail customer billing rates in 2010. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL PSC Matters Retail Rate Adjustments of Alabama Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Alabama Power under Retail Regulatory Matters in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

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**Retail Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$184.0	13.7	\$404.2	11.5

In the third quarter 2010, retail revenues were \$1.53 billion compared to \$1.34 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, retail revenues were \$3.92 billion compared to \$3.52 billion for the corresponding period in 2009.

Details of the change to retail revenues are as follows:

	<b>Third Quarter 2010</b>		<b>Year-to-Date 2010</b>	
	<i>(in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
Retail prior year	\$1,342.7		\$3,520.4	
Estimated change in				
Rates and pricing	90.4	6.7	218.7	6.2
Sales growth (decline)	(1.6)	(0.1)	6.4	0.2
Weather	82.6	6.2	163.7	4.7
Fuel and other cost recovery	12.6	0.9	15.4	0.4
Retail current year	\$1,526.7	13.7%	\$3,924.6	11.5%

Revenues associated with changes in rates and pricing increased in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009 primarily due to Rate RSE and Rate CNP Environmental increases effective January 2010.

Revenues attributable to changes in sales decreased in the third quarter 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. Industrial KWH energy sales increased 8.8% due to an increase in demand primarily in the chemicals and primary metals sectors. Weather-adjusted residential KWH energy sales decreased 2.5% driven by a decrease in demand. Weather-adjusted commercial KWH energy sales growth was not material.

Revenues attributable to changes in sales increased year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. Industrial KWH energy sales increased 12.4% due to an increase in demand primarily in the chemicals and primary metals sectors. Weather-adjusted residential KWH energy sales growth was not material. Weather-adjusted commercial KWH energy sales decreased 1.2% driven by a decline in the number of customers.

Revenues resulting from changes in weather increased in the third quarter 2010 as a result of warmer weather when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, revenues resulting from changes in weather increased as a result of warmer weather in the second and third quarters 2010 and significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009.

Fuel and other cost recovery revenues increased in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009 primarily due to increased generation. These increases were offset primarily by a decrease in costs associated with the expiration of a PPA certificated by the Alabama PSC and a reduction in the Rate NDR customer billing rate as a result of achieving the target reserve balance in January 2010. Electric rates include provisions to recognize the full recovery of fuel costs, purchased power costs, PPAs certificated by the Alabama PSC, and costs associated with the NDR. Under these provisions, fuel and other cost recovery revenues generally equal fuel

and other cost recovery expenses and do not impact net income.

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**Wholesale Revenues Non-Affiliates**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009

<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$(84.8)	(49.7)	\$(88.0)	(18.2)

Wholesale revenues from non-affiliates will vary depending on the market cost of available energy compared to the cost of Alabama Power and Southern Company system-owned generation, demand for energy within the Southern Company service territory, and availability of Southern Company system generation. Increases and decreases in revenues that are driven by fuel prices are accompanied by an increase or decrease in fuel costs and do not have a significant impact on net income.

In May 2010, the long-term unit power sales contracts expired and the unit power sales capacity revenues ceased, resulting in a \$90.2 million and \$107.4 million revenue reduction in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010, respectively. Beginning in June 2010, such capacity subject to the unit power sales contracts became available for retail service. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS RESULTS OF OPERATIONS Operating Revenues of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

In the third quarter 2010, wholesale revenues from non-affiliates were \$85.8 million compared to \$170.6 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This decrease was primarily due to a 62.3% decrease in KWH sales, partially offset by a 33.5% increase in the price of energy.

For year-to-date 2010, wholesale revenues from non-affiliates were \$395.2 million compared to \$483.2 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This decrease was primarily due to a 32.5% decrease in KWH sales, partially offset by a 21.1% increase in the price of energy.

**Wholesale Revenues Affiliates**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009

<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$9.0	26.2	\$22.7	13.3

Wholesale revenues from affiliates will vary depending on demand and the availability and cost of generating resources at each company within the Southern Company system. These affiliate sales are made in accordance with the IIC, as approved by the FERC. These transactions do not have a significant impact on earnings since the energy is generally sold at marginal cost.

In the third quarter 2010, wholesale revenues from affiliates were \$43.0 million compared to \$34.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was due to an 18.5% increase in prices and a 6.5% increase in KWH sales. For year-to-date 2010, wholesale revenues from affiliates were \$193.6 million compared to \$170.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to an 8.7% increase in prices and a 4.3% increase in KWH sales.

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**Other Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$5.5	12.3	\$26.0	20.9

In the third quarter 2010, other revenues were \$50.4 million compared to \$44.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to a \$3.7 million increase in transmission sales and a \$3.2 million increase in revenues from gas-fueled co-generation steam facilities as a result of greater sales volume, partially offset by a decrease in customer charges related to collection fees.

For year-to-date 2010, other revenues were \$149.9 million compared to \$124.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to a \$10.9 million increase in revenues from gas-fueled co-generation steam facilities as a result of greater sales volume, an \$8.2 million increase in transmission sales, a \$1.3 million increase in customer charges related to reconnection fees, and a \$1.3 million increase in pole attachment rentals.

Co-generation steam fuel revenues do not have a significant impact on earnings since they are generally offset by fuel expense.

**Fuel and Purchased Power Expenses**

	Third Quarter 2010		Year-to-Date 2010	
	vs.		vs.	
	Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2009	
	<i>(change in</i>	<i>(%</i>	<i>(change in</i>	<i>(%</i>
	<i>millions)</i>	<i>change)</i>	<i>millions)</i>	<i>change)</i>
Fuel*	\$ (6.2)	(1.2)	\$ 18.1	1.3
Purchased power non-affiliates	(8.0)	(18.6)	(19.0)	(22.5)
Purchased power affiliates	(16.5)	(22.2)	(10.9)	(6.3)
<b>Total fuel and purchased power expenses</b>	<b>\$(30.7)</b>		<b>\$(11.8)</b>	

\* Fuel includes fuel purchased by Alabama Power for tolling agreements where power is generated by the provider and is included in purchased power when determining the average cost of purchased

power.

In the third quarter 2010, total fuel and purchased power expenses were \$592.6 million compared to \$623.3 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily due to a \$41.3 million decrease in the volume of energy purchased, partially offset by a \$14.9 million increase in KWHs generated.

For year-to-date 2010, the decrease in total fuel and purchased power expenses when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was not material.

Fuel and purchased power transactions do not have a significant impact on earnings since energy expenses are generally offset by energy revenues through Rate ECR. See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL FERC and Alabama PSC Matters Retail Fuel Cost Recovery herein for additional information.

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Details of Alabama Power's cost of generation and purchased power are as follows:

	Third Quarter 2010 <i>(cents per net KWH)</i>	Third Quarter 2009	Percent Change	Year-to-Date 2010 <i>(cents per net KWH)</i>	Year-to-Date 2009	Percent Change
Average Cost						
Fuel	2.72	2.80	(2.9)	2.78	2.83	(1.8)
Purchased power	7.11	6.45	10.2	6.83	6.23	9.6

In the third quarter 2010, the decrease in fuel expense when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was not material. For year-to-date 2010, the increase in fuel expense when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was not material.

**Non-Affiliates**

In the third quarter 2010, purchased power expense from non-affiliates was \$34.9 million compared to \$42.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This decrease was primarily related to a 35.8% decrease in the average cost per KWH purchased, partially offset by a 26.8% increase in the volume of energy purchased.

For year-to-date 2010, purchased power expense from non-affiliates was \$65.5 million compared to \$84.6 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This decrease was related to an 18.7% decrease in the volume of energy purchased and a 4.7% decrease in the average cost per KWH purchased.

Energy purchases from non-affiliates will vary depending on the market cost of available energy compared to the cost of Southern Company system-generated energy, demand for energy within the Southern Company system service territory, and availability of Southern Company system generation.

**Affiliates**

In the third quarter 2010, purchased power expense from affiliates was \$57.5 million compared to \$74.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was related to a 41.5% decrease in the amount of energy purchased, partially offset by a 33.0% increase in price.

For year-to-date 2010, purchased power expense from affiliates was \$161.2 million compared to \$172.1 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was related to a 27.2% increase in price, partially offset by a 26.3% decrease in the volume of energy purchased.

Energy purchases from affiliates will vary depending on demand and the availability and cost of generating resources at each company within the Southern Company system. These purchases are made in accordance with the IIC, or other contractual agreements, as approved by the FERC.

**Other Operations and Maintenance Expenses**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009

*(change in millions)*  
\$106.0

*(% change)*  
39.0

*(change in millions)*  
\$170.4

*(% change)*  
20.6

In the third quarter 2010, other operations and maintenance expenses were \$378.1 million compared to \$272.1 million for the corresponding period in 2009. Transmission and distribution expenses increased \$58.8 million due primarily to an additional accrual of \$40 million to the NDR. See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL FERC and Alabama PSC

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Matters Retail Regulatory Matters herein for additional information on the NDR. In addition, overhead line maintenance expenses increased. Steam production expenses increased \$12.3 million due to environmental mandates (which are offset by revenues associated with Rate CNP Environmental) and maintenance costs related to increases in labor and materials expenses. Administrative and general expenses increased \$20.6 million related to increases in the injuries and damages reserve, affiliated service companies' expenses, and labor, partially offset by a reduction in employee medical and other benefit-related expenses. Nuclear production expenses increased \$8.2 million due to maintenance costs related to increases in labor.

For year-to-date 2010, other operations and maintenance expenses were \$997.7 million compared to \$827.3 million for the corresponding period in 2009. Transmission and distribution expenses increased \$60.2 million due primarily to an additional accrual of \$40 million to the NDR. See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL FERC and Alabama PSC Matters Retail Regulatory Matters herein for additional information on the NDR. In addition, overhead line maintenance expenses increased. Steam production expenses increased \$48.4 million due to scheduled outage costs, environmental mandates (which are offset by revenues associated with Rate CNP Environmental), and maintenance costs related to increases in labor and materials expenses. Administrative and general expenses increased \$43.3 million due to increases in the injuries and damages reserve, affiliated service companies' expenses, labor, and property insurance expenses, partially offset by a reduction in employee medical and other benefit-related expenses. Nuclear production expenses increased \$12.2 million due to maintenance costs related to increases in labor.

**Depreciation and Amortization**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009

*(change in millions)**(% change)**(change in millions)**(% change)*

\$16.7

12.2

\$44.4

10.9

In the third quarter 2010, depreciation and amortization was \$153.5 million compared to \$136.8 million for the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, depreciation and amortization was \$451.1 million compared to \$406.7 million for the corresponding period in 2009. These increases were due to additions of property, plant, and equipment primarily related to environmental mandates (which are offset by revenues associated with Rate CNP Environmental), distribution, and transmission projects.

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009

*(change in millions)**(% change)**(change in millions)**(% change)*

\$6.9

8.9

\$7.9

3.3

In the third quarter 2010, taxes other than income taxes were \$84.3 million compared to \$77.4 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to increases in state and municipal public utility license tax bases.

For year-to-date 2010, the increase in taxes other than income taxes when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was not material.

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**Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$(12.9)	(61.3)	\$(28.4)	(49.9)

In the third quarter 2010, AFUDC equity was \$8.2 million compared to \$21.1 million for the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, AFUDC equity was \$28.5 million compared to \$56.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. These decreases were due to the completion of construction projects related to environmental mandates at generating facilities, partially offset by increases in nuclear facility projects.

**Income Taxes**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$3.7	2.4	\$54.5	15.8

In the third quarter 2010, the increase in total income taxes when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 was not material. For year-to-date 2010, income taxes were \$398.9 million compared to \$344.4 million for the corresponding period in 2009. These increases were primarily due to higher pre-tax earnings and a reduction of the tax benefits associated with a decrease in AFUDC equity.

**FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL**

The results of operations discussed above are not necessarily indicative of Alabama Power's future earnings potential. The level of Alabama Power's future earnings depends on numerous factors that affect the opportunities, challenges, and risks of Alabama Power's primary business of selling electricity. These factors include Alabama Power's ability to maintain a constructive regulatory environment that continues to allow for the recovery of all prudently incurred costs during a time of increasing costs. Future earnings in the near term will depend, in part, upon maintaining energy sales which is subject to a number of factors. These factors include weather, competition, new energy contracts with neighboring utilities, energy conservation practiced by customers, the price of electricity, the price elasticity of demand, and the rate of economic growth or decline in Alabama Power's service area. Changes in economic conditions impact sales for Alabama Power, and the pace of the economic recovery remains uncertain. The timing and extent of the economic recovery will impact growth and may impact future earnings. For additional information relating to these issues, see RISK FACTORS in Item 1A and MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K.

**Environmental Matters**

Compliance costs related to the Clean Air Act and other environmental statutes and regulations could affect earnings if such costs cannot continue to be fully recovered in rates on a timely basis. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Environmental Matters of Alabama Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Alabama Power under Environmental Matters in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

**New Source Review Actions**

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Environmental Matters - New Source Review Actions of Alabama Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Alabama Power under Environmental Matters - New Source Review Actions in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional



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information regarding a civil action brought by the EPA alleging that Alabama Power violated the NSR provisions of the Clean Air Act and related state laws with respect to certain of its coal-fired generating facilities. On September 2, 2010, following the end of discovery, the EPA dismissed five of its eight remaining claims against Alabama Power, leaving only three claims for summary disposition or trial, including one relating to a facility co-owned by Mississippi Power. The parties each filed motions for summary judgment on September 30, 2010. The court has set a trial date for October 2011 for any remaining claims. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot now be determined.

***Carbon Dioxide Litigation******New York Case***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Carbon Dioxide Litigation New York Case of Alabama Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Alabama Power under Environmental Matters Carbon Dioxide Litigation New York Case in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding carbon dioxide litigation. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit denied the defendants' petition for rehearing en banc on March 5, 2010. On August 2, 2010, the defendants filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be determined at this time.

***Other Litigation***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Carbon Dioxide Litigation Other Litigation of Alabama Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Alabama Power under Environmental Matters Carbon Dioxide Litigation Other Litigation in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding carbon dioxide litigation related to Hurricane Katrina. On May 28, 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed the plaintiffs' appeal of the case based on procedural grounds relating to the loss of a quorum by the full court on reconsideration, reinstating the district court decision in favor of the defendants. On August 27, 2010, the plaintiffs petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus directing the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to reinstate the plaintiffs' appeal. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

***Air Quality***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Air Quality of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding proposed sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) regulations. On August 23, 2010, the EPA's final revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for SO<sub>2</sub>, which included the establishment of a new short-term standard, became effective. The ultimate impact of the revised standard will depend on additional regulatory action, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time.

On January 22, 2010, the EPA finalized revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) by setting a new one-hour standard that became effective on April 12, 2010. The impact of this regulation will depend on additional regulatory action, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time. Although none of the areas within Alabama Power's service territory are expected to be designated as nonattainment for the standard, based on current ambient air quality monitoring data, the new NO<sub>2</sub> standard could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs for units that require new source permitting.



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See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Air Quality of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). On August 2, 2010, the EPA published a proposed rule to replace CAIR, which was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in 2008 but left in place pending the promulgation of a replacement rule. This proposed rule, referred to as the Transport Rule, would require 31 eastern states and the District of Columbia (D.C.) to reduce power plant emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) that contribute to downwind states nonattainment of federal ozone and/or fine particulate matter ambient air quality standards. To address fine particulate matter standards, the proposed Transport Rule would require D.C. and 27 eastern states, including Alabama, to reduce annual emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> from power plants. To address ozone standards, the proposed Transport Rule would also require D.C. and 25 states, including Alabama, to achieve additional reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from power plants during the ozone season. The proposed Transport Rule contains a preferred option that would allow limited interstate trading of emissions allowances; however, the EPA also requests comment on two alternative approaches that would not allow interstate trading of emissions allowances. The EPA states that it also intends to develop a second phase of the Transport Rule next year to address the more stringent ozone air quality standards as they are finalized. The EPA expects to finalize the Transport Rule in late spring of 2011 and to set the initial compliance deadline starting in 2012. The impact of this proposed regulation and potential future regulation will depend on its final form, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time.

These regulations could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates.

***Coal Combustion Byproducts***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Coal Combustion Byproducts of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding potential additional regulation of coal combustion byproducts. On June 21, 2010, the EPA published a rulemaking proposal which requested comments on two potential regulatory options for management and disposal of coal combustion byproducts: regulation as a solid waste or regulation as if the materials technically constituted a hazardous waste. Adoption of either option could require closure of or significant change to existing storage units and construction of lined landfills, as well as additional waste management and groundwater monitoring requirements. Under both options, the EPA proposes to exempt the beneficial reuse of coal combustion byproducts from regulation; however, a hazardous or other designation indicative of heightened risk could limit or eliminate beneficial reuse options. Comments on the proposed rules are due by November 19, 2010. Although its analysis is preliminary, Southern Company believes the EPA has significantly underestimated compliance costs in the proposed rule.

The outcome of these proposed regulations will depend on their final form and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time. However, additional regulation of coal combustion byproducts could have a significant impact on Alabama Power's management, beneficial use, and disposal of such byproducts. These changes could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates. Further, higher costs that are recovered through regulated rates could contribute to reduced demand for electricity, which could negatively impact results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition.

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***Global Climate Issues***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Global Climate Issues of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding the potential for legislation and regulation addressing greenhouse gas and other emissions. On April 1, 2010, the EPA issued a final rule regulating greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles under the Clean Air Act. The EPA has stated that, once this rule becomes effective on January 2, 2011, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases will become regulated pollutants under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) preconstruction permit program and the Title V operating permit program, which both apply to power plants. As a result, the construction of new facilities or the major modification of existing facilities could trigger the requirement for a PSD permit and the installation of the best available control technology for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. On May 13, 2010, the EPA issued a final rule, referred to as the Tailoring Rule, governing how these programs would be applied to stationary sources, including power plants. This rule establishes two phases for applying PSD and Title V requirements to greenhouse gas emissions sources. The first phase, beginning on January 2, 2011, will apply to sources and projects that would already be covered under PSD or Title V, whereas the second phase, beginning July 1, 2011, will apply to sources and projects that would not otherwise trigger those programs but for their greenhouse gas emissions. The final rules could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates. The ultimate outcome of these final rules cannot be determined at this time and will depend on the outcome of any legal challenges.

**FERC and Alabama PSC Matters**

***Retail Regulatory Matters***

***Nuclear Outage Accounting Order***

On August 17, 2010, the Alabama PSC approved a change to the nuclear maintenance outage accounting process associated with routine refueling activities. Currently, Alabama Power accrues nuclear outage operations and maintenance expenses for the two units of Plant Farley during the 18-month cycle for the outages. In accordance with the new order, nuclear outage expenses will be deferred when the charges actually occur and then amortized over the subsequent 18-month period.

The initial result of implementation of the new accounting order is that no nuclear maintenance outage expenses will be recognized from January 2011 through December 2011, which will decrease nuclear outage operations and maintenance expenses in 2011 from 2010 by approximately \$50 million. During the fall of 2011, actual nuclear outage expenses associated with one unit of Plant Farley will be deferred to a regulatory asset account; beginning in January 2012 these deferred costs will be amortized to nuclear operations and maintenance expense over an 18-month period. During the spring of 2012, actual nuclear outage expenses associated with the other unit of Plant Farley will be deferred to a regulatory asset account; beginning in July 2012 these deferred costs will be amortized to nuclear operations and maintenance expense over an 18-month period. Alabama Power will continue the pattern of deferral of nuclear outage expenses as incurred and the recognition of expenses over a subsequent 18-month period.

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***Retail Fuel Cost Recovery***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL PSC Matters Fuel Cost Recovery of Alabama Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Alabama Power under Retail Regulatory Matters Fuel Cost Recovery in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for information regarding Alabama Power's fuel cost recovery. Alabama Power's over recovered fuel costs as of September 30, 2010 totaled \$57.7 million as compared to \$199.6 million at December 31, 2009. These over recovered fuel costs at September 30, 2010 are included in over recovered regulatory clause revenues and deferred over recovered regulatory clause revenues on Alabama Power's Condensed Balance Sheets herein. The current and deferred classifications are based on estimates which include such factors as weather, generation availability, energy demand, and the price of energy. A change in any of these factors could have a material impact on the timing of any return of the over recovered fuel costs.

***Natural Disaster Cost Recovery***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL PSC Matters Natural Disaster Reserve of Alabama Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Alabama Power under Retail Regulatory Matters Natural Disaster Reserve in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for information regarding natural disaster cost recovery.

On August 20, 2010, the Alabama PSC approved an order enhancing the NDR that eliminated the \$75 million authorized limit and allows Alabama Power to make additional accruals to the NDR. The order also allows for reliability-related expenditures to be charged against the additional accruals when the NDR balance exceeds \$75 million. Alabama Power may designate a portion of the NDR to reliability-related expenditures as a part of an annual budget process for the following year or during the current year for identified unbudgeted reliability-related expenditures that are incurred. Accruals that have not been designated can be used to offset storm charges. Additional accruals to the NDR will enhance Alabama Power's ability to deal with the financial effects of future natural disasters, promote system reliability, and offset costs retail customers would otherwise bear.

The structure of the monthly Rate NDR charge to customers is not altered and continues to include a component to maintain the \$75 million base reserve.

In September 2010, Alabama Power accrued an additional \$40 million to the NDR, resulting in an accumulated balance of approximately \$118 million, which is included in the Condensed Balance Sheets herein under other regulatory liabilities, deferred. The additional accruals are reflected as operations and maintenance expense in the Condensed Statements of Income herein.

***Hydro Relicensing***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL FERC Matters of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding Alabama Power's applications to the FERC for new licenses for certain of its hydroelectric projects. On March 31, 2010, the FERC issued a new 30-year license for the Lewis Smith and Bankhead developments on the Warrior River. The new license authorizes Alabama Power to continue operating these facilities in a manner consistent with past operations. On April 30, 2010, a stakeholders group filed a request for rehearing of the FERC order issuing the new license. On May 27, 2010, the FERC granted the rehearing request for the limited purpose of allowing the FERC additional time to consider the substantive issues raised in the request. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

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**Legislation**

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Legislation of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

***Healthcare Reform***

On March 23, 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) was signed into law and, on March 30, 2010, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA and, together with PPACA, the Acts), which makes various amendments to certain aspects of the PPACA, was signed into law. The Acts effectively change the tax treatment of federal subsidies paid to sponsors of retiree health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits that are at least actuarially equivalent to the corresponding benefits provided under Medicare Part D. The federal subsidy paid to employers was introduced as part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MPDIMA). Since the 2006 tax year, Alabama Power has been receiving the federal subsidy related to certain retiree prescription drug plans that were determined to be actuarially equivalent to the benefit provided under Medicare Part D. Under the MPDIMA, the federal subsidy does not reduce an employer's income tax deduction for the costs of providing such prescription drug plans nor is it subject to income tax individually. Under the Acts, beginning in 2013, an employer's income tax deduction for the costs of providing Medicare Part D-equivalent prescription drug benefits to retirees will be reduced by the amount of the federal subsidy. Under GAAP, any impact from a change in tax law must be recognized in the period enacted regardless of the effective date; however, as a result of state regulatory treatment, this change had no material impact on the financial statements of Alabama Power. Southern Company is in the process of assessing the extent to which the legislation may affect its future health care and related employee benefit plan costs. Any future impact on the financial statements of Alabama Power cannot be determined at this time.

***Stimulus Funding***

On April 28, 2010, Southern Company signed a Smart Grid Investment Grant agreement with the DOE, formally accepting a \$165 million grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This funding will be used for transmission and distribution automation and modernization projects that must be completed by April 28, 2013. Alabama Power will receive, and will match, \$65 million under this agreement.

On May 12, 2010, Alabama Power signed an agreement with the DOE formally accepting a \$6 million grant under the ARRA. This funding will be used for hydro generation upgrades. The total upgrade project is expected to cost \$30 million and Alabama Power plans to spend \$24 million on the project.

**Income Tax Matters**

***Tax Method of Accounting for Repairs***

Southern Company submitted a change in the tax accounting method for repair costs associated with Southern Company's generation, transmission, and distribution systems with the filing of the 2009 federal income tax return in September 2010. The new tax method is expected to result in net positive cash flow for 2010 of approximately \$117 million for Alabama Power. Although IRS approval of this change is considered automatic, the amount claimed is subject to review because the IRS will be issuing final guidance on this issue. Currently, the IRS is working with the utility industry in an effort to resolve this matter in a consistent manner for all utilities. Due to uncertainty concerning the ultimate resolution of this issue, an unrecognized tax benefit has been recorded for the change in the tax accounting method for repair costs. See Note (G) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for additional information. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

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***Bonus Depreciation***

On September 27, 2010, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010 (SBJCA) was signed into law. The SBJCA includes an extension of the 50% bonus depreciation for certain property acquired in 2010 and placed in service in 2010 or, in certain limited cases, 2011. Alabama Power has estimated the cash flow reduction to tax payments for 2010 to be approximately \$102 million.

***Other Matters***

Alabama Power is involved in various other matters being litigated and regulatory matters that could affect future earnings. In addition, Alabama Power is subject to certain claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. Alabama Power's business activities are subject to extensive governmental regulation related to public health and the environment, such as regulation of air emissions and water discharges. Litigation over environmental issues and claims of various types, including property damage, personal injury, common law nuisance, and citizen enforcement of environmental requirements such as opacity and air and water quality standards, has increased generally throughout the United States. In particular, personal injury and other claims for damages caused by alleged exposure to hazardous materials, and common law nuisance claims for injunctive relief and property damage allegedly caused by greenhouse gas and other emissions, have become more frequent. The ultimate outcome of such pending or potential litigation against Alabama Power cannot be predicted at this time; however, for current proceedings not specifically reported herein or in Note 3 to the financial statements of Alabama Power in Item 8 of the Form 10-K, management does not anticipate that the liabilities, if any, arising from such current proceedings would have a material adverse effect on Alabama Power's financial statements.

The coastal contamination resulting from the oil spill that began in April 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico has not impacted operations, but has had and may continue to have significant economic impacts on the affected areas within Alabama Power's service territory.

See the Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for discussion of various other contingencies, regulatory matters, and other matters being litigated which may affect future earnings potential.

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

Alabama Power prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements of Alabama Power in Item 8 of the Form 10-K. In the application of these policies, certain estimates are made that may have a material impact on Alabama Power's results of operations and related disclosures. Different assumptions and measurements could produce estimates that are significantly different from those recorded in the financial statements. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS ACCOUNTING POLICIES Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for a complete discussion of Alabama Power's critical accounting policies and estimates related to Electric Utility Regulation, Contingent Obligations, Unbilled Revenues, and Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits.

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**FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY**

**Overview**

Alabama Power's financial condition remained stable at September 30, 2010. Alabama Power intends to continue to monitor its access to short-term and long-term capital markets as well as its bank credit arrangements to meet future capital and liquidity needs. See Sources of Capital and Financing Activities herein for additional information. Net cash provided from operating activities totaled \$1.16 billion for the first nine months of 2010, compared to \$1.17 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. The \$10.6 million decrease in cash provided from operating activities was primarily due to less cash collections of regulatory clause revenues when compared to the prior year, partially offset by an increase in deferred income taxes primarily due to the change in the tax accounting method for repair costs as previously discussed. Net cash used for investing activities totaled \$735.6 million in the first nine months of 2010 primarily due to gross property additions related to steam generation equipment and construction payables. Net cash used for financing activities totaled \$419.1 million for the first nine months of 2010, compared to \$6.0 million provided in the corresponding period in 2009. The \$425.1 million decrease is primarily due to no issuances of securities in the first nine months of 2010. Fluctuations in cash flow from financing activities vary year to year based on capital needs and the maturity or redemption of securities.

Significant balance sheet changes for the first nine months of 2010 include increases of \$264.5 million in total property, plant, and equipment related to environmental projects, partially offset by a reduction in construction work in progress and an increase in accumulated provision for depreciation; \$129.1 million in customer accounts receivable; \$111.3 million in prepaid expenses; \$279.1 million in accumulated deferred income taxes; and \$245.2 million in retained earnings.

**Capital Requirements and Contractual Obligations**

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY Capital Requirements and Contractual Obligations of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for a description of Alabama Power's capital requirements for its construction program, scheduled maturities of long-term debt, interest, derivative obligations, preferred and preference stock dividends, leases, purchase commitments, and trust funding requirements. Approximately \$450 million will be required through September 30, 2011 to fund maturities and announced redemptions of long-term debt. No mandatory contributions to Alabama Power's pension plan are expected for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2011, although management may consider making discretionary contributions. The construction program is subject to periodic review and revision, and actual construction costs may vary from these estimates because of numerous factors. These factors include: changes in business conditions; changes in load projections; changes in environmental statutes and regulations; changes in generating plants to meet new regulatory requirements; changes in FERC rules and regulations; Alabama PSC approvals; changes in legislation; the cost and efficiency of construction labor, equipment, and materials; project scope and design changes; and the cost of capital. In addition, there can be no assurance that costs related to capital expenditures will be fully recovered.

**Sources of Capital**

Alabama Power plans to obtain the funds required for construction and other purposes from sources similar to those utilized in the past. Alabama Power has primarily utilized funds from operating cash flows, short-term debt, security issuances, and equity contributions from Southern Company. However, the amount, type, and timing of any future financings, if needed, will depend upon prevailing market conditions, regulatory approval, and other factors. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY Sources of Capital of Alabama Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

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Alabama Power's current liabilities sometimes exceed current assets because of Alabama Power's debt due within one year and the periodic use of short-term debt as a funding source primarily to meet scheduled maturities of long-term debt, as well as cash needs, which can fluctuate significantly due to the seasonality of the business. To meet short-term cash needs and contingencies, Alabama Power had at September 30, 2010 cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$368 million and unused committed credit arrangements with banks of approximately \$1.3 billion. Of the cash and cash equivalents, approximately \$319 million was held in various money market mutual funds. The money market mutual funds invest in a portfolio of highly-rated, short-term securities, and redemptions from the funds are available on a same day basis up to the full amount of the investment. Of the unused credit arrangements, \$60 million expire in 2010, \$446 million expire in 2011, and \$765 million expire in 2012. All of the credit arrangements that expire in 2010 contain provisions allowing for one-year term loans executable at expiration. Alabama Power expects to renew its credit arrangements, as needed, prior to expiration. The credit arrangements provide liquidity support to Alabama Power's commercial paper borrowings and \$798 million are dedicated to funding purchase obligations related to variable rate pollution control revenue bonds. See Note 6 to the financial statements of Alabama Power under Bank Credit Arrangements in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (E) to the Condensed Financial Statements under Bank Credit Arrangements herein for additional information. Alabama Power may also meet short-term cash needs through a Southern Company subsidiary organized to issue and sell commercial paper at the request and for the benefit of Alabama Power and other Southern Company subsidiaries. At September 30, 2010, Alabama Power had no commercial paper borrowings outstanding. During the third quarter 2010, Alabama Power had an average of \$8 million of commercial paper outstanding at a weighted average interest rate of 0.2% per annum and the maximum amount outstanding was \$60 million. Management believes that the need for working capital can be adequately met by utilizing commercial paper programs, lines of credit, and cash.

**Credit Rating Risk**

Alabama Power does not have any credit arrangements that would require material changes in payment schedules or terminations as a result of a credit rating downgrade. There are certain contracts that could require collateral, but not accelerated payment, in the event of a credit rating change to below BBB- and/or Baa3. These contracts are primarily for physical electricity purchases, fuel purchases, fuel transportation and storage, and energy price risk management. At September 30, 2010, the maximum potential collateral requirements under these contracts at a rating below BBB- and/or Baa3 were approximately \$343 million. Included in these amounts are certain agreements that could require collateral in the event that one or more Power Pool participants has a credit rating change to below investment grade. Generally, collateral may be provided by a Southern Company guaranty, letter of credit, or cash. Additionally, any credit rating downgrade could impact Alabama Power's ability to access capital markets, particularly the short-term debt market.

On January 22, 2010, Fitch applied new guidelines regarding the ratings of various hybrid capital instruments and preferred securities of companies in all sectors, including banks, insurers, non-bank financial institutions, and non-financial corporate entities, including utilities. As a result, the Fitch ratings of Alabama Power's preferred stock, preference stock, and long-term debt payable to affiliated trusts decreased from A to A-. These ratings are not applicable to the collateral requirements described above.

**Market Price Risk**

Alabama Power's market risk exposure relative to interest rate changes for the third quarter 2010 has not changed materially compared with the December 31, 2009 reporting period. Since a significant portion of outstanding indebtedness remains at fixed rates, Alabama Power is not aware of any facts or circumstances that would significantly affect exposures on existing indebtedness in the near term. However, the impact on future financing costs cannot now be determined.

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Due to cost-based rate regulation, Alabama Power continues to have limited exposure to market volatility in interest rates, commodity fuel prices, and prices of electricity. To mitigate residual risks relative to movements in electricity prices, Alabama Power enters into physical fixed-price contracts for the purchase and sale of electricity through the wholesale electricity market. Alabama Power continues to manage a retail fuel-hedging program implemented per the guidelines of the Alabama PSC. As such, Alabama Power had no material change in market risk exposure for the third quarter 2010 when compared with the December 31, 2009 reporting period.

The changes in fair value of energy-related derivative contracts, the majority of which are composed of regulatory hedges, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	<b>Third Quarter 2010 Changes</b>	<b>Year-to-Date 2010 Changes</b>
	Fair Value (in millions)	
Contracts outstanding at the beginning of the period, assets (liabilities), net	\$(45)	\$ (44)
Contracts realized or settled	14	48
Current period changes <sup>(a)</sup>	(23)	(58)
Contracts outstanding at the end of the period, assets (liabilities), net	\$(54)	\$ (54)

(a) Current period changes also include the changes in fair value of new contracts entered into during the period, if any.

The change in the fair value positions of the energy-related derivative contracts for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was a decrease of \$9 million and a decrease of \$10 million, respectively, substantially all of which is due to natural gas positions. The change is attributable to both the volume and prices of natural gas. At September 30, 2010, Alabama Power had a net hedge volume of 34 million mmBtu with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.62 per mmBtu above market prices, compared to 31 million mmBtu at June 30, 2010 with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.47 per mmBtu above market prices and 36 million mmBtu at December 31, 2009 with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.22 per mmBtu above market prices.

The majority of the natural gas hedges are recovered through the fuel cost recovery clause.

Regulatory hedges relate to Alabama Power's fuel-hedging program where gains and losses are initially recorded as regulatory liabilities and assets, respectively, and then are included in fuel expense as they are recovered through the fuel cost recovery clause.

Unrealized pre-tax gains and losses recognized in income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 for energy-related derivative contracts that are not hedges were not material.

Alabama Power uses over-the-counter contracts that are not exchange-traded but are fair valued using prices which are actively quoted, and thus fall into Level 2. The maturities of the energy-related derivative contracts at September 30, 2010 were as follows:

<b>September 30, 2010</b>			
<b>Fair Value Measurements</b>			
Total Fair Value	Maturity Years		
	Year 1	2&3	4&5
(in millions)			



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Level 1	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 2	(54)	(40)	(14)	
Level 3				
Fair value of contracts outstanding at end of period	\$(54)	\$(40)	\$(14)	\$

See Note (C) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for further discussion on fair value measurements.

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For additional information, see MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY Market Price Risk of Alabama Power in Item 7 and Note 1 under Financial Instruments and Note 11 to the financial statements of Alabama Power in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (H) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein.

**Financing Activities**

Subsequent to September 30, 2010, Alabama Power issued \$250 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2010A 3.375% Senior Notes due October 1, 2020. Subsequent to September 30, 2010, the net proceeds were used for the redemption of \$150 million aggregate principal amount of Alabama Power's Series AA 5.625% Senior Notes due April 15, 2034 and for other general corporate purposes, including Alabama Power's continuous construction program. In addition to any financings that may be necessary to meet capital requirements and contractual obligations, Alabama Power plans to continue, when economically feasible, a program to retire higher-cost securities and replace these obligations with lower-cost capital if market conditions permit.

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	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Retail revenues	<b>\$ 2,418,231</b>	\$ 2,093,503	<b>\$ 6,036,216</b>	\$ 5,368,123
Wholesale revenues, non-affiliates	<b>108,938</b>	108,521	<b>307,167</b>	301,077
Wholesale revenues, affiliates	<b>16,844</b>	53,687	<b>43,118</b>	98,520
Other revenues	<b>84,163</b>	71,477	<b>225,345</b>	199,623
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>2,628,176</b>	2,327,188	<b>6,611,846</b>	5,967,343
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Fuel	<b>928,016</b>	830,283	<b>2,442,897</b>	2,083,662
Purchased power, non-affiliates	<b>128,557</b>	86,450	<b>294,098</b>	219,220
Purchased power, affiliates	<b>142,509</b>	158,864	<b>436,507</b>	528,505
Other operations and maintenance	<b>434,904</b>	358,821	<b>1,224,157</b>	1,102,876
Depreciation and amortization	<b>181,866</b>	122,740	<b>426,094</b>	464,931
Taxes other than income taxes	<b>98,732</b>	86,620	<b>264,372</b>	243,876
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>1,914,584</b>	1,643,778	<b>5,088,125</b>	4,643,070
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>713,592</b>	683,410	<b>1,523,721</b>	1,324,273
<b>Other Income and (Expense):</b>				
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	<b>34,039</b>	23,200	<b>104,694</b>	66,267
Interest income	<b>603</b>	611	<b>1,398</b>	1,644
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	<b>(94,596)</b>	(95,309)	<b>(274,918)</b>	(293,124)
Other income (expense), net	<b>(5,754)</b>	(4,127)	<b>(12,967)</b>	(8,316)
<b>Total other income and (expense)</b>	<b>(65,708)</b>	(75,625)	<b>(181,793)</b>	(233,529)
<b>Earnings Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>647,884</b>	607,785	<b>1,341,928</b>	1,090,744
Income taxes	<b>223,669</b>	215,720	<b>432,851</b>	378,030
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>424,215</b>	392,065	<b>909,077</b>	712,714
<b>Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock</b>	<b>4,345</b>	4,345	<b>13,036</b>	13,036
<b>Net Income After Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock</b>	<b>\$ 419,870</b>	\$ 387,720	<b>\$ 896,041</b>	\$ 699,678

**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009

	<i>(in thousands)</i>		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Net Income After Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock</b>	<b>\$ 419,870</b>	\$ 387,720	<b>\$ 896,041</b>	\$ 699,678
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Qualifying hedges:				
Changes in fair value, net of tax of \$-, \$(430), \$(6), and \$(156), respectively		(682)	<b>(10)</b>	(247)
Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, net of tax of \$1,379, \$2,350, \$5,136, and \$6,520, respectively	<b>2,186</b>	3,725	<b>8,143</b>	10,336
<b>Total other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>2,186</b>	3,043	<b>8,133</b>	10,089
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 422,056</b>	\$ 390,763	<b>\$ 904,174</b>	\$ 709,767

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**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 909,077	\$ 712,714
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization, total	550,940	566,741
Deferred income taxes	225,432	111,035
Deferred revenues	(77,081)	(37,210)
Deferred expenses	(53,761)	(39,570)
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(104,694)	(66,267)
Pension, postretirement, and other employee benefits	20,458	16,713
Hedge settlements		(16,167)
Insurance cash surrender value	1,275	22,381
Other, net	(8,925)	21,131
Changes in certain current assets and liabilities		
-Receivables	(125,658)	3,648
-Fossil fuel stock	153,144	(245,777)
-Prepaid income taxes	2,096	(20,694)
-Other current assets	4,006	505
-Accounts payable	61,223	40,719
-Accrued taxes	65,873	131,432
-Accrued compensation	45,015	(105,097)
-Other current liabilities	38,103	35,575
Net cash provided from operating activities	<b>1,706,523</b>	1,131,812
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Property additions	(1,628,055)	(1,778,030)
Distribution of restricted cash from pollution control revenue bonds		22,077
Nuclear decommissioning trust fund purchases	(569,815)	(889,049)
Nuclear decommissioning trust fund sales	545,561	841,763
Nuclear decommissioning trust securities lending collateral	20,793	43,824
Cost of removal, net of salvage	(45,918)	(41,709)
Change in construction payables, net of joint owner portion	27,345	45,828
Other investing activities	(16,318)	7,519
Net cash used for investing activities	<b>(1,666,407)</b>	(1,747,777)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Decrease in notes payable, net	(320,549)	(103,634)
Proceeds		
Capital contributions from parent company	681,353	923,840
Pollution control revenue bonds issuances		416,510

Senior notes issuances	<b>1,950,000</b>	500,000
Other long-term debt issuances		1,100
Redemptions		
Pollution control revenue bonds		(327,310)
Senior notes	<b>(1,111,914)</b>	(332,841)
Other long-term debt	<b>(2,500)</b>	
Payment of preferred and preference stock dividends	<b>(13,300)</b>	(13,121)
Payment of common stock dividends	<b>(615,000)</b>	(554,175)
Other financing activities	<b>(32,761)</b>	(12,674)
Net cash provided from financing activities	<b>535,329</b>	497,695
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>575,445</b>	(118,270)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>14,309</b>	132,739
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 589,754</b>	\$ 14,469

**Supplemental Cash Flow Information:**

Cash paid during the period for		
Interest (net of \$39,022 and \$28,443 capitalized for 2010 and 2009, respectively)	<b>\$ 231,285</b>	\$ 239,290
Income taxes (net of refunds)	<b>\$ 107,427</b>	\$ 115,436

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**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**  
**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)**

	At September 30, 2010	At December 31, 2009
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 589,754	\$ 14,309
Receivables		
Customer accounts receivable	753,688	486,885
Unbilled revenues	206,150	172,035
Under recovered regulatory clause revenues	196,149	291,837
Joint owner accounts receivable	45,288	146,932
Other accounts and notes receivable	55,466	62,758
Affiliated companies	28,593	11,775
Accumulated provision for uncollectible accounts	(13,309)	(9,856)
Fossil fuel stock, at average cost	573,122	726,266
Materials and supplies, at average cost	367,308	362,803
Vacation pay	73,806	74,566
Prepaid income taxes	90,058	132,668
Other regulatory assets, current	105,665	76,634
Other current assets	117,249	62,651
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,188,987</b>	<b>2,612,263</b>
<b>Property, Plant, and Equipment:</b>		
In service	26,109,530	25,120,034
Less accumulated provision for depreciation	9,857,869	9,493,068
<b>Plant in service, net of depreciation</b>	<b>16,251,661</b>	<b>15,626,966</b>
Nuclear fuel, at amortized cost	364,372	339,810
Construction work in progress	3,079,691	2,521,091
<b>Total property, plant, and equipment</b>	<b>19,695,724</b>	<b>18,487,867</b>
<b>Other Property and Investments:</b>		
Equity investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	68,037	66,106
Nuclear decommissioning trusts, at fair value	625,869	580,322
Miscellaneous property and investments	38,391	38,516
<b>Total other property and investments</b>	<b>732,297</b>	<b>684,944</b>
<b>Deferred Charges and Other Assets:</b>		
Deferred charges related to income taxes	707,496	608,851
Deferred under recovered regulatory clause revenues	291,736	373,245
Other regulatory assets, deferred	1,331,659	1,321,904
Other deferred charges and assets	202,049	205,492



Total deferred charges and other assets	<b>2,532,940</b>	2,509,492
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,149,948</b>	\$ 24,294,566

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**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**  
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

	At September 30, 2010	At December 31, 2009
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Securities due within one year	\$ 874,817	\$ 253,882
Notes payable	3,410	323,958
Accounts payable		
Affiliated	293,416	238,599
Other	545,539	602,003
Customer deposits	200,189	200,103
Accrued taxes		
Accrued income taxes	79,533	548
Unrecognized tax benefits	177,241	164,863
Other accrued taxes	261,155	290,174
Accrued interest	117,228	89,228
Accrued vacation pay	55,098	57,662
Accrued compensation	91,663	42,756
Liabilities from risk management activities	84,146	49,788
Other cost of removal obligations, current	37,000	216,000
Other regulatory liabilities, current	21,066	99,807
Other current liabilities	117,382	84,319
Total current liabilities	2,958,883	2,713,690
<b>Long-term Debt</b>	7,985,180	7,782,340
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:</b>		
Accumulated deferred income taxes	3,648,873	3,389,907
Deferred credits related to income taxes	129,985	133,683
Accumulated deferred investment tax credits	232,566	242,496
Employee benefit obligations	945,999	923,177
Asset retirement obligations	703,827	676,705
Other cost of removal obligations	186,793	124,662
Other deferred credits and liabilities	210,345	139,024
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	6,058,388	5,629,654
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	17,002,451	16,125,684
<b>Preferred Stock</b>	44,991	44,991
<b>Preference Stock</b>	220,966	220,966
<b>Common Stockholders Equity:</b>		

Common stock, without par value		
Authorized - 20,000,000 shares		
Outstanding - 9,261,500 shares	<b>398,473</b>	398,473
Paid-in capital	<b>5,281,791</b>	4,592,350
Retained earnings	<b>3,213,975</b>	2,932,934
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<b>(12,699)</b>	(20,832)
Total common stockholder s equity	<b>8,881,540</b>	7,902,925
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholder s Equity</b>	<b>\$ 26,149,948</b>	\$ 24,294,566

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**THIRD QUARTER 2010 vs. THIRD QUARTER 2009**  
**AND**  
**YEAR-TO-DATE 2010 vs. YEAR-TO-DATE 2009**

**OVERVIEW**

Georgia Power operates as a vertically integrated utility providing electricity to retail customers within its traditional service area located within the State of Georgia and to wholesale customers in the Southeast. Many factors affect the opportunities, challenges, and risks of Georgia Power's business of selling electricity. These factors include the ability to maintain a constructive regulatory environment, to maintain energy sales given current economic conditions, and to effectively manage and secure timely recovery of rising costs. These costs include those related to projected long-term demand growth, increasingly stringent environmental standards, and fuel prices. Georgia Power is currently constructing two new nuclear and three new combined cycle generating units. Appropriately balancing required costs and capital expenditures with customer prices will continue to challenge Georgia Power for the foreseeable future. Georgia Power filed a general rate case on July 1, 2010, requesting a base rate increase effective January 1, 2011. On March 11, 2010, the Georgia PSC approved Georgia Power's request to increase its fuel cost recovery rate effective April 1, 2010. Georgia Power is required to file its next fuel cost recovery case by March 1, 2011. Georgia Power continues to focus on several key performance indicators. These indicators include customer satisfaction, plant availability, system reliability, and net income after dividends on preferred and preference stock. For additional information on these indicators, see MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OVERVIEW - Key Performance Indicators of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Net Income**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$32.2	8.3	\$196.3	28.1

Georgia Power's net income after dividends on preferred and preference stock for the third quarter 2010 was \$419.9 million compared to \$387.7 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was due primarily to higher residential base revenues resulting from warmer weather in the third quarter 2010, partially offset by a reduction in the amortization of the regulatory liability related to other cost of removal obligations that began in July 2009 as authorized by the Georgia PSC, as well as higher operations and maintenance expenses.

Georgia Power's year-to-date 2010 net income after dividends on preferred and preference stock was \$896.0 million compared to \$699.7 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was due primarily to higher residential base revenues resulting from warmer weather in the second and third quarters 2010, significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010, and the amortization of the regulatory liability related to other cost of removal obligations, partially offset by increases in operations and maintenance expenses.

**Retail Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$324.7	15.5	\$668.1	12.4

In the third quarter 2010, retail revenues were \$2.4 billion compared to \$2.1 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, retail revenues were \$6.0 billion compared to \$5.4 billion for the corresponding period in

2009.

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Details of the change to retail revenues are as follows:

	<b>Third Quarter 2010</b>		<b>Year-to-Date 2010</b>	
	<i>(in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
Retail prior year	\$2,093.5		\$5,368.1	
Estimated change in				
Rates and pricing	49.5	2.4	21.8	0.4
Sales growth (decline)	9.8	0.4	49.9	0.9
Weather	104.3	5.0	181.9	3.4
Fuel cost recovery	161.1	7.7	414.5	7.7
Retail current year	\$2,418.2	15.5%	\$6,036.2	12.4%

Revenues associated with changes in rates and pricing increased in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009 due to higher contributions from market-driven rates for sales to industrial customers and increased recognition of environmental compliance cost recovery revenues in accordance with the 2007 Retail Rate Plan.

Revenues attributable to changes in sales increased for all customer classes in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009. Weather-adjusted KWH energy sales increased 2.0%, decreased 1.8%, and increased 4.3% in the third quarter 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 for residential, commercial, and industrial classes, respectively. Weather-adjusted KWH energy sales increased 1.7%, decreased 0.4%, and increased 6.3% for year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009 for residential, commercial, and industrial classes, respectively.

Revenues resulting from changes in weather increased in the third quarter 2010 as a result of warmer weather when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, revenues resulting from changes in weather increased as a result of warmer weather in the second and third quarters 2010 and significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009.

Fuel revenues and costs are allocated between retail and wholesale jurisdictions. Retail fuel cost recovery revenues increased \$161.1 million in the third quarter 2010 and \$414.5 million for year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009 due to increased KWH energy sales and higher fuel costs. See Note (B) to the Condensed Financial Statements under State PSC Matters Georgia Power Fuel Cost Recovery herein for additional information.

Electric rates include provisions to adjust billings for fluctuations in fuel costs, including the energy component of purchased power costs. Under these provisions, fuel revenues generally equal fuel expenses, including the fuel component of purchased power costs, and do not affect net income.

**Wholesale Revenues Affiliates**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$(36.8)	(68.6)	\$(55.4)	(56.2)

Wholesale revenues from affiliates will vary depending on demand and the availability and cost of generating resources at each company within the Southern Company system. These affiliate sales are made in accordance with

the IIC, as approved by the FERC. These transactions do not have a significant impact on earnings since the energy is generally sold at marginal cost.

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In the third quarter 2010, wholesale revenues from affiliates were \$16.9 million compared to \$53.7 million for the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, wholesale revenues from affiliates were \$43.1 million compared to \$98.5 million for the corresponding period in 2009. These decreases were due to an 80.6% decrease and a 63.6% decrease in KWH sales due to lower demand in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010, respectively, because the market cost of available energy was lower than the cost of Georgia Power-owned generation.

**Other Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$12.7	17.7	\$25.7	12.9

In the third quarter 2010, other revenues were \$84.2 million compared to \$71.5 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily due to a \$10.4 million increase in transmission revenues due to the increased usage of Georgia Power's transmission system by non-affiliated companies and an increase of \$0.9 million in outdoor lighting revenues.

For year-to-date 2010, other revenues were \$225.3 million compared to \$199.6 million for the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to a \$16.7 million increase in transmission revenues due to the increased usage of Georgia Power's transmission system by non-affiliated companies, a \$5.1 million increase in late payment fees and customer maintenance request revenues, an increase of \$2.0 million in pole attachment and equipment rental revenue primarily as a result of a new transmission line rental agreement that began in June 2009, and an increase of \$2.3 million in outdoor lighting revenues primarily as a result of new customer sales associated with government stimulus programs.

**Fuel and Purchased Power Expenses**

	Third Quarter 2010		Year-to-Date 2010	
	vs.		vs.	
	Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2009	
	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
Fuel*	\$ 97.7	11.8	\$359.2	17.2
Purchased power non-affiliates	42.1	48.7	74.9	34.2
Purchased power affiliates	(16.4)	(10.3)	(92.0)	(17.4)
Total fuel and purchased power expenses	\$ 123.4		\$342.1	

\* Fuel includes fuel purchased by Georgia Power for tolling agreements where power is generated by the provider and is included in purchased power when determining the average cost of purchased power.

In the third quarter 2010, total fuel and purchased power expenses were \$1.2 billion compared to \$1.1 billion in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was primarily due to an \$87.7 million increase related to higher KWHs generated primarily due to higher customer demand as a result of warmer weather in the third quarter 2010 and a \$35.7 million increase in the average cost of fuel and purchased power.

For year-to-date 2010, total fuel and purchased power expenses were \$3.2 billion compared to \$2.8 billion in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to a \$218.4 million increase in the average cost of fossil and nuclear fuel and a \$123.7 million increase related to higher KWHs generated primarily due to higher customer demand as a result of significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010 and warmer weather in the second and third



quarters 2010.

Fuel and purchased power transactions do not have a significant impact on earnings since energy expenses are generally offset by energy revenues through Georgia Power's fuel cost recovery clause. See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Georgia PSC Matters - Retail Fuel Cost Recovery herein for additional information.

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Details of Georgia Power's cost of generation and purchased power are as follows:

Average Cost	Third Quarter 2010 <i>(cents per net KWH)</i>	Third Quarter 2009 <i>(cents per net KWH)</i>	Percent Change	Year-to-Date 2010 <i>(cents per net KWH)</i>	Year-to-Date 2009 <i>(cents per net KWH)</i>	Percent Change
Fuel	3.97	3.50	13.4	3.84	3.39	13.3
Purchased power	5.50	6.43	(14.5)	5.90	6.14	(3.9)

In the third quarter 2010, fuel expense was \$928.0 million compared to \$830.3 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to a 13.4% increase in the average cost of fuel per KWH and a 1.4% increase of KWHs generated as a result of higher KWH demand. The average cost of coal and natural gas increased 8.1% and 44.6%, respectively.

For year-to-date 2010, fuel expense was \$2.4 billion compared to \$2.1 billion in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to a 13.3% increase in the average cost of fuel per KWH and a 6.6% increase of KWHs generated as a result of higher KWH demand. The average cost of coal and natural gas increased 9.3% and 32.8%, respectively.

*Non-Affiliates*

In the third quarter 2010, purchased power expense from non-affiliates was \$128.6 million compared to \$86.5 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to a 13.6% increase in the average cost per KWH purchased reflecting higher fuel costs and a 49.3% increase in the volume of KWHs purchased due to higher KWH demand as a result of warmer weather in the third quarter 2010 as compared to the corresponding period in 2009.

For year-to-date 2010, purchased power expense from non-affiliates was \$294.1 million compared to \$219.2 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to a 29.4% increase in the average cost per KWH purchased reflecting additional tolling agreements associated with PPAs that went into effect in June 2009, higher fuel costs, and a 14.3% increase in the volume of KWHs purchased due to higher KWH demand as a result of significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010 and warmer weather in the second and third quarters 2010 as compared to the corresponding periods in 2009.

Energy purchases from non-affiliates will vary depending on the market cost of available energy compared to the cost of Southern Company system-generated energy, demand for energy within the Southern Company system service territory, and availability of Southern Company system generation.

*Affiliates*

In the third quarter 2010, purchased power expense from affiliates was \$142.5 million compared to \$158.9 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This decrease was due to a 26.9% decrease in the average cost per KWH purchased following the expiration of a PPA in December 2009, partially offset by a 13.8% increase in the volume of KWHs purchased due to higher KWH demand.

For year-to-date 2010, purchased power expense from affiliates was \$436.5 million compared to \$528.5 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This decrease was due to a 15.1% decrease in the average cost per KWH purchased and a 3.8% decrease in the volume of KWHs purchased following the expiration of a PPA in December 2009.

Energy purchases from affiliates will vary depending on demand and the availability and cost of generating resources at each company within the Southern Company system. These purchases are made in accordance with the IIC or other contractual agreements, as approved by the FERC.

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**Other Operations and Maintenance Expenses**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$76.1	21.2	\$121.3	11.0

In the third quarter 2010, other operations and maintenance expenses were \$434.9 million compared to \$358.8 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to increases of \$34.2 million in power generation, \$19.0 million in transmission and distribution, \$14.8 million in administrative and general expenses, and \$8.5 million in customer accounting, service, and sales primarily due to cost containment efforts in 2009 as a result of economic conditions and higher generation levels to meet increased customer demand in 2010.

For year-to-date 2010, other operations and maintenance expenses were \$1.2 billion compared to \$1.1 billion in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to increases of \$80.0 million in power generation and \$39.1 million in transmission and distribution due to cost containment efforts in 2009 as a result of economic conditions and higher generation levels to meet increased customer demand in 2010.

**Depreciation and Amortization**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$59.1	48.2	\$(38.8)	(8.4)

In the third quarter 2010, depreciation and amortization was \$181.8 million compared to \$122.7 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to the amortization of \$5.0 million in the third quarter 2010 compared to \$54.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009 of the regulatory liability related to the other cost of removal obligations as authorized by the Georgia PSC and depreciation on additional plant in service related to transmission, distribution, and environmental projects.

For year-to-date 2010, depreciation and amortization was \$426.1 million compared to \$464.9 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This decrease was due to the amortization of \$119.3 million for year-to-date 2010 compared to \$54.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009 of the regulatory liability related to the other cost of removal obligations, as authorized by the Georgia PSC, partially offset by depreciation on additional plant in service related to transmission, distribution, and environmental projects.

See Note 3 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under "Retail Regulatory Matters - Rate Plans" in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Georgia PSC Matters - Rate Plans herein for additional information on the amortization of the other cost of removal regulatory liability, which became effective in July 2009.

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$12.1	14.0	\$20.5	8.4

In the third quarter 2010, taxes other than income taxes were \$98.7 million compared to \$86.6 million in the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, taxes other than income taxes were \$264.4 million compared to \$243.9 million in the corresponding period in 2009. These increases were due to higher municipal franchise fees

resulting from increased retail revenues in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010.

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**Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$10.8	46.7	\$38.4	58.0

In the third quarter 2010, AFUDC equity was \$34.0 million compared to \$23.2 million in the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, AFUDC equity was \$104.7 million compared to \$66.3 million in the corresponding period in 2009. These increases were due to the increase in construction related to three new combined cycle units at Plant McDonough, two new nuclear generating units at Plant Vogtle, and ongoing environmental and transmission projects.

**Income Taxes**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$7.9	3.7	\$54.8	14.5

In the third quarter 2010, income taxes were \$223.6 million compared to \$215.7 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to higher pre-tax earnings, partially offset by the intra-period tax allocation impact, which maintains an effective tax rate each quarter consistent with the estimated annual effective tax rate. The estimated annual effective tax rate declined from 2009 to 2010 primarily as a result of increased state investment tax credits. For year-to-date 2010, income taxes were \$432.8 million compared to \$378.0 million in the corresponding period in 2009. This increase was due to higher pre-tax earnings, partially offset by a decrease in uncertain tax positions related to state income tax credits that remain subject to litigation and an increase in non-taxable AFUDC equity and state investment tax credits.

See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL – Income Tax Matters herein and Notes 3 and 5 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Income Tax Matters and Unrecognized Tax Benefits, respectively, in Item 8 of the Form 10-K, Note (B) to the Condensed Financial Statements under Income Tax Matters – Georgia State Income Tax Credits herein, and Note (G) to the Condensed Financial Statements under Effective Tax Rate and Unrecognized Tax Benefits herein for additional information.

**FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL**

The results of operations discussed above are not necessarily indicative of Georgia Power's future earnings potential. The level of Georgia Power's future earnings depends on numerous factors that affect the opportunities, challenges, and risks of Georgia Power's business of selling electricity. These factors include Georgia Power's ability to maintain a constructive regulatory environment that continues to allow for the recovery of all prudently incurred costs during a time of increasing costs. Future earnings in the near term will depend, in part, upon maintaining energy sales which is subject to a number of factors. These factors include weather, competition, new energy contracts with neighboring utilities, energy conservation practiced by customers, the price of electricity, the price elasticity of demand, and the rate of economic growth or decline in Georgia Power's service area. Changes in economic conditions impact sales for Georgia Power and the pace of the economic recovery remains uncertain. The timing and extent of the economic recovery will impact growth and may impact future earnings. For additional information relating to these issues, see RISK FACTORS in Item 1A and MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS – FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K.



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**Environmental Matters**

Compliance costs related to the Clean Air Act and other environmental statutes and regulations could affect earnings if such costs cannot continue to be fully recovered in rates on a timely basis. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Environmental Matters of Georgia Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Environmental Matters in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

***New Source Review Actions***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Environmental Matters - New Source Review Actions of Georgia Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Environmental Matters - New Source Review Actions in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding civil actions brought by the EPA alleging that Georgia Power and Alabama Power violated the NSR provisions of the Clean Air Act and related state laws with respect to certain of their coal-fired generating facilities. The action against Georgia Power has been administratively closed since 2001, and the case has not been reopened. Georgia Power is not a party to the case involving Alabama Power. On September 2, 2010, following the end of discovery, the EPA dismissed five of its eight remaining claims in the case against Alabama Power, leaving only three claims for summary disposition or trial. The parties each filed motions for summary judgment on September 30, 2010. The court has set a trial date for October 2011 for any remaining claims. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot now be determined.

***Carbon Dioxide Litigation***

***New York Case***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Environmental Matters - Carbon Dioxide Litigation - New York Case of Georgia Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Environmental Matters - Carbon Dioxide Litigation - New York Case in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding carbon dioxide litigation. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit denied the defendants' petition for rehearing en banc on March 5, 2010. On August 2, 2010, the defendants filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be determined at this time.

***Other Litigation***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Environmental Matters - Carbon Dioxide Litigation - Other Litigation of Georgia Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Environmental Matters - Carbon Dioxide Litigation - Other Litigation in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding carbon dioxide litigation related to Hurricane Katrina. On May 28, 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed the plaintiffs' appeal of the case based on procedural grounds relating to the loss of a quorum by the full court on reconsideration, reinstating the district court decision in favor of the defendants. On August 27, 2010, the plaintiffs petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus directing the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to reinstate the plaintiffs' appeal. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

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***Air Quality***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Air Quality of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding the Industrial Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology regulations. On April 29, 2010, the EPA issued a proposed rule that would establish emissions limits for various hazardous air pollutants typically emitted from industrial boilers, including biomass boilers. The EPA is required to finalize the rules by January 16, 2011. The impact of these proposed regulations will depend on their final form and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time.

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Air Quality of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding proposed sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) regulations. On August 23, 2010, the EPA's final revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for SO<sub>2</sub>, which included the establishment of a new short-term standard, became effective. The ultimate impact of the revised standard will depend on additional regulatory action, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time.

On January 22, 2010, the EPA finalized revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) by setting a new one-hour standard that became effective on April 12, 2010. The impact of this regulation will depend on additional regulatory action, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time. Although none of the areas within Georgia Power's service territory are expected to be designated as nonattainment for the standard, based on current ambient air quality monitoring data, the new NO<sub>2</sub> standard could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs for units that require new source permitting.

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Air Quality of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). On August 2, 2010, the EPA published a proposed rule to replace CAIR, which was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in 2008 but left in place pending the promulgation of a replacement rule. This proposed rule, referred to as the Transport Rule, would require 31 eastern states and the District of Columbia (D.C.) to reduce power plant emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) that contribute to downwind states' nonattainment of federal ozone and/or fine particulate matter ambient air quality standards. To address fine particulate matter standards, the proposed Transport Rule would require D.C. and 27 eastern states, including Georgia, to reduce annual emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> from power plants. To address ozone standards, the proposed Transport Rule would also require D.C. and 25 states, including Georgia, to achieve additional reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from power plants during the ozone season. The proposed Transport Rule contains a preferred option that would allow limited interstate trading of emissions allowances; however, the EPA also requests comment on two alternative approaches that would not allow interstate trading of emissions allowances. The EPA states that it also intends to develop a second phase of the Transport Rule next year to address the more stringent ozone air quality standards as they are finalized. The EPA expects to finalize the Transport Rule in late spring of 2011 and to set the initial compliance deadline starting in 2012. The impact of this proposed regulation and potential future regulation will depend on its final form, state implementation, and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time.

These regulations could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates.



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***Coal Combustion Byproducts***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Environmental Statutes and Regulations Coal Combustion Byproducts of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding potential additional regulation of coal combustion byproducts. On June 21, 2010, the EPA published a rulemaking proposal which requested comments on two potential regulatory options for management and disposal of coal combustion byproducts: regulation as a solid waste or regulation as if the materials technically constituted a hazardous waste. Adoption of either option could require closure of or significant change to existing storage units and construction of lined landfills, as well as additional waste management and groundwater monitoring requirements. Under both options, the EPA proposes to exempt the beneficial reuse of coal combustion byproducts from regulation; however, a hazardous or other designation indicative of heightened risk could limit or eliminate beneficial reuse options. Comments on the proposed rules are due by November 19, 2010. Although its analysis is preliminary, Southern Company believes the EPA has significantly underestimated compliance costs in the proposed rule.

The outcome of these proposed regulations will depend on their final form and the outcome of any legal challenges, and cannot be determined at this time. However, additional regulation of coal combustion byproducts could have a significant impact on Georgia Power's management, beneficial use, and disposal of such byproducts. These changes could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates. Further, higher costs that are recovered through regulated rates could contribute to reduced demand for electricity, which could negatively impact results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition.

***Global Climate Issues***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Environmental Matters Global Climate Issues of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding the potential for legislation and regulation addressing greenhouse gas and other emissions. On April 1, 2010, the EPA issued a final rule regulating greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles under the Clean Air Act. The EPA has stated that, once this rule becomes effective on January 2, 2011, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases will become regulated pollutants under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) preconstruction permit program and the Title V operating permit program, which both apply to power plants. As a result, the construction of new facilities or the major modification of existing facilities could trigger the requirement for a PSD permit and the installation of the best available control technology for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. On May 13, 2010, the EPA issued a final rule, referred to as the Tailoring Rule, governing how these programs would be applied to stationary sources, including power plants. This rule establishes two phases for applying PSD and Title V requirements to greenhouse gas emissions sources. The first phase, beginning on January 2, 2011, will apply to sources and projects that would already be covered under PSD or Title V, whereas the second phase, beginning July 1, 2011, will apply to sources and projects that would not otherwise trigger those programs but for their greenhouse gas emissions. The final rules could result in significant additional compliance and operational costs that could affect future unit retirement and replacement decisions and results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition if such costs are not recovered through regulated rates. The ultimate outcome of these final rules cannot be determined at this time and will depend on the outcome of any legal challenges.

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**Georgia PSC Matters*****Retail Fuel Cost Recovery***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL PSC Matters Fuel Cost Recovery of Georgia Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Retail Regulatory Matters Fuel Cost Recovery in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for information regarding Georgia Power's fuel cost recovery. As of September 30, 2010, Georgia Power had a total under recovered fuel cost balance of approximately \$488 million compared to \$665 million at December 31, 2009. Fuel cost recovery revenues, as recorded on the financial statements, are adjusted for differences in actual recoverable fuel costs and amounts billed in current regulated rates. Accordingly, any changes in the billing factor will not have a significant effect on Georgia Power's revenues or net income, but will affect cash flow.

On March 11, 2010, the Georgia PSC voted to approve the stipulation among Georgia Power, the Georgia PSC Staff, and three customer groups with the exception that the under recovered fuel balance be collected over 42 months. The new rates, which became effective April 1, 2010, will result in an increase of approximately \$373 million to Georgia Power's total annual fuel cost recovery billings. Georgia Power is required to file its next fuel case by March 1, 2011.

***Rate Plans***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL PSC Matters Rate Plans of Georgia Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Retail Regulatory Matters Rate Plans in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

On August 27, 2009, the Georgia PSC approved an accounting order that would allow Georgia Power to amortize up to \$324 million of its regulatory liability related to other cost of removal obligations. Under the terms of the accounting order, Georgia Power was entitled to amortize up to one-third of the regulatory liability (\$108 million) in 2009, limited to the amount needed to earn no more than a 9.75% retail return on equity (ROE). In addition, Georgia Power may amortize up to two-thirds of the regulatory liability (\$216 million) in 2010, limited to the amount needed to earn no more than a 10.15% retail ROE. From July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010, Georgia Power had amortized \$161 million of the regulatory liability. Georgia Power currently expects to amortize approximately \$40 million of the regulatory liability in the fourth quarter 2010; however, the final amount is subject to the limitations described previously and cannot be determined at this time.

In accordance with the 2007 Retail Rate Plan, Georgia Power filed a base rate case with the Georgia PSC on July 1, 2010. The filing includes a requested rate increase totaling \$615 million, or 8.2% of retail revenues, to be effective January 1, 2011 based on a proposed retail ROE of 11.95%. The requested increase will be recovered through Georgia Power's existing base rate tariffs as follows: \$451 million, or 6.0%, through the traditional base rate tariffs; \$115 million, or 1.5%, through the Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery (ECCR) tariff; \$32 million through the Demand Side Management (DSM) tariffs; and \$17 million through the Municipal Franchise Fee (MFF) tariff. The majority of the increase in retail revenues is being requested to cover the costs of environmental compliance and continued investment in new generation, transmission, and distribution facilities to support growth and ensure reliability. The remainder of the increase includes recovery of higher operation, maintenance, and other investment costs to meet the current and future demand for electricity.

Unlike rate plans based on traditional one-year test periods, the 2007 Retail Rate Plan was designed to operate for the three-year period ending December 31, 2010. The 2010 rate case request includes proposed enhancements to the structure of the 2007 Retail Rate Plan to fit the current economic climate, including a process of annual tariff compliance reviews that would allow it to continue to operate for multiple years (Proposed Alternate Rate Plan). The primary points of the Proposed Alternate Rate Plan include:

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- § Continuation of a plus or minus 100 basis point range for ROE.
- § Creation of an Adjustable Cost Recovery (ACR) tariff. If approved, beginning with an effective date of January 1, 2012, the ACR will work to maintain Georgia Power's earnings within the ROE band established by the Georgia PSC in this case. If Georgia Power's earnings projected for the upcoming year are within the ROE band, no adjustment under the ACR tariff will be requested. If Georgia Power's earnings projected for the upcoming year are outside (either above or below) the approved ROE band, the ACR tariff will be used to adjust projected earnings back to the mid-point of the approved ROE band.
- The ACR tariff would also return to the sharing mechanism used prior to the 2007 Retail Rate Plan whereby two-thirds of any actual earnings for the previous year above the approved ROE band would be refunded to customers, with the remaining one-third retained by Georgia Power as incentive to manage expenses and operate as efficiently as possible. In addition, if earnings are below the approved ROE band, Georgia Power would accept one-third of the shortfall and retail customers would be responsible for the remaining two-thirds.
- § Creation of a new Certified Capacity Cost Recovery (CCCR) tariff to recover costs related to new capacity additions certified by the Georgia PSC and updated through applicable project construction monitoring reports and hearings.
- § Continuation and enhancement of the ECCR and DSM-Residential tariffs from the 2007 Retail Rate Plan and creation of a DSM-Commercial tariff to recover environmental capital and operating costs resulting from governmental mandates and DSM costs approved and certified by the Georgia PSC.
- § Implementation of an annual review of the MFF tariff to adjust for changes in relative gross receipts between customers served inside and outside municipal boundaries.

These proposed enhancements would become effective in 2012 with revenue requirements for each tariff updated through separate compliance filings based on Georgia Power's budget for the upcoming year. Based on Georgia Power's 2010 budget, earnings are currently projected to be slightly below the proposed ROE band in 2012 and within the band in 2013. However, updated budgets and revenue forecasts may eliminate, increase, or decrease the need for an ACR tariff adjustment in either year. In addition, Georgia Power currently estimates the ECCR tariff would increase by \$120 million in 2012 and would decrease by \$12 million in 2013. The CCCR tariff would begin recovering the costs of Plant McDonough Units 4, 5, and 6 with increases of \$99 million in February 2012, \$77 million in June 2012, and \$76 million in February 2013. The DSM tariffs would increase by \$17 million in 2012 and \$18 million in 2013 to reflect the terms of the stipulated agreement in Georgia Power's 2010 DSM Certification proceeding. Amounts recovered under the MFF tariff are based on amounts recovered under all other tariffs. Hearings on Georgia Power's direct testimony were held in October 2010. In direct testimony filed on October 22, 2010, the Georgia PSC Staff proposed various adjustments based on a traditional one-year test period that would result in a proposed increase of \$436 million in 2011 using a 10.5% ROE. The Georgia PSC Staff recommendation would also allow additional increases of \$181 million and \$88 million in 2012 and 2013, respectively, to recover the costs associated with Plant McDonough Units 4, 5, and 6. These additional increases would be recovered through Georgia Power's traditional base rate tariffs. While supporting the proposed DSM and MFF tariffs, the Georgia PSC Staff recommended against approval of the proposed ECCR, CCCR, and ACR tariffs. Georgia Power disagrees with the Georgia PSC Staff's positions. Hearings on the Georgia PSC Staff and intervenor direct testimony will be held in November 2010. Georgia Power's rebuttal hearings will occur in early December 2010. The Georgia PSC is scheduled to issue a final order in this matter on December 21, 2010.

The final outcome of these matters cannot now be determined.



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**Legislation**

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Legislation of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

***Healthcare Reform***

On March 23, 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) was signed into law and, on March 30, 2010, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA and, together with PPACA, the Acts), which makes various amendments to certain aspects of the PPACA, was signed into law. The Acts effectively change the tax treatment of federal subsidies paid to sponsors of retiree health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits that are at least actuarially equivalent to the corresponding benefits provided under Medicare Part D. The federal subsidy paid to employers was introduced as part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MPDIMA). Since the 2006 tax year, Georgia Power has been receiving the federal subsidy related to certain retiree prescription drug plans that were determined to be actuarially equivalent to the benefit provided under Medicare Part D. Under the MPDIMA, the federal subsidy does not reduce an employer's income tax deduction for the costs of providing such prescription drug plans nor is it subject to income tax individually. Under the Acts, beginning in 2013, an employer's income tax deduction for the costs of providing Medicare Part D-equivalent prescription drug benefits to retirees will be reduced by the amount of the federal subsidy. Under GAAP, any impact from a change in tax law must be recognized in the period enacted regardless of the effective date; however, as a result of state regulatory treatment, this change had no material impact on the financial statements of Georgia Power. Southern Company is in the process of assessing the extent to which the legislation may affect its future health care and related employee benefit plan costs. Any future impact on the financial statements of Georgia Power cannot be determined at this time.

***Stimulus Funding***

On April 28, 2010, Southern Company signed a Smart Grid Investment Grant agreement with the DOE, formally accepting a \$165 million grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This funding will be used for transmission and distribution automation and modernization projects that must be completed by April 28, 2013. Georgia Power will receive, and will match, \$51 million under this agreement.

**Income Tax Matters*****Georgia State Income Tax Credits***

Georgia Power's 2005 through 2009 income tax filings for the State of Georgia include state income tax credits for increased activity through Georgia ports. Georgia Power had also filed similar claims for the years 2002 through 2004. The Georgia Department of Revenue has not responded to these claims. In July 2007, Georgia Power filed a complaint in the Superior Court of Fulton County to recover the credits claimed for the years 2002 through 2004. On March 22, 2010, the Superior Court of Fulton County ruled in favor of Georgia Power's motion for summary judgment. The Georgia Department of Revenue has appealed to the Georgia Court of Appeals. An unrecognized tax benefit has been recorded related to these credits. If Georgia Power prevails, no material impact on net income is expected as a significant portion of any tax benefit is expected to be returned to retail customers. If Georgia Power is not successful, payment of the related state tax could have a significant, and possibly material, negative effect on Georgia Power's cash flow. See Note 5 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Unrecognized Tax Benefits in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (G) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for additional information. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot now be determined.

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***Tax Method of Accounting for Repairs***

Southern Company submitted a change in the tax accounting method for repair costs associated with Southern Company's generation, transmission, and distribution systems with the filing of the 2009 federal income tax return in September 2010. The new tax method is expected to result in net positive cash flow for 2010 of approximately \$110 million for Georgia Power. Although IRS approval of this change is considered automatic, the amount claimed is subject to review because the IRS will be issuing final guidance on this issue. Currently, the IRS is working with the utility industry in an effort to resolve this matter in a consistent manner for all utilities. Due to uncertainty concerning the ultimate resolution of this issue, an unrecognized tax benefit has been recorded for the change in the tax accounting method for repair costs. See Note (G) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for additional information. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

***Bonus Depreciation***

On September 27, 2010, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010 (SBJCA) was signed into law. The SBJCA includes an extension of the 50% bonus depreciation for certain property acquired in 2010 and placed in service in 2010 or, in certain limited cases, 2011. Georgia Power has estimated the cash flow reduction to tax payments for 2010 to be approximately \$130 million.

**Construction**

***Nuclear***

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Construction Nuclear of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for information regarding construction of two additional nuclear generating units on the site of Plant Vogtle (Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4).

In June 2009, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) filed a petition in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia seeking review of the Georgia PSC's certification order and challenging the constitutionality of the Georgia Nuclear Financing Act. On May 5, 2010, the court dismissed as premature the plaintiffs' claim challenging the Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act. The dismissal of the claim related to the Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act is subject to appeal and the plaintiffs are expected to re-file this claim in the future. In addition, on May 5, 2010, the court issued an order remanding the Georgia PSC's certification order for inclusion of further findings of fact and conclusions of law by the Georgia PSC. In compliance with the court's order, the Georgia PSC issued its order on remand to include further findings of fact and conclusions of law on June 23, 2010. On July 5, 2010, the SACE and the Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation, Inc. filed separate motions with the Georgia PSC for reconsideration of the order on remand. On August 17, 2010, the Georgia PSC voted to reaffirm its order. The SACE subsequently appealed to the Superior Court of Fulton County.

In August 2009 and June 2010, the NRC issued letters to Westinghouse revising the review schedules needed to certify the AP1000 standard design for new reactors in response to concerns related to the availability of adequate information and the shield building design. The shield building protects the containment and provides structural support to the containment cooling water supply. Georgia Power is continuing to work with Westinghouse and the NRC to resolve these concerns. Any possible delays in the AP1000 design certification schedule, including those addressed by the NRC in their letters, are not currently expected to affect the projected commercial operation dates for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4.

On August 17, 2010, the Georgia PSC voted to approve Georgia Power's semi-annual construction monitoring report including all construction and capital costs of \$583 million made on Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 through December 31,

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2009. The Georgia PSC also approved an amendment to the engineering, procurement, and construction agreement for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 that replaced certain index-based adjustments with fixed escalation factors. Georgia Power will continue to file construction monitoring reports by February 28 and August 31 of each year during the construction period.

On September 3, 2010, Georgia Power filed with the Georgia PSC the Nuclear Construction Cost Recovery tariff, as authorized in April 2009 under the Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act. The filing includes a rate increase of approximately \$218 million to recover financing costs associated with the construction of Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4, effective January 1, 2011.

There are pending technical and procedural challenges to the construction and licensing of Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4. Similar additional challenges at the state and federal level are expected as construction proceeds.

The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be determined at this time.

***Other***

In August 2009, Georgia Power filed its quarterly construction monitoring report for Plant McDonough Units 4, 5, and 6 for the quarter ended June 30, 2009. In September 2009, Georgia Power amended the report. As amended, the report included a request for an increase in the certified costs to construct Plant McDonough. On February 24, 2010, Georgia Power reached a stipulation agreement with the Georgia PSC staff that was approved by the Georgia PSC on March 16, 2010. The stipulation resolved the June 30, 2009 construction monitoring report, including the approval of actual expenditures and the requested increase in the certified amount.

On May 6, 2010, the Georgia PSC approved Georgia Power's request to extend the construction schedule for Plant McDonough Units 4, 5, and 6 as a result of the short-term reduction in forecasted demand, as well as the requested increase in the certified amount. In addition, on September 7, 2010, the Georgia PSC approved the March 31, 2010 construction monitoring report including actual project expenditures incurred through March 31, 2010.

**Other Matters**

Georgia Power is involved in various other matters being litigated, regulatory matters, and certain tax-related issues that could affect future earnings. In addition, Georgia Power is subject to certain claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. Georgia Power's business activities are subject to extensive governmental regulation related to public health and the environment, such as regulation of air emissions and water discharges. Litigation over environmental issues and claims of various types, including property damage, personal injury, common law nuisance, and citizen enforcement of environmental requirements such as opacity and air and water quality standards, has increased generally throughout the United States. In particular, personal injury and other claims for damages caused by alleged exposure to hazardous materials, and common law nuisance claims for injunctive relief and property damage allegedly caused by greenhouse gas and other emissions, have become more frequent. The ultimate outcome of such pending or potential litigation against Georgia Power cannot be predicted at this time; however, for current proceedings not specifically reported herein or in Note 3 to the financial statements of Georgia Power in Item 8 of the Form 10-K, management does not anticipate that the liabilities, if any, arising from such current proceedings would have a material adverse effect on Georgia Power's financial statements.

See the Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for discussion of various other contingencies, regulatory matters, and other matters being litigated which may affect future earnings potential.

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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Georgia Power prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements of Georgia Power in Item 8 of the Form 10-K. In the application of these policies, certain estimates are made that may have a material impact on Georgia Power's results of operations and related disclosures. Different assumptions and measurements could produce estimates that are significantly different from those recorded in the financial statements. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS ACCOUNTING POLICIES Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for a complete discussion of Georgia Power's critical accounting policies and estimates related to Electric Utility Regulation, Contingent Obligations, Unbilled Revenues, and Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY**

**Overview**

Georgia Power's financial condition remained stable at September 30, 2010. Georgia Power intends to continue to monitor its access to short-term and long-term capital markets as well as its bank credit arrangements to meet future capital and liquidity needs. See Sources of Capital and Financing Activities herein for additional information. Net cash provided from operating activities totaled \$1.7 billion for the first nine months of 2010, compared to \$1.1 billion for the corresponding period in 2009. The \$574.7 million increase in cash provided from operating activities in the first nine months of 2010 is primarily due to a \$196.3 million increase in net income, fuel inventory reductions in 2010, and an increase in deferred income taxes primarily due to the change in the tax accounting method for repair costs as previously discussed. Net cash used for investing activities totaled \$1.7 billion for the first nine months of 2010 and 2009 primarily due to gross property additions to utility plant. Net cash provided from financing activities totaled \$535.3 million for the first nine months of 2010, compared to \$497.7 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The \$37.6 million increase is primarily due to higher issuance of long-term debt in 2010 partially offset by higher common stock dividends in 2010. Fluctuations in cash flow from financing activities vary from year to year based on capital needs and the maturity or redemption of securities.

Significant balance sheet changes for the first nine months of 2010 include an increase of \$1.2 billion in total property, plant, and equipment and an increase in paid in capital of \$689.4 million reflecting equity contributions from Southern Company.

**Capital Requirements and Contractual Obligations**

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY Capital Requirements and Contractual Obligations of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for a description of Georgia Power's capital requirements for its construction program, scheduled maturities of long-term debt, interest, derivative obligations, preferred and preference stock dividends, leases, purchase commitments, trust funding requirements, and unrecognized tax benefits. Approximately \$874.8 million will be required through September 30, 2011 to fund maturities and announced repurchases of long-term debt. Georgia Power met its obligations to repurchase \$462.5 million in pollution control revenue bonds subsequent to September 30, 2010 with a portion of its current cash and cash equivalents balance at September 30, 2010. No mandatory contributions to Georgia Power's pension plan are expected for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2011, although management may consider making discretionary contributions. The construction program is subject to periodic review and revision, and actual construction costs may vary from these estimates because of numerous factors. These factors include: changes in business conditions; changes in load



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projections; changes in environmental statutes and regulations; changes in generating plants to meet new regulatory requirements; changes in FERC rules and regulations; Georgia PSC approvals; changes in legislation; the cost and efficiency of construction labor, equipment, and materials; project scope and design changes; and the cost of capital. In addition, there can be no assurance that costs related to capital expenditures will be fully recovered.

**Sources of Capital**

Georgia Power plans to obtain the funds required for construction and other purposes from sources similar to those utilized in the past. Recently, Georgia Power has primarily utilized funds from operating cash flows, short-term debt, security issuances, term loans, and equity contributions from Southern Company. However, the amount, type, and timing of any future financings, if needed, will depend upon prevailing market conditions, regulatory approval, and other factors. See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY Sources of Capital of Georgia Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

On June 18, 2010, Georgia Power reached an agreement with the DOE to accept terms for a conditional commitment for federal loan guarantees that would apply to future Georgia Power borrowings related to Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4. Any borrowings guaranteed by the DOE would be full recourse to Georgia Power and secured by a first priority lien on Georgia Power's 45.7% undivided ownership interest in Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4. Total guaranteed borrowings would not exceed the lesser of 70% of eligible project costs or approximately \$3.4 billion, and are expected to be funded by the Federal Financing Bank. Final approval and issuance of loan guarantees by the DOE are subject to receipt of the combined construction and operating license for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 from the NRC, negotiation of definitive agreements, completion of due diligence by the DOE, receipt of any necessary regulatory approvals, and satisfaction of other conditions. There can be no assurance that the DOE will issue loan guarantees for Georgia Power.

Georgia Power's current liabilities frequently exceed current assets because of the continued use of short-term debt as a funding source to meet scheduled maturities of long-term debt, as well as cash needs, which can fluctuate significantly due to the seasonality of the business. To meet short-term cash needs and contingencies, Georgia Power had at September 30, 2010 cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$589.8 million and unused committed credit arrangements with banks of approximately \$1.7 billion. Of the cash and cash equivalents, approximately \$574 million was held in various money market mutual funds. The money market mutual funds invest in a portfolio of highly-rated, short-term securities, and redemptions from the funds are available on a same day basis up to the full amount of the investment. Of the unused credit arrangements, \$595 million expire in 2011 and \$1.1 billion expire in 2012. Of the credit arrangements that expire in 2011, \$40 million contain provisions allowing two-year term loans executable at expiration and \$220 million contain provisions allowing one-year term loans executable at expiration. Georgia Power expects to renew its credit arrangements, as needed, prior to expiration. The credit arrangements provide liquidity support to Georgia Power's commercial paper program at September 30, 2010, and approximately \$901 million was dedicated to funding purchase obligations related to variable rate pollution control revenue bonds. Subsequent to September 30, 2010, purchase obligations related to variable rate pollution control revenue bonds outstanding were reduced to \$438 million as described under Financing Activities herein. See Note 6 to the financial statements of Georgia Power under Bank Credit Arrangements in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (E) to the Condensed Financial Statements under Bank Credit Arrangements herein for additional information. Georgia Power may also meet short-term cash needs through a Southern Company subsidiary organized to issue and sell commercial paper at the request and for the benefit of Georgia Power and other Southern Company subsidiaries. At September 30, 2010, Georgia Power had no commercial paper outstanding. During the third quarter 2010, Georgia Power had an average of \$120 million of commercial paper outstanding at a weighted average interest rate of 0.3% per annum and the maximum amount outstanding was \$283 million. Management believes that the need for working capital can be adequately met by utilizing commercial paper programs, lines of credit, and cash.

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**Credit Rating Risk**

Georgia Power does not have any credit arrangements that would require material changes in payment schedules or terminations as a result of a credit rating downgrade. There are certain contracts that could require collateral, but not accelerated payment, in the event of a credit rating change to BBB- and/or Baa3 or below. These contracts are for physical electricity purchases and sales, fuel purchases, fuel transportation and storage, emissions allowances, energy price risk management, and construction of new generation. At September 30, 2010, the maximum potential collateral requirements under these contracts at a BBB- and/or Baa3 rating were approximately \$27 million. At September 30, 2010, the maximum potential collateral requirements under these contracts at a rating below BBB- and/or Baa3 were approximately \$1.4 billion. Included in these amounts are certain agreements that could require collateral in the event that one or more Power Pool participants has a credit rating change to below investment grade. Generally, collateral may be provided by a Southern Company guaranty, letter of credit, or cash. Additionally, any credit rating downgrade could impact Georgia Power's ability to access capital markets, particularly the short-term debt market.

On January 22, 2010, Fitch applied new guidelines regarding the ratings of various hybrid capital instruments and preferred securities of companies in all sectors, including banks, insurers, non-bank financial institutions, and non-financial corporate entities, including utilities. As a result, the Fitch ratings of Georgia Power's preferred stock, preference stock, and long-term debt payable to affiliated trusts decreased from A to A-. These ratings are not applicable to the collateral requirements described above.

On August 12, 2010, Moody's downgraded the issuer and long-term debt ratings of Georgia Power (senior unsecured to A3 from A2). Moody's also announced that it had downgraded the short-term ratings of a financing subsidiary of Southern Company that issues commercial paper for the benefit of Southern Company subsidiaries (including Georgia Power) to P-2 from P-1. In addition, Moody's announced that it had downgraded the variable rate demand obligation ratings of Georgia Power to VMIG-2 from VMIG-1 and the preferred and preference stock ratings of Georgia Power (to Baa2 from Baa1). Moody's also downgraded the trust preferred securities rating of Georgia Power to Baa1 from A3. Moody's announced that the ratings outlook for Georgia Power is stable.

**Market Price Risk**

Georgia Power's market risk exposure relative to interest rate changes for the third quarter 2010 has not changed materially compared with the December 31, 2009 reporting period. Since a significant portion of outstanding indebtedness is at fixed rates, Georgia Power is not aware of any facts or circumstances that would significantly affect exposures on existing indebtedness in the near term. However, the impact on future financing costs cannot now be determined.

Due to cost-based rate regulation, Georgia Power continues to have limited exposure to market volatility in interest rates, commodity fuel prices, and prices of electricity. To mitigate residual risks relative to movements in electricity prices, Georgia Power enters into physical fixed-price contracts for the purchase and sale of electricity through the wholesale electricity market. Georgia Power continues to manage a fuel-hedging program implemented per the guidelines of the Georgia PSC. As such, Georgia Power had no material change in market risk exposure for the third quarter 2010 when compared with the December 31, 2009 reporting period.

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The changes in fair value of energy-related derivative contracts, the majority of which are composed of regulatory hedges, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	<b>Third Quarter 2010 Changes</b>	<b>Year-to-Date 2010 Changes</b>
	Fair Value (in millions)	
Contracts outstanding at the beginning of the period, assets (liabilities), net	\$ (93)	\$ (75)
Contracts realized or settled	19	69
Current period changes <sup>(a)</sup>	(47)	(115)
Contracts outstanding at the end of the period, assets (liabilities), net	\$(121)	\$ (121)

(a) Current period changes also include the changes in fair value of new contracts entered into during the period, if any.

The change in the fair value positions of the energy-related derivative contracts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was a decrease of \$28 million and a decrease of \$46 million, respectively, substantially all of which is due to natural gas positions. The change is attributable to both the volume and prices of natural gas. At September 30, 2010, Georgia Power had a net hedge volume of 61 million mmBtu with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.99 per mmBtu above market prices, compared to 67 million mmBtu at June 30, 2010 with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.40 per mmBtu above market prices and compared to 65 million mmBtu at December 31, 2009 with a weighted average contract cost of approximately \$1.16 per mmBtu above market prices. The natural gas hedges are recovered through the fuel cost recovery mechanism.

Regulatory hedges relate to Georgia Power's fuel-hedging program where gains and losses are initially recorded as regulatory liabilities and assets, respectively, and then are included in fuel expense as the underlying fuel is used in operations and ultimately recovered through the fuel cost recovery mechanism.

Unrealized pre-tax gains and losses recognized in income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 for energy-related derivative contracts that are not hedges were not material.

Georgia Power uses over-the-counter contracts that are not exchange-traded but are fair valued using prices which are actively quoted, and thus fall into Level 2. The maturities of the energy-related derivative contracts at September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	<b>September 30, 2010</b>			
	<b>Fair Value Measurements</b>			
	Total	Maturity		
	Fair Value	Year 1	Years 2&3	Years 4&5
	(in millions)			
Level 1	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 2	(121)	(84)	(37)	
Level 3				
Fair value of contracts outstanding at end of period	\$(121)	\$(84)	\$(37)	\$

See Note (C) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein for further discussion on fair value measurements. For additional information, see MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY - Market Price Risk of Georgia Power in Item 7 and Note 1 under Financial Instruments and Note 11 to the financial statements of Georgia Power in Item 8 of the Form 10-K and Note (H) to the Condensed Financial Statements herein.

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**Financing Activities**

In March 2010, Georgia Power issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2010A Floating Rate Senior Notes due March 15, 2013. The net proceeds were used to repay at maturity \$250 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2008A Floating Rate Senior Notes due March 17, 2010, to repay a portion of its outstanding short-term indebtedness, and for general corporate purposes, including Georgia Power's continuous construction program.

In June 2010, Georgia Power issued \$600 million aggregate principal amount of Series 2010B 5.40% Senior Notes due June 1, 2040. The net proceeds from the sale of the Series 2010B Senior Notes were used for the redemption of all of the \$200 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series R 6.00% Senior Notes due October 15, 2033 and all of the \$150 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series O 5.90% Senior Notes due April 15, 2033, to repay a portion of its outstanding short-term indebtedness, and for general corporate purposes, including Georgia Power's continuous construction program.

In September 2010, Georgia Power issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount Series 2010C 4.75% Senior Notes due September 1, 2040. The net proceeds were used to redeem all of the \$250 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series X 5.70% Senior Notes due January 15, 2045, \$125 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series W 6% Senior Notes due August 15, 2044, \$100 million aggregate principal amount of Georgia Power's Series T 5.75% Senior Public Income Notes due January 15, 2044, and \$35 million aggregate principal amount of Savannah Electric and Power Company's (Savannah Electric) Series G 5.75% Senior Notes due December 1, 2044 (which were assumed by Georgia Power upon its merger with Savannah Electric).

Also in September 2010, Georgia Power issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount Series 2010D 1.30% Senior Notes due September 15, 2013. Subsequent to September 30, 2010, the net proceeds were used for the repurchase of all of the \$114.3 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding Development Authority of Burke County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Vogtle Project), First Series 2009, due January 1, 2049; \$40 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Development Authority of Monroe County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Scherer Project), First Series 2009, due January 1, 2049; \$173 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Development Authority of Bartow County (Georgia) Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Bowen Project), First Series 2009, due December 1, 2032; \$89.2 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Development Authority of Monroe County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Scherer Project), Second Series 2009, due October 1, 2048; and \$46 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Development Authority of Burke County Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Georgia Power Plant Vogtle Project), First Series 1996, due October 1, 2032, and for other general corporate purposes, including Georgia Power's continuous construction program. The pollution control revenue bonds repurchased by Georgia Power are being held by Georgia Power and may be remarketed to investors in the future. In addition to any financings that may be necessary to meet capital requirements and contractual obligations, Georgia Power plans to continue, when economically feasible, a program to retire higher-cost securities and replace these obligations with lower-cost capital if market conditions permit.

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CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Retail revenues	<b>\$ 396,671</b>	\$ 329,597	<b>\$ 1,021,530</b>	\$ 858,038
Wholesale revenues, non-affiliates	<b>31,211</b>	25,752	<b>86,041</b>	70,418
Wholesale revenues, affiliates	<b>37,995</b>	3,661	<b>88,386</b>	19,748
Other revenues	<b>17,578</b>	18,631	<b>47,381</b>	54,816
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>483,455</b>	377,641	<b>1,243,338</b>	1,003,020
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Fuel	<b>237,003</b>	163,302	<b>585,167</b>	435,050
Purchased power, non-affiliates	<b>12,771</b>	9,991	<b>34,615</b>	20,480
Purchased power, affiliates	<b>20,282</b>	29,399	<b>51,725</b>	58,020
Other operations and maintenance	<b>67,178</b>	57,422	<b>202,202</b>	194,896
Depreciation and amortization	<b>34,032</b>	23,452	<b>90,651</b>	69,828
Taxes other than income taxes	<b>29,293</b>	26,683	<b>78,586</b>	72,120
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>400,559</b>	310,249	<b>1,042,946</b>	850,394
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>82,896</b>	67,392	<b>200,392</b>	152,626
<b>Other Income and (Expense):</b>				
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	<b>1,424</b>	6,810	<b>4,504</b>	17,335
Interest income	<b>31</b>	129	<b>87</b>	423
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	<b>(13,764)</b>	(9,264)	<b>(38,286)</b>	(29,003)
Other income (expense), net	<b>(471)</b>	(266)	<b>(1,355)</b>	(1,369)
<b>Total other income and (expense)</b>	<b>(12,780)</b>	(2,591)	<b>(35,050)</b>	(12,614)
<b>Earnings Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>70,116</b>	64,801	<b>165,342</b>	140,012
Income taxes	<b>25,658</b>	22,042	<b>60,166</b>	45,341
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>44,458</b>	42,759	<b>105,176</b>	94,671
<b>Dividends on Preference Stock</b>	<b>1,551</b>	1,551	<b>4,652</b>	4,652
<b>Net Income After Dividends on Preference Stock</b>	<b>\$ 42,907</b>	\$ 41,208	<b>\$ 100,524</b>	\$ 90,019

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
	<b>\$ 42,907</b>	\$ 41,208	<b>\$ 100,524</b>	\$ 90,019

**Net Income After Dividends on Preference  
Stock**

Other comprehensive income (loss):

Qualifying hedges:

Changes in fair value, net of tax of \$-, \$(414),  
\$(542), and \$(414), respectively

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Reclassification adjustment for amounts included  
in net income, net of tax of \$90, \$105, \$286, and  
\$314, respectively

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**Total other comprehensive income (loss)**

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**Comprehensive Income**

**\$ 43,050 \$ 40,715 \$ 100,116 \$ 89,860**

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**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 105,176	\$ 94,671
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization, total	95,491	74,407
Deferred income taxes	55,355	(2,177)
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(4,504)	(17,335)
Pension, postretirement, and other employee benefits	2,883	1,123
Stock based compensation expense	959	793
Hedge settlements	1,530	
Other, net	1,040	(4,009)
Changes in certain current assets and liabilities		
-Receivables	(67,814)	40,388
-Fossil fuel stock	29,483	(54,511)
-Materials and supplies	(1,363)	(1,411)
-Prepaid income taxes	(9,558)	416
-Property damage cost recovery	34	10,831
-Other current assets	2,667	2,178
-Accounts payable	12,003	(13,022)
-Accrued taxes	18,166	14,593
-Accrued compensation	2,695	(7,364)
-Other current liabilities	10,776	8,627
Net cash provided from operating activities	<b>255,019</b>	148,198
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Property additions	(203,911)	(330,776)
Investment in restricted cash from pollution control revenue bonds		(49,188)
Distribution of restricted cash from pollution control revenue bonds	6,347	28,144
Cost of removal, net of salvage	(750)	(6,758)
Construction payables	(17,792)	(11,721)
Payments pursuant to long-term service agreements	(4,211)	(5,462)
Other investing activities	(295)	17
Net cash used for investing activities	<b>(220,612)</b>	(375,744)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Decrease in notes payable, net	(88,733)	(101,589)
Proceeds		
Common stock issued to parent	50,000	135,000
Capital contributions from parent company	3,571	3,461
Pollution control revenue bonds	21,000	130,400
Senior notes	300,000	140,000

Redemptions		
Senior notes	(140,413)	(1,033)
Payment of preference stock dividends	(4,652)	(4,652)
Payment of common stock dividends	(78,225)	(66,975)
Other financing activities	(3,280)	(1,613)
Net cash provided from financing activities	59,268	232,999
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>93,675</b>	<b>5,453</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>8,677</b>	<b>3,443</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 102,352</b>	<b>\$ 8,896</b>

**Supplemental Cash Flow Information:**

Cash paid during the period for		
Interest (net of \$1,795 and \$6,909 capitalized for 2010 and 2009, respectively)	\$ 28,394	\$ 29,123
Income taxes (net of refunds)	\$ 13,862	\$ 43,423

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**GULF POWER COMPANY**  
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

	At September 30, 2010	At December 31, 2009
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 102,352	\$ 8,677
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		6,347
Receivables		
Customer accounts receivable	98,295	64,257
Unbilled revenues	64,894	60,414
Under recovered regulatory clause revenues	18,606	4,285
Other accounts and notes receivable	7,748	4,107
Affiliated companies	17,832	7,503
Accumulated provision for uncollectible accounts	(2,226)	(1,913)
Fossil fuel stock, at average cost	153,230	183,619
Materials and supplies, at average cost	40,049	38,478
Other regulatory assets, current	23,560	19,172
Prepaid expenses	29,874	44,760
Other current assets	927	3,634
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>555,141</b>	<b>443,340</b>
<b>Property, Plant, and Equipment:</b>		
In service	3,552,116	3,430,503
Less accumulated provision for depreciation	1,052,758	1,009,807
<b>Plant in service, net of depreciation</b>	<b>2,499,358</b>	<b>2,420,696</b>
Construction work in progress	227,643	159,499
<b>Total property, plant, and equipment</b>	<b>2,727,001</b>	<b>2,580,195</b>
<b>Other Property and Investments</b>	<b>16,219</b>	<b>15,923</b>
<b>Deferred Charges and Other Assets:</b>		
Deferred charges related to income taxes	44,947	39,018
Other regulatory assets, deferred	221,691	190,971
Other deferred charges and assets	31,940	24,160
<b>Total deferred charges and other assets</b>	<b>298,578</b>	<b>254,149</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,596,939</b>	<b>\$ 3,293,607</b>

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CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

	At September 30, 2010	At December 31, 2009
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
<b>Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Securities due within one year	\$ 185,000	\$ 140,000
Notes payable		90,331
Accounts payable		
Affiliated	59,361	47,421
Other	66,993	80,184
Customer deposits	35,695	32,361
Accrued taxes		
Accrued income taxes	2,816	1,955
Other accrued taxes	25,319	7,297
Accrued interest	14,959	10,222
Accrued compensation	12,032	9,337
Other regulatory liabilities, current	31,597	22,416
Liabilities from risk management activities	12,807	9,442
Other current liabilities	21,335	20,092
Total current liabilities	467,914	471,058
<b>Long-term Debt</b>	1,112,478	978,914
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:</b>		
Accumulated deferred income taxes	353,886	297,405
Accumulated deferred investment tax credits	8,495	9,652
Employee benefit obligations	110,708	109,271
Other cost of removal obligations	199,154	191,248
Other regulatory liabilities, deferred	42,481	41,399
Other deferred credits and liabilities	122,754	92,370
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	837,478	741,345
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	2,417,870	2,191,317
<b>Preference Stock</b>	97,998	97,998
<b>Common Stockholder's Equity:</b>		
Common stock, without par value		
Authorized - 20,000,000 shares		
Outstanding - September 30, 2010: 3,642,717 shares		
- December 31, 2009: 3,142,717 shares	303,060	253,060
Paid-in capital	539,466	534,577
Retained earnings	241,415	219,117

Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,870)	(2,462)
Total common stockholder s equity	1,081,071	1,004,292
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholder s Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,596,939</b>	<b>\$ 3,293,607</b>

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**AND**  
**YEAR-TO-DATE 2010 vs. YEAR-TO-DATE 2009**

**OVERVIEW**

Gulf Power operates as a vertically integrated utility providing electricity to retail customers within its traditional service area located in northwest Florida and to wholesale customers in the Southeast. Many factors affect the opportunities, challenges, and risks of Gulf Power's business of selling electricity. These factors include the ability to maintain a constructive regulatory environment, to maintain energy sales given current economic conditions, and to effectively manage and secure timely recovery of rising costs. These costs include those related to projected long-term demand growth, increasingly stringent environmental standards, and fuel prices. Appropriately balancing the need to recover these increasing costs with customer prices will continue to challenge Gulf Power for the foreseeable future. Gulf Power continues to focus on several key performance indicators. These indicators include customer satisfaction, plant availability, system reliability, and net income after dividends on preference stock. For additional information on these indicators, see MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OVERVIEW Key Performance Indicators of Gulf Power in Item 7 of the Form 10-K.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS*****Net Income***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$1.7	4.1	\$10.5	11.7

Gulf Power's net income after dividends on preference stock for the third quarter 2010 was \$42.9 million compared to \$41.2 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to warmer weather in the third quarter 2010.

Gulf Power's net income after dividends on preference stock for year-to-date 2010 was \$100.5 million compared to \$90.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010 and warmer weather in the third quarter 2010.

***Retail Revenues***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$67.1	20.4	\$163.5	19.1

In the third quarter 2010, retail revenues were \$396.7 million compared to \$329.6 million for the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, retail revenues were \$1,021.5 million compared to \$858.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009.

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Details of the change to retail revenues are as follows:

	<b>Third Quarter</b>		<b>Year-to-Date</b>	
	<b>2010</b>		<b>2010</b>	
	<i>(in</i>	<i>(%</i>	<i>(in millions)</i>	<i>(%</i>
	<i>millions)</i>	<i>change)</i>	<i>(in millions)</i>	<i>change)</i>
Retail prior year	\$ 329.6		\$ 858.0	
Estimated change in				
Rates and pricing	22.2	6.7	56.0	6.5
Sales growth (decline)	0.8	0.3	(2.8)	(0.2)
Weather	6.5	2.0	18.3	2.1
Fuel and other cost recovery	37.6	11.4	92.0	10.7
Retail current year	\$ 396.7	20.4	\$ 1,021.5	19.1

Revenues associated with changes in rates and pricing increased in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009 primarily due to revenues associated with higher projected environmental compliance costs in 2010.

Annually, Gulf Power petitions the Florida PSC for recovery of projected environmental compliance costs including any true-up amounts from prior periods, and approved rates are implemented each January. These recovery provisions include related expenses and a return on average net investment. See Note 1 to the financial statements of Gulf Power under Revenues and Note 3 to the financial statements of Gulf Power under Environmental Matters Environmental Remediation and Retail Regulatory Matters Environmental Cost Recovery in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

Revenues attributable to changes in sales increased in the third quarter 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. KWH energy sales to industrial customers increased 5.2% primarily due to an increase in production for one large customer. Weather-adjusted KWH energy sales to commercial customers increased 3.0% primarily due to increased sales to certain large customers. Weather-adjusted KWH energy sales to residential customers remained flat.

Revenues attributable to changes in sales decreased for year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in KWH usage in the residential class. KWH energy sales to industrial customers and weather-adjusted KWH energy sales to commercial customers remained relatively flat.

Revenues resulting from changes in weather increased in the third quarter 2010 as a result of warmer weather when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. For year-to-date 2010, revenues resulting from changes in weather increased as a result of warmer weather in the third quarter 2010 and significantly colder weather in the first quarter 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2009.

Fuel and other cost recovery revenues increased in the third quarter and year-to-date 2010 when compared to the corresponding periods for 2009 primarily due to higher fuel and purchased power expenses in the third quarter of 2010. Fuel and other cost recovery revenues include fuel expenses, the energy component of purchased power costs, purchased power capacity costs, and revenues related to the recovery of storm damage restoration costs.

Annually, Gulf Power petitions the Florida PSC for recovery of projected fuel and purchased power costs including any true-up amount from prior periods, and approved rates are implemented each January. The recovery provisions generally equal the related expenses and have no material effect on net income. See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Florida PSC Matters Retail Regulatory Matters herein and MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL PSC Matters Fuel Cost Recovery of Gulf Power in Item 7 and Note 1 to the financial statements of Gulf Power under Revenues and Property Damage Reserve and Note 3 to the

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**Wholesale Revenues Non-Affiliates**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$5.4	21.2	\$15.6	22.2

Wholesale revenues from non-affiliates will vary depending on the market cost of available energy compared to the cost of Gulf Power and Southern Company system-owned generation, demand for energy within the Southern Company service territory, and availability of Southern Company system generation. Wholesale revenues from non-affiliates are predominantly unit power sales under long-term contracts to other Florida and Georgia utilities. Revenues from these contracts have both capacity and energy components. Capacity revenues reflect the recovery of fixed costs and a return on investment under the contracts. Energy is generally sold at variable cost. Increases and decreases in revenues that are driven by fuel prices are accompanied by an increase or decrease in fuel costs and do not have a significant impact on net income.

In the third quarter 2010, wholesale revenues from non-affiliates were \$31.2 million compared to \$25.8 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to increased energy revenues related to an 8.1% increase in KWH energy sales to serve weather-related increases in non-territorial demand and a 6.8% increase in price related to energy rates.

For year-to-date 2010, wholesale revenues from non-affiliates were \$86.0 million compared to \$70.4 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to increased energy revenues related to an 11.8% increase in KWH energy sales to serve weather-related increases in non-territorial demand and a 9.0% increase in price related to energy rates.

**Wholesale Revenues Affiliates**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009		Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
\$34.4	937.8	\$68.7	347.6

Wholesale revenues from affiliates will vary depending on demand and the availability and cost of generating resources at each company within the Southern Company system. These affiliate sales are made in accordance with the IIC, as approved by the FERC. These transactions do not have a significant impact on earnings since the energy is generally sold at marginal cost.

In the third quarter 2010, wholesale revenues from affiliates were \$38.0 million compared to \$3.6 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to increased energy revenues related to a 661.7% increase in KWH energy sales resulting from the dispatch of available Gulf Power resources to serve affiliate demand and a 36.3% increase in price related to energy rates.

For year-to-date 2010, wholesale revenues from affiliates were \$88.4 million compared to \$19.7 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to increased energy revenues related to a 257.8% increase in KWH energy sales resulting from the dispatch of available Gulf Power resources to serve affiliate demand and a 25.1% increase in price related to energy rates.

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**Other Revenues**

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009 <i>(change in millions)</i>	Third Quarter 2009 <i>(% change)</i>	Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009 <i>(change in millions)</i>	Year-to-Date 2009 <i>(% change)</i>
\$(1.0)	(5.7)	\$(7.4)	(13.6)

In the third quarter 2010, other revenues were \$17.6 million compared to \$18.6 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily due to a \$2.0 million decrease in revenues from other energy services, partially offset by higher franchise fees of \$1.0 million.

For year-to-date 2010, other revenues were \$47.4 million compared to \$54.8 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily due to a \$9.7 million decrease in revenues from other energy services, partially offset by higher franchise fees of \$2.4 million.

The decreased revenues from other energy services did not have a significant effect on net income since they were generally offset by related expenses. Franchise fees have no impact on net income.

**Fuel and Purchased Power Expenses**

	Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009	Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009	
	<i>(change in millions)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(change in millions)</i>
		<i>(% change)</i>	<i>(% change)</i>
Fuel*	\$73.7	45.1	\$150.2
Purchased power non-affiliates	2.8	27.8	14.1
Purchased power affiliates	(9.1)	(31.0)	(6.3)
			(10.8)
Total fuel and purchased power expenses	\$67.4		\$158.0

\* Fuel includes fuel purchased by Gulf Power for tolling agreements where power is generated by the provider and is included in purchased power when determining the average cost of purchased power.

In the third quarter 2010, total fuel and purchased power expenses were \$270.0 million compared to \$202.6 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The net increase in fuel and purchased power expenses was due to a \$47.0 million increase related to total KWHs generated and purchased and a \$20.4 million increase in the average cost of fuel and purchased power.

For year-to-date 2010, total fuel and purchased power expenses were \$671.5 million compared to \$513.5 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The net increase in fuel and purchased power expenses was due to a \$116.9 million increase related to total KWHs generated and purchased and a \$41.1 million increase as a result of an increase in the average cost of fuel and purchased power.

Fuel and purchased power transactions do not have a significant impact on earnings since energy and capacity expenses are generally offset by energy and capacity revenues through Gulf Power's fuel cost recovery and purchased power capacity cost recovery clauses. See FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - Florida PSC Matters - Retail Regulatory Matters herein for additional information. See also MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - PSC Matters - Purchased Power Capacity Recovery of Gulf Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Gulf Power under Retail Regulatory Matters - Purchased Power Capacity Recovery in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information.

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Details of Gulf Power's cost of generation and purchased power are as follows:

Average Cost	Third Quarter 2010 <i>(cents per net KWH)</i>	Third Quarter 2009	Percent Change	Year-to-Date 2010 <i>(cents per net KWH)</i>	Year-to-Date 2009	Percent Change
Fuel	5.09	4.59	10.9	5.04	4.46	13.0
Purchased power	7.93	7.98	(0.6)	5.99	6.78	(11.7)

In the third quarter 2010, fuel expense was \$237.0 million compared to \$163.3 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to a 16.4% increase in the average cost of coal and an 18.4% increase in KWHs generated as a result of increased demand, partially offset by a 4.4% decrease in the average cost of natural gas prices. For year-to-date 2010, fuel expense was \$585.2 million compared to \$435.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to an 18.6% increase in the average cost of coal and a 7.4% increase in KWHs generated as a result of increased demand.

*Non-Affiliates*

In the third quarter 2010, purchased power expense from non-affiliates was \$12.7 million compared to \$9.9 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to a 752.9% increase in the volume of KWHs purchased, which was primarily due to a PPA which began in the fourth quarter 2009, partially offset by a 64.9% decrease in the average cost per KWH purchased.

For year-to-date 2010, purchased power expense from non-affiliates was \$34.6 million compared to \$20.5 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to a 576.9% increase in the volume of KWHs purchased, which was primarily due to a PPA which began in the fourth quarter 2009, partially offset by a 42.2% decrease in the average cost per KWH purchased.

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL - PSC Matters Purchased Power Capacity Recovery of Gulf Power in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of Gulf Power under Retail Regulatory Matters - Purchased Power Capacity Recovery in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for additional information regarding the PPA that began in the fourth quarter 2009.

Energy purchases from non-affiliates will vary depending on the market cost of available energy compared to the cost of Southern Company system-generated energy, demand for energy within the Southern Company system service territory, and the availability of Southern Company system generation.

*Affiliates*

In the third quarter 2010, purchased power expense from affiliates was \$20.3 million compared to \$29.4 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily due to a 74.9% decrease in the volume of KWHs purchased, partially offset by a 204.7% increase in the average cost per KWH purchased.

For year-to-date 2010, purchased power expense from affiliates was \$51.7 million compared to \$58.0 million for the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease was primarily due to a 31.0% decrease in the volume of KWHs purchased, partially offset by a 35.7% increase in the average cost per KWH purchased.

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***Other Operations and Maintenance Expenses***

Third Quarter 2010 vs. Third Quarter 2009

Year-to-Date 2010 vs. Year-to-Date 2009