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AGL Resources to be Acquired by Southern CompanyAugust24,2015

Transaction Overview 2 Southern Company to acquire AGL Resources for \$66.00 per share in cashPremium of 36.3% to AGL Resources shareholders based on the August 21, 2015 20-day volume-weighted average priceAGL Resources to become 3rd largest operating subsidiary of Southern CompanyAnticipate closing second half of 2016, subject to approvalsAGL Resources shareholder approvalState utility and other regulatory commission approvalsHart-Scott-Rodino

AGL Resources Benefits 3 AGL Resources' management team and board of directors wholeheartedly support the transaction and believe it will provide new opportunities and enhanced value for shareholders, customers and employeesPurchase price reflective of the strong growth platform cultivated by AGL Resources over the past several years and accelerates value recognition for these effortsStrong partnership found with Southern Company given its complementary businesses, excellent reputation and shared corporate valuesBoth companies committed to safety, reliability, world-class service and community support

Structure, Organization and Leadership 4 After closing, AGL Resources will continue to maintain its own management team and board of directorsAGL Resources will continue to maintain its corporate headquarters in AtlantaCustomers will continue to be served by their current gas and electric utility companies

Combined Company 5 Second-largest U.S. utility with 9 million regulated utility customers in 9 statesProjected regulated rate base of approximately \$50 billionNearly 200,000 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines and 80,000 miles of natural gas pipelinesGenerating capacity of approximately 46,000 megawattsOver 1,500 bcf per year of combined natural gas consumption and throughput volumeDiverse set of non-utility businesses that effectively complement the regulated assets

Summary 6 Two leading corporate citizens combining to better serve customers, communities and shareholdersCreates an expanded platform that allows the companies to succeed well into the futurePositions combined company to capture growth opportunities in natural gas infrastructure

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