(C12.1d) Give details of your climate-related engagement strategy with other partners in the value chain.

For the last decade, Southern Company has held regular environmental stakeholder forums, webinars, calls and meetings to discuss a range of topics including our efforts to reduce GHG emissions, regulatory and policy issues, system risk and planning related to renewables, energy efficiency, and just transition. Members of senior management participate in these events.

In 2020, we hosted two virtual environmental forums and discussed our net zero by 2050 goal, decarbonization efforts, R&D efforts, just transition and advancing energy policy. Our CEO led both virtual forums and other participating senior leaders included the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Legal Officer, Executive Vice President of Operations and Senior Vice President of Environmental and System Planning. Stakeholders participating included regional environmental and socially focused non-governmental organizations, shareholder advocacy groups, and state pension funds.

Another example of how Southern Company engages throughout our community is in our collaborations to enhance renewable options. Georgia Power demonstrates this type of collaboration through the Lagrange Solar project with The Ray. The multi-technology project features right-of-way solar panels operated by Georgia Power through an agreement with the Georgia PSC.

(C12.3) Do you engage in activities that could either directly or indirectly influence public policy on climate-related issues through any of the following?
- Direct engagement with policy makers
- Trade associations
- Funding research organizations
- Other

(C12.3a) On what issues have you been engaging directly with policy makers?

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Southern Company actively seeks direct, open communication with various policymakers, regulators and stakeholders. Southern Company has a presence in Washington, D.C., that enables a constructive dialogue with policymakers in the federal government. The Company attempts to ensure policymakers are provided accurate information that leads to appropriate discussions, debates and decisions on policy issues that could impact the Southern Company system's business units and customers. Regarding a clean energy/electricity standard (CES), Southern Company has engaged the White House, Congressional staff, environmental organizations, environmental think tanks, research organizations, and various associations to assist in developing a well-designed CES.

Southern Company will continue to keep customers at the center of everything we do while we support growth in lower-emitting generation and continued deployment of a diverse portfolio of energy resources. We strive for low cost, high reliability, high customer satisfaction, and constructive regulation as we advocate for a suite of complementary policies that achieve a net zero GHG emission power sector and economy. A well-designed CES for the electric sector can be an important element of achieving a net zero GHG emission power sector and economy, especially when coupled with complementary policies.
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| Regulation of methane emissions | Support with minor exceptions | Southern Company actively seeks direct, open communications with various policymakers, regulators and stakeholders. Southern Company has a presence in Washington, D.C., that enables constructive dialogue with policymakers and the federal government. The Company attempts to ensure policymakers are provided accurate information that leads to appropriate discussions, debates and decisions on policy issues that could impacts the Southern Company system's business and customers. Regarding methane regulation, Southern Company has engaged federal agencies, Congressional staff, environmental organizations, environmental think tanks, research organizations, and various associations to assist in developing well-designed methane regulations. | Southern Company will continue to keep customers at the center of everything we do while we support growth in clean energy solutions. We strive for low cost, high reliability, high customer satisfaction, and constructive regulation as we advocate for a suite of complementary policies that achieve a net zero GHG emission economy. Southern Company aims to continue reducing fugitive methane emissions from our natural gas distribution operations to align with ONE Future’s 2025 goal. Furthermore, we support methane regulations that utilize performance-based metrics, as used in the ONE Future methodologies. |

C12.3b

(C12.3b) Are you on the board of any trade associations or do you provide funding beyond membership?

Yes

C12.3c

(C12.3c) Enter the details of those trade associations that are likely to take a position on climate change legislation.

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Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“Climate strategies must prioritize [EE], which is proven to be the fastest and cheapest option to cut emissions while creating jobs and saving consumers money.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
A Southern Company representative is the chair of the Board. Southern Company is actively engaged on energy efficiency issues.

Trade association
Alliance for Transportation Electrification

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“In summary, broad collaboration and multiple partnerships are essential to leverage utility investments to reach ambitious decarbonization and clean transportation goals.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
A Southern Company representative is a member of the Board. Southern Company is actively engaged on electric transportation issues.

Trade association
American Biogas Council

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“Biogas systems protect our air, water and soil by recycling organic material, like food waste and manure, into renewable energy and soil products.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged, serving on working committees.

Trade association
American Clean Power Association (ACPA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Mixed

Please explain the trade association’s position
“A presidential administration should call on Congress to adopt one of the major types of federal portfolio standards—Renewable Energy Standards (RES) and Clean Energy Standards (CES)—as they are ideal programs to ensure clean energy goals are met in the power sector.”

“For any future such legislation [RES and CES], AWEA recommends a meaningful target (e.g., 100 percent clean/renewable energy by no later than 2035).”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**

As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

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**Trade association**

American Coal Ash Association (ACAA)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**

Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**

“For each ton of fly ash used in place of traditional cement a reduction of slightly less than one ton of carbon dioxide is achieved. To put this in perspective, one ton of carbon dioxide is equivalent to about two months’ emissions from an automobile. Estimating based upon the amount of fly ash used annually in concrete, approximately 13 millions tons of carbon dioxide is prevented from entering the earth’s atmosphere.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**

A Southern Company representative serves on the Board of Directors and representatives serve on multiple committees and in leadership positions.

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**Trade association**

American Gas Association (AGA)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**

Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**

“"The American Gas Association is committed to reducing [GHG] emissions through smart innovation, new and modernized infrastructure, and advanced technologies that maintain reliable, resilient, and affordable energy service choices for consumers.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**

A Southern Company representative serves on the Board of Directors and representatives serve on multiple committees and in leadership positions in AGA.

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**Trade association**

American Gas Foundation (AGF)
Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“The increasing frequency and intensity of climatic events combined with the transformation of the energy system to one increasingly powered by intermittent renewable sources establish the need for a new consideration of the resilience of the energy system. Utilities, system operators, regulators, and policymakers need to recognize that resilience will be achieved through a diverse set of integrated assets—for the foreseeable future, policies need to focus on optimizing the characteristics of both the gas and electric systems.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
A Southern Company representative serves on the Board of Directors.

Trade association
American Wind Wildlife Institute (AWWI)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“Electricity from wind energy is a major contributor to reducing [GHG] emissions from fossil fuel use and thus to reducing the impacts of climate change. Wind energy also has other environmental benefits like little or no air pollution, water, or land use. Wind power in the U.S. also supports job creation and has other economic, energy security, and sustainability benefits nationally and for local communities. However, like all power sources, wind energy can have adverse impacts on some species of wildlife, including direct impacts to birds and bats from turbine collisions, and the loss and fragmentation of species’ habitat.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
A Southern Company representative serves on the Board of Directors.

Trade association
Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“the nation needs a Green ‘True’ Deal that allows government and industry to work together to decarbonize our economy by 2050.”

“A broad combination of policies will be necessary to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.”

“…support for durable policy solutions that address the urgency of climate action, shared
interest in cost-effective, technology-neutral approaches encouraging innovation and ambition, and commitment to equitable energy transitions for all parts of the country."

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
Southern Company actively engages with the BPC on multiple activities and issues, specifically our CEO is a founding member of BPC’s Net Zero Business Alliance where corporate members are committed to address the urgency and difficulties associated with achieving a net zero economy.

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**Trade association**
Business Roundtable

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
“Addressing climate change and its impacts demands a robust, coordinated effort with a sound policy portfolio. Business Roundtable CEOs are calling for a well-designed market-based mechanism and other supporting policies to provide certainty and unleash innovation to lift America toward a cleaner, brighter future.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
Southern Company's CEO is a member of the Business Roundtable.

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**Trade association**
Carbon Utilization Research Council (CURC)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
“CURC advocates for a number of policy solutions that, if enacted, would allow for increased investment in fossil fuel technologies”

“CURC advocates for…actions that would accelerate the development of advanced fossil fuel technologies and the export of those technologies internationally”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged and serves as a co-chair.

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**Trade association**
Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent
Please explain the trade association's position

"[C2ES'] mission is to advance strong policy and ambitious action to: reduce [GHG] emissions; promote and accelerate the clean energy transition; strengthen adaptation and resilience to climate impacts; and facilitate the necessary financial investments to do so. A range of solutions, including market-based approaches and other complimentary policies will be critical to achieve each of these goals. [C2ES] believes a sound climate strategy must reflect the urgent need for ambitious action. Solutions developed through inclusive stakeholder engagement, informed by the latest science focused on the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, which are equitable and just leaving no one behind, and which create good jobs, are essential to ensure a strong, sustainable domestic and global economy."

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Southern Company is a member of the Business Environmental Leadership Council.

Trade association
Center for Transportation and the Environment

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association's position
"The Center for Transportation and the Environment works to improve the health of our climate and communities by bringing people together to develop and commercialize clean, efficient, and sustainable transportation technologies."

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

Trade association
Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG Coalition)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association's position
"RNG Coalition is...dedicated to the sustainable advancement of [RNG] as a clean, green, alternative and domestic energy resource - and as a key component and partial solution to addressing global climate change."

"RNG Coalition will provide policy advocacy and education to help ensure sustainability and growth for the RNG industry, and to improve recognition of the [RNG] production process (methane mitigation and carbon sequestration) as a critical component of and partial solution to address global climate change."

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.
Trade association
Cross-Cutting Issues Group

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
This organization has not published a climate position. Southern Company believes the overall mission is consistent with our climate position.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

Trade association
Downstream Natural Gas Initiative

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“The Downstream Initiative members are engaged with state policymakers and stakeholders to support cost-effective strategies and opportunities to reduce [GHG] emissions and transition to a low-carbon future. These short- and long-term strategies and opportunities include reducing methane emissions, increasing end use energy efficiency, and decarbonizing energy supply. The latter includes near-term efforts to increase the supply of [RNG], as well as longer-term opportunities to incorporate hydrogen blending and power-to-gas technology.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

Trade association
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“Global climate change presents one of the biggest energy and environmental policy challenges this country has ever faced. EEI member companies are committed to addressing the challenge of climate change and have undertaken a wide range of initiatives over the last 30 years to reduce, avoid or sequester GHG emissions. Policies to address climate change should seek to minimize impacts on consumers and avoid harm to U.S. industry and the economy.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Southern Company serves on multiple committees and in leadership positions in EEI.
Trade association
Electric Drive Transportation Association (EDTA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“The [EDTA], the collective voice of the entire EV value chain, believes that:
Achieving net-zero emissions transportation for all Americans is a critically important goal that
requires a comprehensive effort across multiple sectors of the economy to electrify
transportation.

U.S. leadership in this effort to electrify transportation will secure our economic future while
driving innovation that reduces emissions, creates jobs and boosts investment opportunities in
our communities and across all segments of the economy.

To secure our leadership, the U.S. should implement an aggressive five-year plan that catalyzes
growth with significant, long-term investments in market expansion and accelerates technology
development and deployment for cross-sector adoption of e-mobility.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged on electric transportation issues and
serves at the board level.

Trade association
Electric Highway Coalition

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
This organization has not published a climate position. Southern Company believes the overall
mission is consistent with our climate position.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Southern Company is a founding member.

Trade association
Electric Power Research Institute, Inc.

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“Global power sector transformation drives changes in company operational decisions, investment strategies, environmental management, resource planning, business strategies, policy creation, and industry structure. EPRI’s research provides technical data and information, analytic tools, and insights to support resource and strategic planning through this evolution. Research focuses on economic, policy, and planning aspects of change, including decarbonization, emerging and advanced technologies, electrification, and climate impacts.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
A Southern Company representative is the chair of the Board, and Southern Company representatives are involved in many levels of the organization.

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**Trade association**
Energy Forward

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Mixed

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
This organization has not published a climate position.

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is engaged.

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**Trade association**
Energy Solution Center, Inc. (ESC)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
"Provide knowledge, skills, and strategies that enable individual members to bring energy solutions, products, and services to their customers more effectively.
Provide a collaborative platform for equipment manufacturers, developers, vendors, and LDCs to network and partner in order to facilitate the promotion and deployment of energy-efficient gas equipment and technologies.
Educate members' customers to help them choose energy options that improve efficiency, reliability, resiliency, and affordability.
Ensure the organizational and financial sustainability of the Energy Solutions Center”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

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**Trade association**
Energy and Wildlife Action Coalition (EWAC)
Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“…EWAC advocates for federal environmental policies and regulations that protect wildlife and related natural resources while ensuring that the electric power industry can deliver the safe, reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean energy their customers need.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

Trade association
Energy Storage Association (ESA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“ESA’s policy activities focus on three overarching goals to advance the U.S. market for the full range of energy storage technologies:

- Increase revenues available to storage, such as by creating electricity markets and programs that reward flexibility and establishing deployment targets & incentive programs;

- Enhance the competitiveness of storage, such as by including storage in state and regional planning processes and updating procurement evaluation methods; and

- Ensure grid & market access for storage, such as through improving grid interconnection processes, codes & standards, and multiple use functionality of storage.

In addition, ESA engages on regulatory matters affecting the future market of the energy storage industry, including end-of-life processes, supply chain issues, and workforce development.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged in energy storage topics.

Trade association
Energy Systems Integration Group Inc.

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
"A core team, including the Energy Systems Integration Group (ESIG)... is actively developing the [Global Power System Transformation (G-PST)] consortium and will be engaged in implementation of technical work.”
“...the Global Power System Transformation (G-PST) Consortium, a bold and innovative public-private partnership to accelerate transitions to net-zero-emissions power systems and drive broader economic growth.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

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**Trade association**
Gas Heat Pump Collaborative

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Unknown

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
Not available.

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

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**Trade association**
Gas Technology Institute (GTI)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
“Carbon management is a key environmental concern among all stakeholders. Common sense, cost-effective solutions that can reduce annual emissions of carbon dioxide and other potential [GHG] emissions to the atmosphere are needed. All sectors of the energy industry are looking to enhance their environmental performance.

The development of new energy-efficient technologies is one of the most important and easiest ways that we can lower energy consumption, reduce energy costs, and control [GHG] emissions.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged and serves on the board.

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**Trade association**
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
“As America’s energy leaders, INGAA’s members recognize the need to build upon our efforts and to continue to act to address global climate change by advancing our commitment to minimize and reduce [GHG] emissions, including methane emissions. INGAA members are determined to lead the effort to modernize our nation’s interstate natural gas delivery network infrastructure with a goal of reducing emissions and helping minimize the impact on our climate. [INGAA’s] commitments will include an active effort to do even more to address climate change by supporting renewables, as well as new and innovative technologies and process enhancements that will further reduce emissions. Working together, [INGAA is] determined to support sound public policies that protect the environment while ensuring a safe, reliable and resilient energy transmission system that provides the affordable energy so many of our businesses and families need.”

“[INGAA] support[s] equitable, efficient, effective, and flexible federal policy designed to minimize and reduce emissions across the entire economy, and a recognition that all sectors of the economy should contribute to any new federal emission reduction policies. Policies to address climate, including any policies that include a price on carbon or clean energy standards, must also diminish potential adverse financial impacts on consumers and avoid harm to the U.S. economy.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**

A Southern Company representative serves on the Board of Directors and representatives serve on multiple committees and in leadership positions in INGAA.

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**Trade association**

Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**

Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**

“Energy efficiency policy drives investment and savings. Every state can achieve cost-effective energy efficiency with policies tailored to their unique needs and makeup.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**

As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

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**Trade association**

National Association of Manufacturers

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**

Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**

“The NAM and our member companies are committed to addressing global climate change while preserving competitiveness…. Policymakers should focus on enabling the technological
breakthroughs that are needed to significantly reduce emissions, and should incentivize increasing the use of products and processes that are the most cost-effective and carbon-efficient. Government should not impede or impair the ability of energy-producing and energy-consuming segments of industry from obtaining adequate funding for energy-related investments. The NAM supports policies that strengthen the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers and opposes policies that weaken the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers. Incentives are often effective policy tools, but should not artificially create winners and losers in a quest for developing competing technologies or fuels. In establishing federal clean energy policies, the NAM encourages Congress to provide transparent assessments of costs and benefits, prioritize energy reliability, recognize regional differences in renewable energy resource availability, and harmonize policies so that state and federal regulations made duplicative or unnecessary are eliminated. Research and development efforts should be pursued as a means to enhance energy flexibility and expand diversification of energy supplies over time to increase the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged and serves at the board level.

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Trade association
National Coal Transportation Association (NCTA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Unknown

Please explain the trade association’s position
Not available.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged with a representative serving on the board.

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Trade association
National Petroleum Council (NPC)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Unknown

Please explain the trade association’s position
Not available.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged with a representative serving on council.

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Trade association
Natural Allies for Clean Energy Future
Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?  
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“Natural Allies advocates for a clean energy future by recognizing natural gas as a fundamental source of fuel that partners with renewable resources to ensure affordability and reliability for families and businesses.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?  
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

Trade association
Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?  
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“NGSA recognizes that the burning of fossil fuels leads to increased concentrations of [GHG] in the atmosphere, which contribute to climate change.

NGSA members support the Paris Agreement, which is a path to net zero carbon emissions.

NGSA advocates for rules and policies that protect the environment while allowing our members to continue to supply electric utilities, manufacturers, businesses and households with affordable and reliable natural gas.

Energy policies must allow consumers to reap the benefits of our natural gas resources, ensuring that no consumers are left behind as we transition to a clean and affordable energy future.”

“[NGSA] consider[s] it our responsibility to be leaders in moving toward a clean energy future. [NGSA] support[s] a price on carbon as the best way for policymakers to achieve lower emissions and incentivize technologies that cut or eliminate future carbon emissions, while enabling all consumers to enjoy the benefits of energy that is affordable and reliable.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?  
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

Trade association
Natural Gas Supply Collaborative

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?  
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
This organization has not published a climate position. Southern Company believes the overall mission is consistent with our climate position.

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

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**Trade association**
NGV America

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
"In addition to tax policy equalization, NGVA federal advocacy efforts include initiatives to enhance NGV infrastructure, secure funding for important NGV research and development, clarify safety regulations related to NGV transportation, achieve parity for NGV driving range requirements, and improve the NGV fuel system weight exemptions on federal highways"

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

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**Trade association**
Northeast Gas Association

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
This organization has not published a climate position. Southern Company believes the overall mission is consistent with our climate position.

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively involved with a representative serving on the board.

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**Trade association**
Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
"We need deep decarbonization to hit our climate goals. Nuclear power can get us there. As our largest source of clean energy, nuclear power is critical to reduce carbon emissions. Wind, solar and geothermal are on the rise, but the smartest policies will ensure these technologies complement, not replace, nuclear’s clean energy production. Protecting and growing our use of"
nuclear technologies are important ways to make a dent in [GHG] and help us make meaningful progress to address climate change.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively involved with employees serving on the board and the Executive Committee.

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**Trade association**
ONE Future

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
“[ONE Future is] a unique coalition of leading companies who recognize that excessive methane emissions can potentially erode the benefits of natural gas relative to other fossil fuels and therefore prudent development and operations are vital to ensuring the industry can support the energy needs of the nation and the world in a sustainable manner, even in a low carbon economy. With operations across every part of the natural gas value chain, [ONE Future is] focused on identifying policy and technical solutions that yield continuous improvement in the management of methane emissions associated with the production, processing, transmission and distribution of natural gas.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a founding member, Southern Company is actively engaged and serves several roles including on the board level and technical committees.

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**Trade association**
Renewable Thermal Collaborative (RTC)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
“[The Renewable Thermal Collaborative's] goal is to create a community of over 100 corporate buyers, establish policy support, and put us on the path to reduce industrial sector thermal emissions 30% by 2030 and full sector decarbonization by 2050.”

“The Renewable Thermal Collaborative supports policies to accelerate deployment of affordable and sustainable renewable thermal technologies.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged, serving on working committees.
Resources for the Future (RFF)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
This organization has not published a climate position. Southern Company believes the overall mission is consistent with our climate position.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Southern Company is a member of RFF’s Business Leadership Council.

Trade association
Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“The Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA)...envisions a carbon-free energy system by 2050.”

“SEPA has a very specific role in the journey towards carbon-free. Our mission is to facilitate the electric power industry’s smart transition to a clean and modern energy future through education, research, standards, and collaboration.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Southern Company is a member.

Trade association
Smart Energy Consumer Collaboration (SECC)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
This organization has not published a climate position. Southern Company believes the overall mission is consistent with our climate position.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged on smart energy and a Southern Company representative serves as Board chair.

Trade association
Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**

“Energy efficiency is often referred to as a “least cost resource,” meaning that it is the single most cost-effective productivity tool we have within an energy portfolio. Energy efficiency measures make it possible for us to create products, services and benefits for the lowest energy cost.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**

As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged on energy efficiency issues and serves at the board level.

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**Trade association**

Southeastern Wind Coalition

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**

Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**

This organization has not published a climate position. Southern Company believes the overall mission is consistent with our climate position.

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**

As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged on wind energy issues to implement policies that help with deployment and operations. Southern Company serves at the board level.

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**Trade association**

Southern Gas Association

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**

Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**

“[Southern Gas Association] explore[s] different terminology used to define climate change, including global warming, and discover how natural gas has helped reduce overall carbon dioxide emissions. [Southern Gas Association is] not working to convince anyone one way or another, but it is important to be able to have a conversation, ask questions, and provide relevant information for how natural gas is helping to solve some of our climate challenges.”

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**

As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged and serves several roles including on the board level.

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**Trade association**

The Climate Registry
Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?

Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position

“The Climate Registry is a leading authority on GHG measurement, reporting and verification (MRV). We provide resources that empower organizations and governments to take bold climate action.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?

As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

Trade association

Think Microgrid

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?

Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position

“Work to advance pending government initiatives that support microgrid adoption and encourage new policy activity and government programs in promising jurisdictions.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?

As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

Trade association

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?

Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position

“The climate is changing and humans are contributing to these changes. [The Chamber] believe[s] that there is much common ground on which all sides of this discussion could come together to address climate change with policies that are practical, flexible, predictable, and durable. [The Chamber] believes in a policy approach that acknowledges the costs of action and inaction and the competitiveness of the U.S. economy.

[The Chamber] believe[s] that durable climate policy must be made by Congress, and that it should encourage innovation and investment to ensure significant emissions reductions, while avoiding economic harm for businesses, consumers and disadvantaged communities. This policy should include well designed market mechanisms that are transparent and not distorted by overlapping regulations. U.S. climate policy should recognize the urgent need for action, while maintaining the national and international competitiveness of U.S. industry and ensuring consistency with free enterprise and free trade principles.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Southern Company is a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and actively engages on multiple issues taken up by the membership.

**Trade association**
Utility Solid Waste Activities Group (USWAG)

*Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?*
Unknown

*Please explain the trade association’s position*
Not available.

*How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?*
As a member, Southern Company is actively involved with a representative serving on the steering committee.

**Trade association**
Utility Water Act Group (UWAG)

*Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?*
Unknown

*Please explain the trade association’s position*
Not available.

*How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?*
As a member, Southern Company is actively involved with a representative serving in a leadership role.

**Trade association**
Warrior Tombigbee Waterway Association (WTWA)

*Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?*
Unknown

*Please explain the trade association’s position*
Not available.

*How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?*
As a member, Southern Company is actively engaged.

**Trade association**
Zero Emission Transportation Association (ZETA)
Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
“Specifically, ZETA is calling for five key policy pillars that can, in aggregate, put America on the pathway to full EV adoption by 2030:
1. Outcome-driven consumer EV incentives.
2. Emissions / performance standards enabling full electrification by 2030.
3. Infrastructure investments.
4. Domestic manufacturing.
5. Federal leadership and cooperation with sub-national entities.”

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Southern Company is a founding member of the organization.

C12.3d

(C12.3d) Do you publicly disclose a list of all research organizations that you fund?
No

C12.3e

(C12.3e) Provide details of the other engagement activities that you undertake.
Southern Company places great importance on consistent dialogue with all our stakeholders, including customers, employees, regulators, and investors. We regularly engage in discussions with, and provide comprehensive information for, constituents interested in our corporate governance, citizenship, stewardship and environmental compliance. We are receptive to stakeholder concerns, and we are committed to transparency and proactive interactions with our investors. We regularly communicate with our stakeholders to better understand their viewpoints, gather input on our business strategy and execution and obtain feedback regarding other matters of interest. The feedback received from our outreach efforts informs discussions in the boardroom.

Since 2011, we have held regular environmental stakeholder forums, webinars, calls and meetings covering a range of topics, including regulatory and policy issues, system risk and planning related to renewables, energy efficiency and GHG matters. Members of senior management participate in these events, including the Chairman and CEO; CFO; Chief Legal Officer; EVP of Operations and SVP of Environmental and System Planning. At the annual environmental stakeholder forum in May 2020 topics included carbon reduction strategies, energy efficiency and methane. A webinar on Coal Combustion Residuals followed the annual stakeholder meeting as well as in-person engagements with smaller groups of stakeholders throughout the year to discuss issues such as the just transition of our generating fleet.

The Board of Directors places great importance on regularly communicating with our stockholders to better understand their viewpoints and gather feedback. The NGCR Committee of the Board oversees our stockholder engagement efforts on behalf of the Board.

For the prior three years, we have reached out to our 100 largest stockholders representing more than 50% of our outstanding shares and offered to engage on ESG-related topics, as well as any other