

Southern Company, Kinder Morgan enter Southern Natural Gas strategic venture

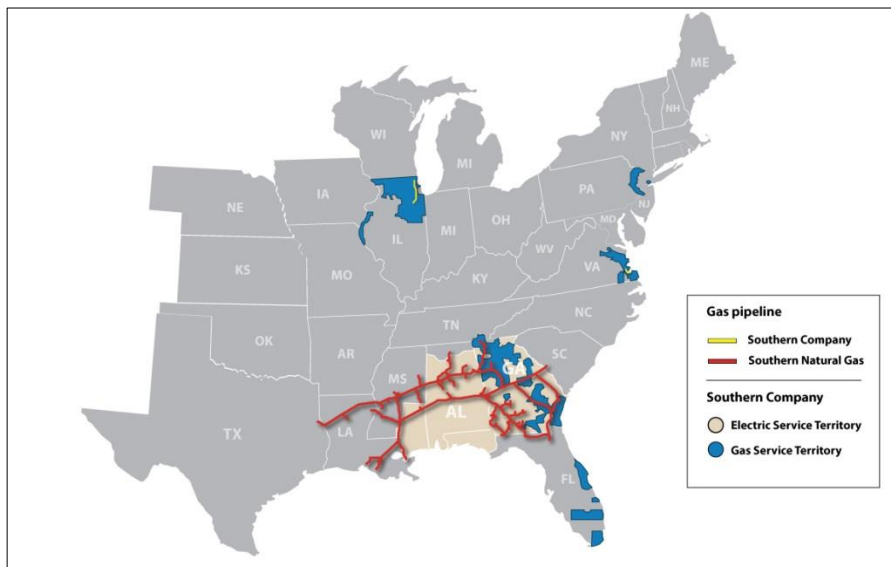
Quick Facts	
Southern Natural Gas	
7,000-mile natural gas pipeline system connecting supply basins in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to the Southeast	A principal natural gas transporter to one of the fastest-growing natural gas demand regions in the United States
\$4.15 billion total enterprise value	Each company owns a 50 percent equity interest

Investing in America's Energy Infrastructure

Southern Company believes strategic investments in energy infrastructure are important to best meeting customers' current and future energy needs. As the company continues developing the full portfolio of energy resources for the benefit of customers, it views natural gas as a bridge to America's energy future.

Through this agreement, Southern Company, one of the nation's largest natural gas consumers and distributors, and Kinder Morgan, a recognized leader in natural gas pipeline development and operations, will work together to advance both companies' energy infrastructure development efforts. In addition to acquiring a 50 percent equity interest in Southern Natural Gas, Southern Company will work with Kinder Morgan to cooperatively pursue specific growth opportunities to develop natural gas infrastructure for the strategic venture.

Southern Company's strategic venture with Kinder Morgan is an extension of these ongoing infrastructure development efforts, including Southern Company Gas' involvement in a number of highly contracted natural gas pipeline projects with credit-worthy counterparties. This agreement supports Southern Company's business model, aligns with its Southeast footprint and complements the company's overall growth strategy.



The geography of Southern Natural Gas aligns with the Southeast region served by Southern Company's electric and natural gas operating companies.

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