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Chief, Information Technology  
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Division of Corporate Finance  
100 F Street, NE MS 3040  
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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies its approval for listing and registration of the Series 2020A 4.95% Junior Subordinated Notes due January 30, 2080 of THE SOUTHERN COMPANY, under the Exchange Act of 1934.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Sauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.