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## Southern Company and CRA International Analysis of Lieberman-Warner

## Estimated Georgia Impacts of Lieberman-Warner

In 2007, U.S. senators Lieberman and Warner introduced U.S. Senate Bill 2191, *America's Climate Security Act.* The bill proposed to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emission levels to 2005 levels by 2012, 1990 levels by 2020, and 65% below 2005 levels by 2050.

An analysis of the Lieberman-Warner bill was conducted in 2008 by Southern Company and CRA International using state-of-the-art economic analysis models of the U.S. energy economy to show the impact the bill would have on energy consumers in the state of Georgia.

- ▶ Electricity prices in the state of Georgia are estimated to be higher by approximately 20% in 2015, 25% higher in 2025 and 65% higher in 2050.
- Natural gas prices in Georgia are estimated to be higher by approximately 25% in 2015, 35% higher in 2025 and 190% higher in 2050.
- ► Estimated average household buying power in Georgia is less by approximately \$2,200 in 2015.
- Georgia's is estimated to have 120,000 fewer jobs in 2015 due to the impact of this bill.
- ▶ Investments in machines, plants, buildings and other productive assets in Georgia will continue to grow under the bill, but not as quickly. Estimated aggregate investment in Georgia is less by approximately 4% in 2015.
- ► Estimated economic activity in Georgia will be less by approximately \$13 billion in 2015.

Note: The results contained above are based upon assumptions independently made by Southern Company and CRA International. Actual outcomes may be higher or lower.