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## Southern Telecom Significantly Increases Fiber Entry into Colo Atl

*Expanded Fiber Network to Colo Atl Will Meet Growing Customer Demand*

**ATLANTA, August 15, 2017** – [Southern Telecom, Inc.](#) (STI), a subsidiary of Southern Company, today announced an agreement with [Colo Atl](#) to increase its fiber network building access. The new fiber runs to the Colo Atl Meet-Me-Area (MMA) via diverse fiber risers.

Southern Telecom now has almost 1,400 dark fiber route miles in the Southeast United States. Metro networks in the central business districts of Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Jacksonville, Fla., and Macon, Ga., offer open access to many carrier hotels, wireless towers and enterprise customers.

Colo Atl, the leading provider of carrier-neutral colocation, data center and interconnection services at 55 Marietta Street in Atlanta, hopes to add even more fiber to its facility over the next year.

“The new fiber build and partnership with Colo Atl will meet growing bandwidth needs and deliver expanded network reach, providing greater value for both our existing customer base, as well as future customers,” states [Barry Navarre](#), Business Development Manager for Southern Telecom. “As connectivity challenges continue to grow, we will meet these demands by further expanding our fiber footprint within Colo Atl and throughout the region.”

“It is an honor to welcome Southern Telecom, Inc. to our Colo Atl family,” states [Tim Kiser](#), Owner and Founder of Colo Atl. “STI’s fiber installation into Colo Atl supports our ongoing mission to increase dark fiber availability and improve connectivity throughout the Southeast. Additionally, STI is able to facilitate easy cross connections to any of our providers with no monthly recurring cross-connect fees within the Colo Atl Meet-Me-Area (MMA).”

Founded in November 2001, Colo Atl provides a reasonable, accommodating and cost-effective interconnection environment for more than 90 local, regional and global network operators. In 2016, the company celebrated its 15-year anniversary of providing service excellence and growth. In addition to the Southeast Network Access Point (SNAP), the Colo Atl facility is also home to the Georgia Technology Center (GTC), a test bed and live production facility for network communications equipment.

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## **About Southern Telecom**

Southern Telecom, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Company that provides long-haul and metropolitan dark fiber connecting Atlanta with other cities throughout the Southeast. The company also provides network elements such as access to rights of way, conduit, neutral co-location, and other related maintenance services. Southern Telecom is certificated as a telecommunications provider in Alabama, Florida and Georgia and at the Federal level. For more information about Southern Telecom, visit [www.southern-telecom.com](http://www.southern-telecom.com).

## **About Southern Company**

Southern Company (NYSE: SO) is America's premier energy company, with 46,000 megawatts of generating capacity and 1,500 billion cubic feet of combined natural gas consumption and throughput volume serving 9 million customers through its subsidiaries. The company provides clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy through electric operating companies in four states, natural gas distribution companies in seven states, a competitive generation company serving wholesale customers across America and a nationally recognized provider of customized energy solutions, as well as fiber optics and wireless communications. Southern Company brands are known for excellent customer service, high reliability and affordable prices that are below the national average. Through an industry-leading commitment to innovation, Southern Company and its subsidiaries are inventing America's energy future by developing the full portfolio of energy resources, including carbon-free nuclear, 21<sup>st</sup> century coal, natural gas, renewables and energy efficiency, and creating new products and services for the benefit of customers. Southern Company has been named by the U.S. Department of Defense and G.I. Jobs magazine as a top military employer, recognized among the Top 50 Companies for Diversity by DiversityInc, listed by Black Enterprise magazine as one of the 40 Best Companies for Diversity and designated a Top Employer for Hispanics by Hispanic Network. The company has earned a National Award of Nuclear Science and History from the National Atomic Museum Foundation for its leadership and commitment to nuclear development and is continually ranked among the top energy companies in Fortune's annual *World's Most Admired Electric and Gas Utility* rankings. Visit our website at [www.southerncompany.com](http://www.southerncompany.com).

## **About Colo Atl**

[Colo Atl](#), a JT Communications company, is the leading provider of carrier-neutral colocation, data center and interconnection solutions at 55 Marietta Street in the global telecom hub of Atlanta, GA. Colo Atl provides superior carrier-neutral colocation, data center and interconnection services at an affordable rate. Colo Atl is a carrier-neutral environment that allows all types of network operators to securely and conveniently cross connect within a SSAE 16 certified facility. Colo Atl has no monthly recurring cross connect fees between tenants within the Colo Atl meet-me-area (MMA) and provides exceptional customer service.

Colo Atl is also home to the Georgia Technology Center (GTC), a live laboratory for network equipment vendors to highlight their optical and electrical hardware and operating systems, and the Southeast Network Access Point (SNAP), which provides next-generation Internet Exchange (IX) solutions, including SDN peering, testing, collaboration and implementation.

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