

# Georgia Power employee rings NYSE closing bell as part of brand celebration



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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Lisa Chance, nuclear development senior communication specialist, represented Georgia Power as part of a group of Southern Company employees who participated in ringing the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange in celebration of the company's new brand. Below is Lisa's account of the day.*

By Lisa Chance

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016, 2016 - My experience representing Georgia Power and Southern Company at the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange was surreal to say the least.

I arrived, along with employees of Alabama Power, Mississippi Power, Elizabethtown Gas, Virginia Natural Gas and Atlanta Gas and Light, at the New York Stock Exchange in New York City early afternoon. We were greeted with large screens showcasing our new brand – a result of the merging of two companies to make a better whole.



*Lisa Chance*

We were ushered onto the trading floor where the likes of Ronald Reagan, various CEOs, athletes and movie stars have stood before us. In this building – an iconic institution of American business, we took part in the ceremonial ringing of the closing bell – an event watched around the world by millions of people, and on that day, our coworkers and friends.

Afterward our team, including Southern Company Chairman, President and CEO Tom Fanning and AGL President and CEO Andrew Evans, spent time with Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange Jeff Sprecher and with Southern Company's Market Maker (our official stock trader) learning the ropes of the trading floor.

Although the experience celebrating the new brand with our Southern Company Gas family was really exciting, I am more excited for the future of this company as we embrace and shape the future of the industry.