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Shareholder Meeting Notice South State Corporation's Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on April 20, 2017 at 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Proposals for 2017 annual meeting before shareholders on April 20, 2017, along with Board of Directors' recommendations: The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all nominees, and FOR Proposal 2, 3, 4 and 5. 1. Election of Directors: 01 - Robert R. Hill, Jr. 02 - Paula Harper Bethea 03 - Martin B. Davis 04 - Thomas J. Johnson 05 - Grey B. Murray 2. Proposal to conduct an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers (this is a non-binding, advisory vote; the Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote "FOR" this proposal); 3. Proposal to conduct an advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on compensation of the Company's named executive officers (this is a non-binding, advisory vote; the Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote for the option of "ANNUALLY" in this proposal); 4. Proposal to consider approval of the 2012 Omnibus Stock and Performance Plan, as amended and restated, to re-approve the performance goals under the Plan and include a limit on non-employee director equity compensation payable under the Plan (Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote "FOR" this proposal); and 5. Proposal to ratify, as an advisory, non-binding vote, the appointment of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, Certified Public Accountants, as independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 (Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote "FOR" this proposal). PLEASE NOTE - YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you. 02ITHD