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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

The Southern Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	58-060070 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
(404) 506-5000
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of the registrant's principal executive offices)

MELISSA K. CAEN
Corporate Secretary
The Southern Company
30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
(404) 506-5000
(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

The Commission is requested to mail signed copies of all orders, notices and communications to:

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Executive Vice President and
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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
 (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Common Stock of The Southern Company				
Senior Notes of The Southern Company				
Junior Subordinated Notes of The Southern Company				

There are being registered hereunder such presently indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock and such (1) presently indeterminate principal amount of Senior Notes and Junior Subordinated Notes of The Southern Company as may from time to time be issued at indeterminable prices.

(2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

PROSPECTUS

The Southern Company

Common Stock

Senior Notes

Junior Subordinated Notes

We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this Prospectus. You should read this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement carefully before you invest.

The Southern Company's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "SO." See "Risk Factors" on page 1 for information on certain risks related to the purchase of securities offered by this Prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

March 2, 2015

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This Prospectus is part of a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) using a “shelf” registration process under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”). Under the shelf process, The Southern Company (the “Company”) may sell, in one or more transactions, common stock (the “Common Stock”),

senior notes (the “Senior Notes”), or

junior subordinated notes (the “Junior Subordinated Notes”).

This Prospectus provides a general description of those securities. Each time the Company sells securities, the Company will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering (“Prospectus Supplement”). The Prospectus Supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this Prospectus. You should read this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement together with the additional information under the heading “Available Information.”

RISK FACTORS

Investing in the Company’s securities involves risk. Please see the risk factors described in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, which is incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The risks and uncertainties described are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that the Company currently deems immaterial may also impair its business operations, its financial results and the value of its securities.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company has filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 (the “Registration Statement,” which term encompasses any amendments to the Registration Statement and exhibits to the Registration Statement) under the 1933 Act. As permitted by the rules and regulations of the Commission, this Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement and the exhibits and schedules to the Registration Statement, to which reference is made.

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “1934 Act”), and in accordance with the 1934 Act files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Room of the Commission at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. The Commission maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants including the Company that file electronically at <http://www.sec.gov>.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents have been filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act and are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and made a part of this Prospectus:

- (a) the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014;
- (b) all information in the Company’s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 11, 2014, to the extent incorporated by reference in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013; and
- (c) the Company’s Current Reports on Form 8-K dated January 29, 2015, February 9, 2015 and February 12, 2015. All documents filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of this offering shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and made a part of this Prospectus from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that the Company is not incorporating any information furnished under Item 2.02 or 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K unless specifically stated otherwise. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or

superseded for purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a

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statement contained in this Prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

The Company will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this Prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus (other than the exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in this Prospectus). Such requests should be directed to Melissa K. Caen, Corporate Secretary, The Southern Company, 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30308, telephone (404) 506-5000.

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

The Company was incorporated under the laws of Delaware on November 9, 1945. The Company is registered and qualified to do business under the laws of Georgia and is qualified to do business as a foreign corporation under the laws of Alabama. The principal executive offices of the Company are located at 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30308, and the telephone number is (404) 506-5000.

The Company owns all the outstanding common stock of Alabama Power Company (“Alabama Power”), Georgia Power Company (“Georgia Power”), Gulf Power Company and Mississippi Power Company, each of which is an operating public utility company. The traditional operating companies supply electric service in the states of Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi. In addition, the Company owns all of the common stock of Southern Power Company (“Southern Power”), which is also an operating public utility company. Southern Power constructs, acquires, owns and manages generation assets, including renewable energy projects, and sells electricity at market-based rates in the wholesale market.

The Company also owns all the outstanding common stock or membership interests of Southern Communications Services, Inc. (“SouthernLINC Wireless”), Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (“Southern Nuclear”), Southern Company Services, Inc. (“SCS”), Southern Company Holdings, Inc. (“Southern Holdings”) and other direct and indirect subsidiaries. SouthernLINC Wireless provides digital wireless communications for use by the Company and its subsidiary companies and markets these services to the public and also provides fiber cable services within the Southeast. Southern Nuclear operates and provides services to Alabama Power’s and Georgia Power’s nuclear plants and is currently developing new nuclear generation at Plant Vogtle, which is co-owned by Georgia Power. SCS is the system service company providing, at cost, specialized services to the Company and its subsidiary companies. Southern Holdings is an intermediate holding subsidiary primarily for the Company’s investments in leveraged leases. Alabama Power and Georgia Power each own 50% of the outstanding common stock of Southern Electric Generating Company (“SEGCO”). SEGCO is an operating public utility company that owns electric generating units. Alabama Power and Georgia Power are each entitled to one-half of SEGCO’s capacity and energy.

CERTAIN RATIOS

The following table sets forth the Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)	3.43	3.87	4.13	3.14	3.43

This ratio is computed as follows: (i) “Earnings” have been calculated by adding to “Earnings Before Income Taxes” “Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized,” the interest component of rental expense, the amortization of capitalized interest and the debt portion of allowance for funds used during construction, less “Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock of Subsidiaries”; and (ii) “Fixed Charges” consist of interest expensed, capitalized interest, “Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock of Subsidiaries,” the interest component of rental expense and the debt portion of allowance for funds used during construction. In computing “Fixed Charges,” “Dividends on Preferred and Preference Stock of Subsidiaries” represent the before tax earnings necessary to pay such dividends, computed at the effective tax rates for the applicable periods.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as may be otherwise described in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, the net proceeds received by the Company from the sale of the Common Stock, the Senior Notes or the Junior Subordinated Notes will be used to pay scheduled

maturities and/or refundings of its securities, to repay short-term indebtedness to the extent outstanding and for other general corporate purposes, including the investment by the Company in its subsidiaries.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMON STOCK

The authorized capital stock of the Company currently consists of 1,500,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$5 per share. As of December 31, 2014, there were 907,777,315 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. All shares of Common Stock of the Company participate equally with respect to dividends and rank equally upon liquidation. Each holder is entitled to one vote for each share held and to cumulative voting at elections of directors. The vote of two-thirds of the outstanding Common Stock is required to authorize or create preferred stock or to effect certain changes in the charter provisions affecting the Common Stock. No stockholder is entitled to preemptive rights. The shares of Common Stock offered hereby will be fully paid and nonassessable by the Company and, therefore, will not be subject to further calls or assessment by the Company.

Certain business combination transactions, including mergers, sales of assets or securities having a fair market value of \$100,000,000 or more, liquidations, dissolutions, reclassifications or recapitalizations, between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and any beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding voting stock of the Company or any affiliate of such owner must be approved by the holders of 75% of the outstanding voting stock and a majority of the outstanding voting stock held by persons other than such beneficial owner, unless approved by a majority of the "Disinterested Directors" (generally directors not affiliated with such beneficial owner) or certain minimum price and procedural requirements are met. These provisions may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Company.

The transfer agent and registrar for the Common Stock is currently Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SENIOR NOTES

Set forth below is a description of the general terms of the Senior Notes. The following description does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Senior Note Indenture dated as of January 1, 2007, between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Senior Note Indenture Trustee"), as to be supplemented by a supplemental indenture to the Senior Note Indenture establishing the Senior Notes of each series (the Senior Note Indenture, as so supplemented, is referred to as the "Senior Note Indenture"), the forms of which are filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part. The terms of the Senior Notes will include those stated in the Senior Note Indenture and those made a part of the Senior Note Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "1939 Act"). Certain capitalized terms used in this Prospectus and not defined in this Prospectus are defined in the Senior Note Indenture.

General

The Senior Notes will be issued as unsecured senior debt securities under the Senior Note Indenture and will rank equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated debt of the Company. The Senior Notes will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future secured debt of the Company. The Company had no secured debt outstanding at December 31, 2014. Since the Company is a holding company, the right of the Company and, hence, the right of creditors of the Company (including holders of Senior Notes) to participate in any distribution of the assets of any subsidiary of the Company, whether upon liquidation, reorganization or otherwise, is subject to prior claims of creditors and preferred and preference stockholders of each subsidiary. As of December 31, 2014, on a consolidated basis, the Company had approximately \$24.2 billion of outstanding long-term debt (including securities due within one year), of which approximately \$22.0 billion was long-term debt of the Company's subsidiaries (including securities due within one year). In addition, the Company's subsidiaries had approximately \$1.1 billion of preferred and preference stock outstanding.

The Senior Note Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes that may be issued under the Senior Note Indenture and provides that Senior Notes may be issued from time to time in one or more series pursuant to an indenture supplemental to the Senior Note Indenture. The Senior Note Indenture gives the Company the ability to reopen a previous issue of Senior Notes and issue additional Senior Notes of such series, unless otherwise provided. Reference is made to the Prospectus Supplement that will accompany this Prospectus for the following terms of the series of Senior Notes being offered by such Prospectus Supplement: (i) the title of such Senior Notes; (ii) any limit on the aggregate principal amount of such Senior Notes; (iii) the date or dates on which the principal of such Senior

Notes is payable; (iv) the rate or rates at which such Senior Notes shall bear interest, if any, or any method by which such rate or rates will be determined, the date or dates from which such interest will accrue, the interest payment dates on which such interest shall be

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payable, and the regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date; (v) the place or places where the principal of, premium, if any, on and interest, if any, on such Senior Notes shall be payable; (vi) the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions on which such Senior Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company or at the option of the holder prior to their maturity; (vii) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase such Senior Notes; (viii) the date or dates, if any, after which such Senior Notes may be converted or exchanged at the option of the holder into or for shares of Common Stock of the Company and the terms for any such conversion or exchange; (ix) the denominations in which such Senior Notes shall be issuable; (x) if other than the principal amount of such Senior Notes, the portion of the principal amount of such Senior Notes which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity of such Senior Notes; (xi) any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or covenants of the Company as provided in the Senior Note Indenture pertaining to such Senior Notes; (xii) whether such Senior Notes shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of a Global Security; and (xiii) any other terms of such Senior Notes. The Senior Note Indenture does not contain provisions that afford holders of Senior Notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving the Company.

Events of Default

The Senior Note Indenture provides that any one or more of the following described events with respect to the Senior Notes of any series, which has occurred and is continuing, constitutes an “Event of Default” with respect to the Senior Notes of such series:

- (a) failure for 30 days to pay interest on the Senior Notes of such series, when due on an interest payment date other than at maturity or upon earlier redemption; or
- (b) failure to pay principal of, premium, if any, on or interest on the Senior Notes of such series when due at maturity or upon earlier redemption; or
- (c) failure for three Business Days to deposit any sinking fund payment when due by the terms of a Senior Note of such series; or
- (d) failure to observe or perform any other covenant or warranty of the Company in the Senior Note Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty which has expressly been included in the Senior Note Indenture solely for the benefit of one or more series of Senior Notes other than such series) for 90 days after written notice to the Company from the Senior Note Indenture Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Senior Notes of such series; or
- (e) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company.

The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Senior Notes of any series have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Senior Note Indenture Trustee with respect to the Senior Notes of such series. If a Senior Note Indenture Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Senior Notes of any series, then the Senior Note Indenture Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Senior Notes of such series may declare the principal amount of the Senior Notes due and payable immediately by notice in writing to the Company (and to the Senior Note Indenture Trustee if given by the holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount shall become immediately due and payable. At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to the Senior Notes of any series has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained as provided in Article Five of the Senior Note Indenture, the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Senior Notes of such series may, by written notice to the Company and the Senior Note Indenture Trustee, rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if the default has been cured or waived and the Company has paid or deposited with the Senior Note Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest and principal due otherwise than by acceleration and all sums paid or advanced by the Senior Note Indenture Trustee, including reasonable compensation and expenses of the Senior Note Indenture Trustee.

The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Senior Notes of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all the Senior Notes of such series, waive any past default with respect to such series, except (i) a default in the payment of principal or interest or (ii) a default in respect of a covenant or provision which

under Article Nine of the Senior Note Indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Senior Note of such series affected.

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Registration and Transfer

The Company shall not be required to (i) issue, register the transfer of or exchange Senior Notes of any series during a period of 15 days immediately preceding the date notice is given identifying the Senior Notes of such series called for redemption or (ii) issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Senior Notes so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Senior Note being redeemed in part.

Payment and Paying Agent

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, payment of principal of any Senior Notes will be made only against surrender to the Paying Agent of such Senior Notes. Principal of and interest on Senior Notes will be payable, subject to any applicable laws and regulations, at the office of such Paying Agent or Paying Agents as the Company may designate from time to time, except that, at the option of the Company, payment of any interest may be made by wire transfer or other electronic transfer or by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to an interest payment as such address shall appear in the Security Register with respect to the Senior Notes. Payment of interest on Senior Notes on any interest payment date will be made to the person in whose name the Senior Notes (or predecessor security) are registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest payment.

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Senior Note Indenture Trustee will act as Paying Agent with respect to the Senior Notes. The Company may at any time designate additional Paying Agents or rescind the designation of any Paying Agents or approve a change in the office through which any Paying Agent acts. All moneys paid by the Company to a Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Senior Notes of any series which remain unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal or interest shall have become due and payable will be repaid to the Company, and the holder of such Senior Notes will from that time forward look only to the Company for payment of such principal and interest.

Modification

The Senior Note Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Senior Note Indenture Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Senior Notes of each series that is affected, to modify the Senior Note Indenture or the rights of the holders of the Senior Notes of such series; provided, that no such modification may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Senior Note that is affected, (i) change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Senior Note, or reduce the principal amount of any Senior Note or the rate of interest on any Senior Note or any premium payable upon the redemption of any Senior Note, or change the method of calculating the rate of interest on any Senior Note, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the stated maturity of any Senior Note (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date), or (ii) reduce the percentage of principal amount of the outstanding Senior Notes of any series, the consent of whose holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of the Senior Note Indenture or certain defaults under the Senior Note Indenture and their consequences) provided for in the Senior Note Indenture, or (iii) modify any of the provisions of the Senior Note Indenture relating to supplemental indentures, waiver of past defaults or waiver of certain covenants, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of the Senior Note Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Senior Note that is affected.

In addition, the Company and the Senior Note Indenture Trustee may execute, without the consent of any holders of Senior Notes, any supplemental indenture for certain other usual purposes, including the creation of any new series of Senior Notes.

Consolidation, Merger and Sale

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, unless (1) such other corporation or person is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state in the United States or the District of Columbia and such other corporation or person expressly assumes, by supplemental indenture executed and delivered to the Senior Note Indenture Trustee, the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, on and interest on all the Senior Notes and the performance of every covenant of the Senior Note Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed; (2) immediately after giving effect to such transactions, no Event of Default, and no event

which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing; and (3) the Company has delivered to the Senior Note Indenture Trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such transaction complies with the provisions of the

Senior Note Indenture governing consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and that all conditions precedent to the transaction have been complied with.

Information Concerning the Senior Note Indenture Trustee

The Senior Note Indenture Trustee, prior to an Event of Default with respect to Senior Notes of any series, undertakes to perform, with respect to Senior Notes of such series, only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Senior Note Indenture and, in case an Event of Default with respect to Senior Notes of any series has occurred and is continuing, shall exercise, with respect to Senior Notes of such series, the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to such provision, the Senior Note Indenture Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the Senior Note Indenture at the request of any holder of Senior Notes of any series, unless offered reasonable indemnity by such holder against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by the Senior Note Indenture Trustee. The Senior Note Indenture Trustee is not required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of its duties if the Senior Note Indenture Trustee reasonably believes that repayment or adequate indemnity is not reasonably assured to it.

The Senior Note Indenture Trustee may serve as Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries maintain deposit accounts and banking relationships with the Senior Note Indenture Trustee. The Senior Note Indenture Trustee and certain of its affiliates may also serve as trustee under other indentures pursuant to which securities of the Company and certain subsidiaries of the Company are outstanding.

Governing Law

The Senior Note Indenture and the Senior Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York.

Miscellaneous

The Company will have the right at all times to assign any of its rights or obligations under the Senior Note Indenture to a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company; provided, that, in the event of any such assignment, the Company will remain primarily liable for all such obligations. Subject to the foregoing, the Senior Note Indenture will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties to the Senior Note Indenture and their respective successors and assigns.

DESCRIPTION OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

Set forth below is a description of the general terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes. The following description does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Subordinated Note Indenture to be entered into between the Company and the trustee as named in the Subordinated Note Indenture (the "Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee"), as to be supplemented by a supplemental indenture to the Subordinated Note Indenture establishing the Junior Subordinated Notes of each series (the Subordinated Note Indenture, as so supplemented, is referred to as the "Subordinated Note Indenture"), the forms of which are filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part. The terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes will include those stated in the Subordinated Note Indenture and those made a part of the Subordinated Note Indenture by reference to the 1939 Act. Certain capitalized terms used in this Prospectus and not defined in this Prospectus are defined in the Subordinated Note Indenture.

General

The Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued as unsecured junior subordinated debt securities under the Subordinated Note Indenture. The Subordinated Note Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Junior Subordinated Notes that may be issued under the Subordinated Note Indenture and provides that Junior Subordinated Notes may be issued from time to time in one or more series pursuant to an indenture supplemental to the Subordinated Note Indenture. The Subordinated Note Indenture gives the Company the ability to reopen a previous issue of Junior Subordinated Notes and issue additional Junior Subordinated Notes of such series, unless otherwise provided.

Reference is made to the Prospectus Supplement that will accompany this Prospectus for the following terms of the series of Junior Subordinated Notes being offered by such Prospectus Supplement: (i) the title of such Junior Subordinated Notes; (ii) any limit on the aggregate principal amount of such Junior Subordinated Notes; (iii) the date

or dates on which the principal of such Junior Subordinated Notes is payable; (iv) the rate or rates at which such Junior Subordinated Notes shall bear interest, if any, or any method by which such rate or rates will be determined, the date or dates from which such interest will accrue, the

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interest payment dates on which such interest shall be payable, and the regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date; (v) the place or places where the principal of, premium, if any, on and interest, if any, on such Junior Subordinated Notes shall be payable; (vi) the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions on which such Junior Subordinated Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company or at the option of the holder prior to their maturity; (vii) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase such Junior Subordinated Notes; (viii) the date or dates, if any, after which such Junior Subordinated Notes may be converted or exchanged at the option of the holder into or for shares of Common Stock of the Company and the terms for any such conversion or exchange; (ix) the denominations in which such Junior Subordinated Notes shall be issuable; (x) if other than the principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes, the portion of the principal amount of such Junior Subordinated Notes which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity of such Junior Subordinated Notes; (xi) any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or covenants of the Company as provided in the Subordinated Note Indenture pertaining to such Junior Subordinated Notes; (xii) whether such Junior Subordinated Notes shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of a Global Security; (xiii) the right, if any, of the Company to extend the interest payment periods of such Junior Subordinated Notes; and (xiv) any other terms of such Junior Subordinated Notes.

The Subordinated Note Indenture does not contain provisions that afford holders of Junior Subordinated Notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving the Company.

Subordination

The Junior Subordinated Notes are subordinated and junior in right of payment to all Senior Indebtedness (as defined below) of the Company. No payment of principal of (including redemption payments, if any), premium, if any, on or interest on (including Additional Interest (as defined below)) the Junior Subordinated Notes may be made if (a) any Senior Indebtedness is not paid when due and any applicable grace period with respect to such default has ended with such default not being cured or waived or otherwise ceasing to exist, or (b) the maturity of any Senior Indebtedness has been accelerated because of a default, or (c) notice has been given of the exercise of an option to require repayment, mandatory payment or prepayment or otherwise of the Senior Indebtedness. Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Company to creditors upon any liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, reorganization, assignment for the benefit of creditors, marshalling of assets or liabilities, or any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar proceedings of the Company, the holders of Senior Indebtedness shall be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due or to become due on or in respect of all Senior Indebtedness before the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes are entitled to receive or retain any payment or distribution. Subject to the prior payment of all Senior Indebtedness, the rights of the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes will be subrogated to the rights of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive payments and distributions applicable to such Senior Indebtedness until all amounts owing on the Junior Subordinated Notes are paid in full.

The term "Senior Indebtedness" means, with respect to the Company, (i) any payment due in respect of indebtedness of the Company, whether outstanding at the date of execution of the Subordinated Note Indenture or incurred, created or assumed after such date, (a) in respect of money borrowed (including any financial derivative, hedging or futures contract or similar instrument) and (b) evidenced by securities, debentures, bonds, notes or other similar instruments issued by the Company that, by their terms, are senior or senior subordinated debt securities including, without limitation, all such obligations under its indentures with various trustees; (ii) all capital lease obligations; (iii) all obligations issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property, all conditional sale obligations and all obligations of the Company under any title retention agreement (but excluding trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business and long-term purchase obligations); (iv) all obligations for the reimbursement of any letter of credit, banker's acceptance, security purchase facility or similar credit transaction; (v) all obligations of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) above of other persons the payment of which the Company is responsible or liable as obligor, guarantor or otherwise; and (vi) all obligations of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (v) above of other persons secured by any lien on any property or asset of the Company (whether or not such obligation is assumed by the Company), except for (1) any such indebtedness that is by its terms subordinated to or that ranks equally with the Junior Subordinated Notes and (2) any unsecured indebtedness between or among the Company or its affiliates. Such Senior Indebtedness shall continue to be Senior Indebtedness and be entitled to the benefits of the

subordination provisions contained in the Subordinated Note Indenture irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of such Senior Indebtedness.

The Subordinated Note Indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of Senior Indebtedness that may be issued by the Company. As of December 31, 2014, Senior Indebtedness of the Company aggregated approximately \$2,450,000,000. Since the Company is a holding company, the right of the Company and, hence, the right of creditors of the Company (including holders of Senior Notes and Junior Subordinated Notes) to participate in any distribution of the assets of any subsidiary of the Company, whether upon liquidation, reorganization or otherwise, is subject to prior claims of creditors and preferred and preferences stockholders of each subsidiary. As of December 31, 2014, on a consolidated basis, the Company had approximately \$24.2 billion of outstanding long-term debt (including securities due within one year), of which approximately

\$22.0 billion was long-term debt of the Company's subsidiaries (including securities due within one year). In addition, as of December 31, 2014 the Company's subsidiaries had approximately \$1.1 billion of preferred and preference stock outstanding.

Additional Interest

"Additional Interest" is defined in the Subordinated Note Indenture as any interest due and not paid on an interest payment date, together with interest on such interest due from such interest payment date to the date of payment, compounded quarterly, on each interest payment date.

Certain Covenants

The Company covenants in the Subordinated Note Indenture, for the benefit of the holders of each series of Junior Subordinated Notes, that, (i) if at such time the Company shall have given notice of its election to extend an interest payment period for such series of Junior Subordinated Notes and such extension shall be continuing, or (ii) if at such time an Event of Default under the Subordinated Note Indenture with respect to such series of Junior Subordinated Notes shall have occurred and be continuing, (a) the Company shall not declare or pay any dividend or make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock and (b) the Company shall not make any payment of interest on, principal of or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Company which rank equally with or junior to the Junior Subordinated Notes. None of the foregoing, however, shall restrict (i) any of the actions described in the preceding sentence resulting from any reclassification of the Company's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Company's capital stock for another class or series of the Company's capital stock, (ii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged, (iii) dividends, payments or distributions payable in shares of capital stock, (iv) redemptions, purchases or other acquisitions of shares of capital stock in connection with any employment contract, incentive plan, benefit plan or other similar arrangement of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or in connection with a dividend reinvestment or stock purchase plan, or (v) any declaration of a dividend in connection with implementation of any stockholders' rights plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any such plan, or the redemption, repurchase or other acquisition of any such rights pursuant thereto.

Events of Default

The Subordinated Note Indenture provides that any one or more of the following described events with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes of any series, which has occurred and is continuing, constitutes an "Event of Default" with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series:

- (a) failure for 30 days to pay interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series, including any Additional Interest in respect of the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series, when due on an interest payment date other than at maturity or upon earlier redemption; provided, however, that a valid extension of the interest payment period by the Company shall not constitute a default in the payment of interest for this purpose; or
- (b) failure to pay principal of, or premium, if any, on or interest, including Additional Interest, on the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series when due at maturity or upon earlier redemption; or
- (c) failure for three Business Days to deposit any sinking fund payment when due by the terms of a Junior Subordinated Note of such series; or
- (d) failure to observe or perform any other covenant or warranty of the Company in the Subordinated Note Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty which has expressly been included in the Subordinated Note Indenture solely for the benefit of one or more series of Junior Subordinated Notes other than such series) for 90 days after written notice to the Company from the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Junior Subordinated Notes of such series; or
- (e) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company.

The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes of any series have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series. If a Subordinated Note Indenture Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes

of any series, then the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series may declare the principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes due and payable immediately by notice in writing to the Company (and to the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee if given by the holders), and

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upon any such declaration such principal amount shall become immediately due and payable. At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes of any series has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained as provided in Article Five of the Subordinated Note Indenture, the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series may, by written notice to the Company and the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee, rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if the default has been cured or waived and the Company has paid or deposited with the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest (including any Additional Interest) and principal due otherwise than by acceleration and all sums paid or advanced by the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee, including reasonable compensation and expenses of the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee.

The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series, waive any past default with respect to such series, except (i) a default in the payment of principal or interest or (ii) a default in respect of a covenant or provision which under Article Nine of the Subordinated Note Indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Junior Subordinated Note of such series affected.

Registration and Transfer

The Company shall not be required to (i) issue, register the transfer of or exchange Junior Subordinated Notes of any series during a period of 15 days immediately preceding the date notice is given identifying the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series called for redemption or (ii) issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Junior Subordinated Notes so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Junior Subordinated Note being redeemed in part.

Payment and Paying Agent

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, payment of principal of any Junior Subordinated Notes will be made only against surrender to the Paying Agent of such Junior Subordinated Notes. Principal of and interest on Junior Subordinated Notes will be payable, subject to any applicable laws and regulations, at the office of such Paying Agent or Paying Agents as the Company may designate from time to time, except that, at the option of the Company, payment of any interest may be made by wire transfer or other electronic transfer or by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to an interest payment as such address shall appear in the Security Register with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes. Payment of interest on Junior Subordinated Notes on any interest payment date will be made to the person in whose name the Junior Subordinated Notes (or predecessor security) are registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest payment.

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee will act as Paying Agent with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes. The Company may at any time designate additional Paying Agents or rescind the designation of any Paying Agents or approve a change in the office through which any Paying Agent acts.

All moneys paid by the Company to a Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes of any series which remain unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal or interest shall have become due and payable will be repaid to the Company, and the holder of such Junior Subordinated Notes will from that time forward look only to the Company for payment of such principal and interest.

Modification

The Subordinated Note Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Junior Subordinated Notes of each series that is affected, to modify the Subordinated Note Indenture or the rights of the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series; provided that no such modification may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Junior Subordinated Note that is affected, (i) change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Junior Subordinated Note, or reduce the principal amount of any Junior Subordinated Note or the rate of interest (including Additional Interest) on any Junior Subordinated Note or any premium payable upon the redemption of any Junior Subordinated Note, or change the method of calculating the rate of interest on any Junior Subordinated Note, or impair the right to institute suit for the

enforcement of any such payment on or after the stated maturity of any Junior Subordinated Note (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date), or (ii) reduce the percentage of principal amount of the outstanding Junior Subordinated Notes of any series, the consent of whose holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of the Subordinated Note Indenture or certain defaults under the Subordinated Note Indenture and their consequences) provided

for in the Subordinated Note Indenture, or (iii) modify any of the provisions of the Subordinated Note Indenture relating to supplemental indentures, waiver of past defaults or waiver of certain covenants, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of the Subordinated Note Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Junior Subordinated Note that is affected, or (iv) modify the provisions of the Subordinated Note Indenture with respect to the subordination of the Junior Subordinated Notes in a manner adverse to such holder.

In addition, the Company and the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee may execute, without the consent of any holders of Junior Subordinated Notes, any supplemental indenture for certain other usual purposes, including the creation of any new series of Junior Subordinated Notes.

Consolidation, Merger and Sale

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, unless (1) such other corporation or person is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia and such other corporation or person expressly assumes, by supplemental indenture executed and delivered to the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee, the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, on and interest (including Additional Interest) on all the Junior Subordinated Notes and the performance of every covenant of the Subordinated Note Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed; (2) immediately after giving effect to such transactions, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing; and (3) the Company has delivered to the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such transaction complies with the provisions of the Subordinated Note Indenture governing consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and that all conditions precedent to the transaction have been complied with.

Information Concerning the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee

The Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee, prior to an Event of Default with respect to Junior Subordinated Notes of any series, undertakes to perform, with respect to Junior Subordinated Notes of such series, only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Subordinated Note Indenture and, in case an Event of Default with respect to Junior Subordinated Notes of any series has occurred and is continuing, shall exercise, with respect to Junior Subordinated Notes of such series, the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to such provision, the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the Subordinated Note Indenture at the request of any holder of Junior Subordinated Notes of any series, unless offered reasonable indemnity by such holder against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee. The Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee is not required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of its duties if the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee reasonably believes that repayment or adequate indemnity is not reasonably assured to it.

The Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee may serve as Senior Note Indenture Trustee. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries may maintain deposit accounts and banking relationships with the Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee. The Subordinated Note Indenture Trustee and certain of its affiliates may also serve as trustee under other indentures pursuant to which securities of the Company and certain subsidiaries of the Company are outstanding.

Governing Law

The Subordinated Note Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York.

1,309,846

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13.
PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

11.25%

14.
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

PN

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

CUSIP No. 683960108

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

SM L/S, L.P.
 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)
(b)
 3. SEC USE ONLY
 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS*

AF, WC
 5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
 6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware
- NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
7. SOLE VOTING POWER

0
 8. SHARED VOTING POWER

902,947
 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0
 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

902,947
 11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

902,947
 12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

7.75%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

PN

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CUSIP No.683960108

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

The name of the issuer is OPTi, Inc., a California corporation (the "Issuer"). The address of the Issuer's offices is 3430 W. Bayshore Road, Suite 103, Palo Alto, California 94303. This Amendment 4 to Schedule 13D relates to the Issuer's Common Stock, no par value per share (the "Shares").

Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a-c, f) This Amendment 7 to Schedule 13D is being filed jointly by (i) S. Muoio & Co. LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SMC"), (ii) Salvatore Muoio, a United States citizen, (iii) SM Investors II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Investors II") and (iv) SM L/S, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("L/S") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

The principal business address of the Reporting Persons is 509 Madison Avenue, Suite 406, New York, NY 10022.

Salvatore Muoio is the managing member of SMC, an investment management firm that serves as the general partner and/or investment manager to a number of private investment vehicles and managed accounts. Investors II and L/S are two such funds for which SMC serves as general partner.

(d) None of the Reporting Persons, individually or collectively, has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) None of the Reporting Persons has, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

SMC, the investment manager and general partner of a number of private investment vehicles and managed accounts, may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,290,105 Shares held by such entities.

Salvatore Muoio, through his position as the managing member of SMC, is deemed to be the beneficial owner of the 3,290,105 Shares held by the private investment vehicles and managed accounts over which SMC exercises investment discretion.

Investors II, a private investment fund structured as a Delaware limited partnership for which SMC serves as general partner, may be deemed to beneficially own 1,309,846 Shares.

L/S, a private investment fund structured as a Delaware limited partnership for which SMC serves as general partner, may be deemed to beneficially own 902,947 Shares.

The funds for the purchase of the Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons came from the respective funds of the private investment vehicles and managed accounts over which the Reporting Persons exercise investment

discretion.

No borrowed funds were used to purchase the Shares, other than any borrowed funds used for working capital purposes (including certain leverage arrangements) in the ordinary course of business.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The Reporting Persons have engaged in, and plan to continue to engage in, discussions with management and/or representatives of the board of directors of the Issuer concerning its direction and financial and strategic alternatives including the appointment of representatives of the Reporting Persons to the Issuer's board of directors, the timing and characterization of distributions of cash to shareholders and the potential orderly liquidation of the Issuer. Depending upon the outcome of their discussions with the Issuer, the Reporting Persons reserve the right to formulate a plan or proposal with respect to the Issuer, including a plan or proposal that could result in any of the actions enumerated in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

The Reporting Persons sent a letter dated May 13, 2011 (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C to this amendment) to the Issuer to indicate their view that the Issuer's proxy statement dated April 25, 2011 relating to the Issuer's forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders contains certain inaccuracies, and that a representative of the Reporting Persons intends to attend the meeting in person and vote thereat as described in the letter.

Further, the Reporting Persons reserve the right to revise their plans or intentions and to take any and all actions that they may deem appropriate to maximize the value of their investment in the Issuer in light of their general investment policies, market conditions, and subsequent developments affecting the Issuer.

Other than as set forth above, the Reporting Persons have not at this time elected to pursue any particular course of action or have any other plans or proposals as of the date of this filing which relate to, or would result in, any of the actions enumerated in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

S. Muoio & Co. LLC ("SMC")

(a-e) As of the date hereof, SMC may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 3,290,105 Shares or 28.25% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon the 11,645,903 Shares outstanding as of January 31, 2011, according to the Issuer's most recent Form 10-Q.

SMC has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 3,290,105 Shares to which this filing relates.

SMC has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 3,290,105 Shares to which this filing relates.

The trading dates, number of shares purchased and sold and price per share for all transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days by SMC, and/or SMC on behalf of the private investment vehicles and managed accounts over which SMC has investment discretion, are set forth in Exhibit B and were all effected in broker transactions.

The aforementioned Shares were acquired for investment purposes. SMC, and/or SMC on behalf of the private investment vehicles and managed accounts over which it has investment discretion, may acquire additional Shares, dispose of all or some of these Shares from time to time, in each case in open markets or private transactions, block sales or purchases or otherwise, or may continue to hold the Shares.

Salvatore Muoio

(a-e) As of the date hereof, Salvatore Muoio may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 3,290,105 Shares or 28.25% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon the 11,645,903 Shares outstanding as of January 31, 2011, according to the Issuer's most recent Form 10-Q.

Salvatore Muoio has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 3,290,105 Shares to which this filing relates.

Salvatore Muoio has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 3,290,105 Shares to which this filing relates.

The trading dates, number of shares purchased and sold and price per share for all transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days by Salvatore Muoio and/or Salvatore Muoio, through SMC and on behalf of the private investment vehicles and managed accounts over which the Reporting Persons have investment discretion, are set forth in Exhibit B and were all effected in broker transactions.

The aforementioned Shares were acquired for investment purposes. Salvatore Muoio and/or Salvatore Muoio on behalf of the private investment vehicles and managed accounts over which he and/or he through SMC has investment discretion, may acquire additional Shares, dispose of all or some of these Shares from time to time, in each case in open markets or private transactions, block sales or purchases or otherwise, or may continue to hold the Shares.

SM Investors II, L.P. ("Investors II")

(a-e) As of the date hereof, Investors II may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 1,309,846 Shares or 11.25% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon the 11,645,903 Shares outstanding as of January 31, 2011, according to the Issuer's most recent Form 10-Q.

Investors II has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 1,309,846 Shares to which this filing relates.

Investors II has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 1,309,846 Shares to which this filing relates.

The trading dates, number of shares purchased and sold and price per share for all transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days by Investors II are set forth in Exhibit B and were all effected in broker transactions.

The aforementioned Shares were acquired for investment purposes. Investors II may acquire additional Shares, dispose of all or some of these Shares from time to time, in each case in open markets or private transactions, block sales or purchases or otherwise, or may continue to hold the Shares.

SM L/S, L.P. ("L/S")

(a-e) As of the date hereof, L/S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 902,947 Shares or 7.75% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon the 11,645,903 Shares outstanding as of January 31, 2011, according to the Issuer's most recent Form 10-Q.

L/S has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 902,947 Shares to which this filing relates.

L/S has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 902,947 Shares to which this filing relates.

The trading dates, number of shares purchased and sold and price per share for all transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days by L/S are set forth in Exhibit B and were all effected in broker transactions.

The aforementioned Shares were acquired for investment purposes. L/S may acquire additional Shares, dispose of all or some of these Shares from time to time, in each case in open markets or private transactions, block sales or purchases or otherwise, or may continue to hold the Shares.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

The Reporting Persons do not have any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any person with respect to the Shares. However, the Reporting Persons among themselves may be deemed to be a group as defined in Section 13d-3(b) and have filed this joint Schedule 13D accordingly.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

- A. An agreement relating to the filing of a joint statement as required by Rule 13d-1(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is filed herewith as Exhibit A.
 - B. Schedule of Transactions of the Issuer.
 - C. Letter to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of OPTi, Inc. dated May 13, 2011.
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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

May 13, 2011
(Date)

S. Muoio & Co. LLC

By: /s/ Salvatore Muoio
Name: Salvatore Muoio
Title: Managing Member

SM Investors II, L.P.

By: S. Muoio & Co. LLC, its general
partner

By: /s/ Salvatore Muoio
Name: Salvatore Muoio
Title: Managing Member

SM L/S, L.P.

By: S. Muoio & Co. LLC, its general
partner

By: /s/ Salvatore Muoio
Name: Salvatore Muoio
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Salvatore Muoio
Salvatore Muoio

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that this Amendment 7 to Schedule 13D dated May 13, 2011 relating to the Common Stock, no par value per share of OPTi, Inc. shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

S. Muoio & Co. LLC

By: /s/ Salvatore Muoio
Name: Salvatore Muoio
Title: Managing Member

SM Investors II, L.P.

By: S. Muoio & Co. LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Salvatore Muoio
Name: Salvatore Muoio
Title: Managing Member

SM L/S, L.P.

By: S. Muoio & Co. LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Salvatore Muoio
Name: Salvatore Muoio
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Salvatore Muoio
Salvatore Muoio

May 13, 2011

TRANSACTIONS DURING THE PAST 60 DAYS

TRANSACTIONS BY S. MUOIO & CO. LLC

Date of Transaction	Number Purchased/ (Sold)	Price (\$)
03/24/2011	18,757	\$2.05
03/25/2011	4,500	\$2.04
03/28/2011	10,417	\$2.02
03/29/2011	1,368	\$2.02
03/31/2011	1,000	\$2.05
04/06/2011	1,000	\$2.01
04/07/2011	4,500	\$2.00
04/12/2011	3,000	\$1.96

TRANSACTIONS BY SALVATORE MUOIO

Date of Transaction	Number Purchased/ (Sold)	Price (\$)
03/24/2011	18,757	\$2.05
03/25/2011	4,500	\$2.04
03/28/2011	10,417	\$2.02
03/29/2011	1,368	\$2.02
03/31/2011	1,000	\$2.05
04/06/2011	1,000	\$2.01
04/07/2011	4,500	\$2.00
04/12/2011	3,000	\$1.96

TRANSACTIONS BY SM INVESTORS II, L.P.

Date of Transaction	Number Purchased/ (Sold)	Price (\$)
03/24/2011	13,693	\$2.05
03/25/2011	3,285	\$2.04
03/28/2011	7,604	\$2.02
03/29/2011	1,000	\$2.02
03/31/2011	730	\$2.05
04/06/2011	730	\$2.01
04/07/2011	3,285	\$2.00
04/12/2011	2,190	\$1.96

Exhibit C

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S. Muoio & Co.

Via FedEx

May 13, 2011
Bernard T. Marren
Chairman of the Board
OPTi Inc.
3430 Bayshore Road, Suite 103
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Re: OPTi Inc. 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Dear Mr. Marren:

S. Muoio & Co. LLC ("SMC"), a Delaware limited liability company, has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of approximately 28 % of the outstanding shares of the common stock of OPTi Inc., a California corporation ("OPTi").

We refer to OPTi's proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on April 26, 2011 (the "2011 Proxy Statement") with respect to OPTi's annual meeting of shareholders to be held on May 23, 2011 (the "Annual Meeting").

SMC believes that the 2011 Proxy Statement includes inaccuracies regarding shareholders' rights to nominate, and cumulate votes for, candidates for election to OPTi's board of directors at the Annual Meeting. It appears to us that the 2011 Proxy Statement also is inconsistent with the OPTi's previous proxy disclosures, California law, and OPTi's articles of incorporation and bylaws.

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Inaccuracies

SMC believes that the 2011 Proxy Statement does not accurately state the right of shareholders to make nominations for election of directors. The 2011 Proxy Statement under the caption "Voting and Solicitation" provides in relevant part:

"However, no shareholder shall be entitled to cumulate votes for any candidate unless the candidate's name has been properly placed in nomination pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Company's 2010 Proxy Statement. . . ."

This statement, which does not appear in OPTi's 2010 Proxy Statement, is inaccurate in at least three respects.

First, OPTi's 2010 Proxy Statement does not describe any procedures for a shareholder to nominate a candidate directly.¹ Thus, the statement inaccurately states that nomination procedures exist when, in fact, there are none.

Second, the statement is inconsistent with OPTi's bylaws (Article II, Section 2.8) which provide that a shareholder is entitled to cumulate votes "if the candidates' names have been placed in nomination prior to commencement of the voting . . .". The bylaws do not impose any other requirements with respect to nominations in order for a shareholder to vote cumulatively.

¹ The 2010 Proxy Statement describes the process by which a shareholder may propose a candidate for consideration by the Nominating Committee of OPTi's board of directors under the caption "Director Nominations – Shareholder Nominee". However, nothing in OPTi's articles of incorporation or bylaws or in California law requires a shareholder to submit nominations to the board in advance of the Annual Meeting, limits shareholders to voting only on nominees approved by the board, or prohibits a shareholder from nominating candidates directly at the Annual Meeting before voting begins.

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Third, the statement does not accurately reflect California law. Section 708(b) of the Code provides in relevant part: "No shareholder shall be entitled to cumulate votes . . . unless the candidate or candidate's names have been placed in nomination prior to voting . . .". Thus, California law does not include, or even contemplate, any limitation on a shareholder's right to nominate candidate(s) beyond the simple requirement that the nomination be made prior to voting.

OPTi's 2011 Proxy Statement will cause shareholders to believe that they have no right to cumulate votes in the election of directors because of the procedural condition referenced in OPTi's 2010 Proxy Statement. In our view, no such procedural conditions exist or could exist under California law.²

We believe that the 2011 Proxy Statement also includes, under the caption "Voting and Solicitation," the following inaccurate statements:

"Only the four nominees set forth in this proxy statement have been properly nominated for election at the Annual Meeting. No other nominees will be considered at the Annual Meeting." (Emphasis added).

Neither of these inaccurate statements appears in OPTi's 2010 Proxy Statement.

² The 2010 Proxy Statement contemplated the possibility of additional nominees by including the following statement under the caption "PROPOSAL NUMBER 1 – Election of Directors – Directors and Nominees for Directors": "In the event that additional persons are nominated for election as directors, the proxy holders . . .". OPTi omitted this statement from the 2011 Proxy Statement.

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The Code does not require that a shareholder formally nominate a candidate in advance of the annual meeting, or require that candidates for nomination to the board be submitted for advance review by members of the incumbent board who are themselves standing for election. While Section 601(a) of the Code requires that notice of any meeting at which directors are to be elected include "the names of nominees intended at the time of the notice to be presented by the board for election" (emphasis added), the statute imposes no similar requirement with respect to nominees to be presented by the shareholders at the meeting.

In addition, OPTi's charter documents³ do not include any requirement that a shareholder provide advance notice of its intention either to cast votes for a candidate or to nominate a candidate at an annual meeting of shareholders. We thus believe that OPTi's shareholders may either cast votes for one or more candidates presented by the board or nominate one or more of their own candidates for consideration at the Annual Meeting. OPTi's suggestion that a candidate nominated by a shareholder would not be "properly nominated" is inaccurate. We believe that OPTi needs to correct these inaccurate statements.

The 2011 Proxy Statement includes under the caption "Voting and Solicitation" a statement that "votes cannot be cast for more than four (4) candidates." Section 708(a) of the Code establishes the right of a shareholder of a California corporation to cumulate votes in the election of directors. Under the statute, a shareholder may "give one candidate a number of votes equal to the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of votes to which the shareholder's shares are normally entitled, or distribute the shareholder's votes on the same principle among as many candidates as the shareholder sees fit" (emphasis added). Article II, Section 2.8 of OPTi's bylaws similarly provides that a shareholder may distribute votes "among any or all of the candidates, as the shareholder thinks fit." Thus, in our view, the 2011 Proxy Statement inaccurately states that shareholders may not cast votes for more than four candidates.

³ OPTi's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on February 14, 2011 incorporates these charter documents by reference from OPTi's registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 33-59978) as declared effective by the SEC on May 11, 1993. Since February 14, 2011, OPTi has not filed a any current report on Form 8-K with the SEC disclosing any amendment of either its articles of incorporation or bylaws.

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We believe that OPTi and its board of directors must take immediate steps to correct these misstatements.

Nomination at the Annual Meeting

The California Supreme Court has observed:

"At shareholders' meetings each shareholder is entitled to offer proposals to be voted on and to vote on proposals presented by management, and to nominate directors and to vote on the slate of directors nominated by management."

Stephenson v. Drever, 16 Cal. 4th 1167, 1176 (1997). OPTi's shareholders are entitled to a fair opportunity to present alternatives to the incumbent slate, as provided by the Code and OPTi's bylaws. OPTi is obligated to provide the shareholders with a fair opportunity to nominate and cast votes for the candidates of their own choosing. In this connection, as discussed above, the 2011 Proxy Statement, unlike the 2010 Proxy Statement, does not disclose how the proxy holders intend to exercise their vote in the event cumulative voting is in effect at the Annual Meeting. We believe that OPTi must provide this disclosure, so that the proxy authority being conferred by the shareholders is fully disclosed to its shareholders.

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Written Ballots

Section 708(e) of the Code provides that elections for directors need not be by ballot unless a shareholder demands election by ballot at the meeting and before the voting has begun. This right to vote by ballot is also set forth in Article II, Section 2.8 of OPTi's bylaws. SMC intends to be present at the meeting and intends to demand voting by ballot before voting begins.

Shareholders have the right to cast votes for and/or nominate candidates of their own choosing. SMC contemplates nominating one or more additional candidates for election to the board and demanding cumulative voting in accordance with Section 708(b) of the Code and OPTi's bylaws. Therefore, ballots should permit the inclusion of additional nominees and allow shareholders to vote their shares cumulatively in the election of directors. In order to minimize any disputes at the meeting, SMC requests that OPTi provide it with the form(s) of any ballots that it intends to use at the meeting.

Section 707 of the Code provides that the board of directors may appoint inspectors of election and that the number of inspectors must be either one or three. If the board does not appoint inspectors in advance of the meeting, the chairman of the meeting must, on the request of any shareholder, appoint inspectors of election at the meeting. Article II, Section 2.13 of the OPTi's bylaws makes similar provision for the appointment of inspectors.

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If the board has or intends to appoint inspectors of election, SMC expects that the inspectors will be both independent and disinterested. SMC requests that OPTi inform SMC promptly of the appointment, including the identities and number of inspectors so that any objections to the appointment can be timely addressed. SMC hereby provides OPTi with notice of its request that independent inspectors of the election be appointed if the board does not appoint independent inspectors in advance of the meeting.

Conclusion

SMC requests that the following steps be taken:

- That OPTi immediately amend the 2011 Proxy Statement to correct inaccuracies in the 2011 Proxy Statement with respect to the shareholders' right to nominate directors;
 - That OPTi permit its shareholders to nominate candidates for election of directors in accordance with California law, notwithstanding any contrary statements in the 2011 Proxy Statement;
 - That OPTi cause the election of directors at the Annual Meeting to be conducted by written ballot that allows shareholders to vote cumulatively and cast votes for the candidate(s) of their choice; and
 - That the board of directors of OPTi appoint three independent and disinterested inspectors of election pursuant to Section 707(a) of the California Corporations Code (the "Code") to act at the Annual Meeting (and any adjournment thereof) and to exercise the powers
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conferred upon inspectors of election by Section 707(b) of the Code and to conduct themselves as required under Section 707(c) of the Code.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ Salvatore Muoio

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