

Given	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Kilowatt-hours	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551
Average Price/kilowatt-hour	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056
Price of allowance/ton SO ₂				250		303	333	366	403	443	487
Cost of Capital	10%										
Tax Rate	37.7%										
Allowances Available (tons)				254,580	254,580	254,580	254,580	254,580	122,198	122,198	122,198
Total Revenue			\$ 1,206,856,000	\$ 1,206,856,000	\$ 1,206,856,000	\$ 1,206,856,000	\$ 1,206,856,000	\$ 1,206,856,000	\$ 1,206,856,000	\$ 1,206,856,000	\$ 1,206,856,000

Option 1, No Change	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Amount of emission				266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550
Tons of permits to buy				11,970	11,970	11,970	11,970	11,970	144,352	144,352	144,352
Revenues											
-Costs				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-Depr				2,992,500	3,291,750	3,620,925	3,983,018	4,381,319	58,120,085	63,932,093	70,325,303
EBIT				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-Tax				(2,992,500)	(3,291,750)	(3,620,925)	(3,983,018)	(4,381,319)	(58,120,085)	(63,932,093)	(70,325,303)
EBIAT				(1,128,173)	(1,240,990)	(1,365,089)	(1,501,598)	(1,651,757)	(24,102,399)	(26,512,639)	(29,512,639)
+Depr				(1,864,328)	(2,050,760)	(2,255,836)	(2,481,420)	(2,729,562)	(36,208,813)	(39,829,694)	(43,812,664)
CapEx				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-Delta WC				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FCF				(1,864,328)	(2,050,760)	(2,255,836)	(2,481,420)	(2,729,562)	(36,208,813)	(39,829,694)	(43,812,664)
PV				(1,400,697)	(1,400,697)	(1,400,697)	(1,400,697)	(1,400,697)	(16,891,678)	(16,891,678)	(16,891,678)
NPV											

This solution values the alternative by calculating the present value of the incremental, after tax cash flows for each of the three alternatives.

Cheapest Alternative

\$ (266,379,610)

Option 2, Install Scrubbers '95	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Additional Cost (\$/0013/kwh)											
Revenue reduction											
Amount of Pollution											
Permits AFS				26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655
Revenues											
-Costs				56981250	62679375	689473125	75842043.75	83426248.13	38468239.23	42315063.16	46546569.47
-Depr				52,153,420	52,153,420	52,153,420	52,153,420	52,153,420	52,153,420	52,153,420	52,153,420
EBIT				111,999,930	111,999,930	111,999,930	111,999,930	111,999,930	15,999,990	15,999,990	15,999,990
-Tax				(107,172,100)	(101,473,975)	(95,206,038)	(88,311,306)	(80,727,102)	(29,685,171)	(25,838,347)	(21,606,941)
EBIAT				(40,403,881.70)	(38,255,688.58)	(35,892,676.14)	(33,293,362.46)	(30,434,117.41)	(11,191,309.38)	(9,741,056.76)	(8,145,778.88)
+Depr				(66,768,218.30)	(63,218,286.43)	(59,313,361.36)	(55,017,943.79)	(50,292,984.47)	(18,493,861.39)	(16,097,290.08)	(13,461,061.65)
-CapEx				111,999,930	111,999,930	111,999,930	111,999,930	111,999,930	15,999,990	15,999,990	15,999,990
-Delta WC											
FCF				45,231,711.70	48,781,643.58	52,686,568.64	56,981,986.21	61,706,945.53	(2,493,871.39)	(97,300.08)	2,538,928.35
PV				(33,983,254)	(33,318,519)	(32,714,214)	(32,164,846)	(31,665,420)	(1,163,409)	(41,265)	978,867
NPV											

Interest on Capital Expenditures is capitalized for the years leading up to the start of the scrubbers (Following SFAS 34).
Calculation for depreciation base:
 $143 \times (1.1)^2 + 503 \times (1.1) + 72 = 800$

Option 3, Delay Scrubbers	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Additional Cost (\$/0013/kwh)											
Revenue reduction											
Amount of Pollution											
Permits AFS				266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550
Revenues											
-Costs				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-Depr				2,992,500	3,291,750	3,620,925	3,983,018	4,381,319	58,120,085	63,932,093	70,325,303
EBIT				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-Tax				(2,992,500)	(3,291,750)	(3,620,925)	(3,983,018)	(4,381,319)	(58,120,085)	(63,932,093)	(70,325,303)
EBIAT				(1,128,173)	(1,240,990)	(1,365,089)	(1,501,598)	(1,651,757)	(24,102,399)	(26,512,639)	(29,512,639)
+Depr				(1,864,328)	(2,050,760)	(2,255,836)	(2,481,420)	(2,729,562)	(36,208,813)	(39,829,694)	(43,812,664)
CapEx				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-Delta WC				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FCF				(1,864,328)	(2,050,760)	(2,255,836)	(2,481,420)	(2,729,562)	(36,208,813)	(39,829,694)	(43,812,664)
PV				(1,400,697)	(1,400,697)	(1,400,697)	(1,400,697)	(1,400,697)	(16,891,678)	(16,891,678)	(16,891,678)
NPV											

\$ (282,530,884)

Southern Company

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	21551	
	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	
\$	536	\$	589	\$	713	\$	785	\$	949	\$	1,044	\$	1,044	\$	1,044
\$	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	122,198	
\$	1,206,856,000	\$	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	1,206,856,000	
	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	266550	
	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	144,352	
\$	77,357,833	\$	85,093,616	\$	93,602,978	93,602,978	137,044,120	137,044,120	150,748,532	150,748,532	150,748,532	150,748,532	150,748,532	150,748,532	
\$	8	\$	9	\$	10	\$	11	\$	12	\$	13	\$	14	\$	15
\$	8	\$	9	\$	10	\$	11	\$	12	\$	13	\$	14	\$	15
\$	(77,357,833)	\$	(85,093,616)	\$	(93,602,978)	93,602,978	137,044,120	137,044,120	150,748,532	150,748,532	150,748,532	150,748,532	150,748,532	150,748,532	
\$	(29,163,903)	\$	(32,080,293)	\$	(35,288,323)	\$(38,817,155)	\$(51,665,633)	\$(51,665,633)	\$(56,832,197)	\$(56,832,197)	\$(56,832,197)	\$(56,832,197)	\$(56,832,197)	\$(56,832,197)	
\$	(48,193,930)	\$	(53,013,323)	\$	(58,314,655)	\$(64,146,121)	\$(85,378,487)	\$(85,378,487)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	
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\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	(48,193,930)	\$	(53,013,323)	\$	(58,314,655)	\$(64,146,121)	\$(85,378,487)	\$(85,378,487)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	\$(93,916,335)	
\$	(16,891,678)	\$	(16,891,678)	\$(16,891,678)	\$(16,891,678)	\$(16,891,678)	\$(16,891,678)	\$(16,891,678)	\$(15,356,071)	\$(13,960,065)	\$(12,690,968)	\$(11,537,244)	\$(10,488,403)	\$(9,534,912)	
	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	28016300	
\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120
\$	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	
\$	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	
\$	51,201,226.42	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420
\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990
\$	(16,952,184)	\$	(11,832,061)	\$	(6,199,926)	\$	(4,578)	\$	(6,810,306)	\$	(14,306,677)	\$	(22,552,686)	\$	(31,623,295)
\$	(6,390,973.21)	\$	(4,400,686.97)	\$	(2,337,372.11)	\$	(1,725.77)	\$	8,502,362.57	\$	11,921,982.39	\$	11,921,982.39	\$	11,921,982.39
\$	(10,561,210.37)	\$	(7,371,373.97)	\$	(3,862,553.92)	\$	(2,851.87)	\$	14,050,323.30	\$	19,701,313.07	\$	19,701,313.07	\$	19,701,313.07
\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990
\$	5,438,779.63	\$	8,628,616.03	\$	12,137,436.08	\$	3,515,783	\$	4,212,546	\$	4,845,968	\$	5,421,806	\$	5,945,294
\$	1,906,259	\$	2,749,343	\$	3,515,783	\$	4,212,546	\$	4,845,968	\$	5,421,806	\$	5,945,294	\$	6,421,193
\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120
\$	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	
\$	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	
\$	51,201,226	\$	56,321,349	\$	61,953,484	\$	68,148,832	\$	74,963,715.6	\$	82,460,087.16	\$	90,706,095.88	\$	99,776,705.46
\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420
\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930
\$	(112,952,124)	\$	(107,832,001)	\$	(106,582,951)	\$	(106,582,951)	\$	(106,582,951)	\$	(106,582,951)	\$	(106,582,951)	\$	(106,582,951)
\$	(42,582,951)	\$	(40,652,664)	\$	(38,622,951)	\$	(36,622,951)	\$	(34,622,951)	\$	(32,622,951)	\$	(30,622,951)	\$	(28,622,951)
\$	(70,369,179)	\$	(67,179,337)	\$	(64,000,000)	\$	(60,822,951)	\$	(57,645,832)	\$	(54,470,703)	\$	(51,300,574)	\$	(48,125,445)
\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930	\$	111,999,930
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\$	41,630,757	\$	44,820,593	\$	48,010,436	\$	51,201,226	\$	54,392,071	\$	57,582,906	\$	60,774,741	\$	63,966,576
\$	14,591,326	\$	14,281,222	\$	13,970,133	\$	13,660,000	\$	13,350,867	\$	13,041,734	\$	12,732,601	\$	12,423,468
\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120
\$	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	
\$	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	
\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705
\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420
\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990
\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295
\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982
\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313
\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990
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\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303
\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761
\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120
\$	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	
\$	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	
\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705
\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420
\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990
\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295	\$	31,623,295
\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982	\$	11,921,982
\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313	\$	19,701,313
\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990	\$	15,999,990
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\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303	\$	35,701,303
\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761	\$	4,385,761
\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120	\$	24,137,120
\$	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	26,655	
\$	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	95,543	
\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705	\$	99,776,705
\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$	52,153,420	\$									

Non-numerical Factors:

- Holding allowances many have a high convenience yield, as they could provide insurance against unexpected demands for energy.
- By choosing the option not to install the scrubbers or to delay their installation, the managers retain the strategic option to install the scrubbers at a later date. Installation of the scrubbers may become the optimal solution depending on the actual market price of the allowances.
- There may be pressure from state officials and coal miners to choose one decision over the other.

Why develop a market for pollution allowances?

The marginal cost of pollution reduction is not the same across all sources. With a market solution such as the one described in the case, the market equalizes the marginal compliance cost across all sources. This reduces the cost to society of reducing pollutants.

An implicit assumption is that the marginal benefit of reduction is the same across all sources. This seems plausible for SO₂, as it has far reaching effects. The location of the pollution source is less relevant than the total amount of pollutants released.