Thompson Larry D. Form 4 July 02, 2010

# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Thompson Larry D.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Number:

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Estimated average

burden hours per

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2010

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_\_X\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

 Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ATLANTA, GA 30308

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or any Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect
Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial
Owned (I) Ownership
Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

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	Derivative Security				Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	07/01/2010	A		227.1358		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	227.1358

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thompson Larry D.

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW X

## **Signatures**

ATLANTA, GA 30308

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Larry D.
Thompson

07/02/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Acquired pursuant to Southern's Deferred Compensation Plan, payable in stock only upon termination. There is no exercise or expiration date.

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