BOWERS WILLIAM P

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BOWERS WILLIAM P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below) below)

02/16/2009

Executive Vice President

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. | ĺ | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------|---|---|-----|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou Numb Share |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 31.39 | 02/16/2009 | | A | | 272,825 | | 02/16/2010(1) | 02/16/2019 | Southern Company Common | 272, |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOWERS WILLIAM P 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for William P.

8 02/18/2009

**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) Options vest one third per year on anniversary date of grant.

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