SMITH WILLIAM G JR

Form 4

September 03, 2010

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

SMITH WILLIAM G JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2010

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

X_ Director

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 | 09/01/2010 | A | | 424.2067 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Southern Company Common Stock | 424.2067 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH WILLIAM G JR 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW X ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for William G.
Smith

09/03/2010

**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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