FANNING THOMAS A

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **FANNING THOMAS A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

(Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2011

X_ Officer (give title below)

below) **EVP & COO**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

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

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. TransactionNumber Code of

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

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

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Derivative Securities Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

Title

Amount o Number o

460,923

Shares Southern

Option

Right to \$ 37.97

Buy

02/14/2012(1)(2) 02/14/2021

Company Common

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FANNING THOMAS A 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

EVP & COO

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas A. Fanning

02/16/2011

**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.
- (2) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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