

BOWERS WILLIAM P
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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
SOUTHERN CO [SO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/06/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO, GPC

(Street)
ATLANTA, GA 30308

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 09/06/2011 | | M | | 11,557 | A | \$ 31.39 |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 09/06/2011 | | S | | 11,557 | D | \$ 41.25 |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 09/07/2011 | | M | | 70,326 | A | \$ 31.39 |

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Southern Company Common Stock 09/07/2011 S 70,326 D \$ 41.29 0 D

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎ | \$ 31.39 | 09/06/2011 | | M | 11,557 | 02/16/2010 | 02/16/2019 | Southern Company Common Stock | 11,557 |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 31.39 | 09/07/2011 | | M | 70,326 | 02/16/2010 | 02/16/2019 | Southern Company Common Stock | 70,329 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

President & CEO, GPC

Signatures

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

09/08/2011

**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 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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

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