

MARTIN C ALAN  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
MARTIN C ALAN		(Month/Day/Year)	SOUTHERN CO [SO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		02/01/2008		
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			Pres & CEO, SCS	
ATLANTA, GA 30308				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Southern Company Common Stock	4,113.1109	I	By 401(K)
Southern Company Common Stock	1,691.0971	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option Right to Buy	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	39,838	\$ 29.5	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/18/2006	02/18/2015	Southern Company Common Stock	26,279	\$ 32.7	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/20/2007	02/20/2016	Southern Company Common Stock	12,157	\$ 33.81	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/19/2008	02/19/2017	Southern Company Common Stock	37,803	\$ 36.42	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARTIN C ALAN 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA, GA 30308	Â	Â	Â Pres & CEO, SCS	Â

## Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in Fact for C. Alan Martin 02/07/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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