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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). 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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940										
(Print or Type Res	sponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> JAMES DONALD M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]			5. Relationship Issuer	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
						(Che	eck all applicabl	c all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2011			XDirector10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)Dther (specify				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			<ol> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ol>				
ATLANTA, C	GA 30308						Person	More than One K	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	e Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	Transaction Date Ionth/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securi onAcquirec Disposec (Instr. 3, Amount	(A) or l of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Reminder: Report	t on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially ow	ned directly	or indirectly.			
					infor requi	nation con red to resp ays a curre	spond to the colle tained in this forn ond unless the fo ently valid OMB co	n are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)	

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	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	\$ O	08/01/2011	А		432.2643		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	432.2643

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships								
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
JAMES DONALD M 30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW ATLANTA, GA 30308	Х								
Signatures									
/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in- James	08/01/2011								
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting P	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.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.