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### FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement SOUTHERN CO [SO] Connally Stan W (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person ATLANTA, GAÂ 30308 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One President & CEO, Gulf Power Co Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Ι Southern Company Common Stock 4,742.8398 By 401(k) Trust Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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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)	ty 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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	()

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option Right to Buy (1)	02/18/2006	02/18/2015	Southern Company Common Stock	5,353	\$ 32.7	D	Â
Option Right to Buy (1)	02/20/2007	02/20/2016	Southern Company Common Stock	5,096	\$ 33.81	D	Â
Option Right to Buy (1)	02/19/2008	02/19/2017	Southern Company Common Stock	5,437	\$ 36.42	D	Â
Option Right to Buy (1)	02/18/2009	02/18/2018	Southern Company Common Stock	8,521	\$ 35.78	D	Â
Option Right to Buy (1)	02/16/2010	02/16/2019	Southern Company Common Stock	14,392	\$ 31.39	D	Â
Option Right To Buy (1)	02/15/2011	02/15/2020	Southern Company Common Stock	3,262	\$ 31.17	D	Â
Option Right to Buy (1)	02/14/2012	02/14/2021	Southern Company Common Stock	16,100	\$ 37.97	D	Â
Option Right to Buy (1)	02/13/2013	02/13/2022	Southern Company Common Stock	16,053	\$ 44.42	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Connally Stan W 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA Â GAÂ 30308	Â	Â	President & CEO, Gulf Power Co	Â	

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## **Signatures**

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Agent for Stan W.
Connally
07/02/2012

\*\*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).
- (1) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Options vest one third per year on anniversary date of grant.

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