Clark Henry A III Form 4 September 05, 2012

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subject to

Section 16.

Form 4 or

Form 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Clark Henry A III

(First)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/04/2012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other (specify

7. Nature of

(9-02)

Indirect

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(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

or

Code V Amount (D) Price

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

Securities

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

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise 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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	Security Security			(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	09/04/2012	A		192.9012		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	192.9012

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Clark Henry A III

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD X

ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

/s/Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Henry A.
Clark III 09/05/2012

**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) Acquired pursuant to Southern's Deferred Compensation Plan, payable in stock only upon termination. There is no exercise or expiration date.

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