Thompson Larry D. Form 4 November 02, 2012

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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 Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Thompson Larry D.

(Middle)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

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

11/01/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

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6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Owned

Beneficially

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

ATLANTA, GA 30308

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

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

Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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Indirect

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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	\$ 0	11/01/2012	A		369.043		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	369.043

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thompson Larry D.
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW X
ATLANTA, GA 30308

# **Signatures**

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Larry D. Thompson

11/02/2012

\*\*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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