SOUTHERN CO Form 4 April 04, 2016

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations

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

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Daiss Ann P

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Comptroller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person		, GA 30308	ATLANTA,
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired 1	(Zip)	(State)	(City)

(City)	(State) (	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired saction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Southern Company Common Stock	03/31/2016		M	10,830		\$ 37.97	13,224	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	03/31/2016		S	10,830	D	\$ 51.47	2,394	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	03/31/2016		M	7,000	A	\$ 41.28	9,394	D	

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Southern Company Common Stock	03/31/2016	S	7,000	D	\$ 51.28	2,394	D	
Southern Company Common Stock						2,879.8533	I	401K

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy (1) (2) (3)	\$ 37.97	03/31/2016		M	10,830	02/14/2012	02/14/2021	Southern Company Common Stock	10 8 20 1
Option Right to Buy (1) (2) (3)	\$ 41.28	03/31/2016		M	7,000	02/10/2015	02/10/2024	Southern Company Common Stock	/ ()()()

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Daiss Ann P				
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW			Comptroller	
ATLANTA, GA 30308				

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Deletionships

# **Signatures**

/a/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Ann P.
Daiss
04/04/2016

\*\*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) Options vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (3) Options were exercised and shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan.

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