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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002
OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 1-3526

A. Full title of the plan:

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY
EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and
the address of its principal executive office:

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY
270 Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

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NOTE: The accompanying financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of filing with Department of Labor Form 5500. Supplemental schedules required by 29 CFR 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, other than the supplemental schedule listed above, are omitted because of the absence of conditions under which they are required.

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EXHIBITS

- 23.1 - Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- 23.2 - Notice Regarding Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP.
- 99 - Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Employee Savings Plan Committee and
Participants in The Southern Company
Employee Savings Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of The Southern Company Employee Savings Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2002, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statement of the Plan as of December 31, 2001 was audited by other auditors who have ceased operations. Those auditors expressed an unqualified opinion on that financial statement in their report dated April 26, 2002.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted

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in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2002, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic 2002 financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule listed in the Table of Contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic 2002 financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Such schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2002 financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic 2002 financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/Deloitte & Touche LLP

April 18, 2003

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This is a copy of the audit report previously issued by Arthur Andersen LLP in connection with the Plan's filing on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 2001. This audit report has not been reissued by Arthur Andersen LLP in connection with the filing on Form 11-K. See Exhibit 23.2 for further discussion.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Savings Plan Committee of
The Southern Company Employee Savings Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of THE SOUTHERN COMPANY EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN as of December 31, 2001 and 2000 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements and the schedule referred to below are the responsibility of the Committee in its capacity as administrator of the Plan. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and the schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit

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to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and the supplemental schedule. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Southern Company Employee Savings Plan as of December 31, 2001 and 2000 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/Arthur Andersen LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
April 26, 2002

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THE SOUTHERN COMPANY EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002	2001
ASSETS:		
Investments, at fair value	\$2,590,423,502	\$2,752,526,215
Receivables:		
Due from broker for securities sold	1,693,650	6,227,564
Accrued interest	775,871	733,339
Total receivables	2,469,521	6,960,903
CASH	1,484,980	439,749
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$2,594,378,003	\$2,759,926,867

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See notes to financial statements.

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THE SOUTHERN COMPANY EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

ADDITIONS:

Investment income - Interest and dividends	\$ 101,532,729

Contributions:	
Participants'	102,282,706
Participants' rollovers	1,781,781
Employer's	52,609,684

Total contributions	258,206,900
Transfer from The Southern Company Performance Sharing Plan	19,118,865

Total additions	277,325,765

DEDUCTIONS:

Investment loss - Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(286,606,693)
Benefits paid to participants	(156,147,370)
Administrative expenses	(120,566)

Total deductions	(442,874,629)

NET DECREASE (165,548,864)

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of year	2,759,926,867

End of year	\$2,594,378,003
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See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001, AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of The Southern Company Employee Savings Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for more complete information.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan administered by The Southern Company Employee Savings Plan Committee (the "Committee"), as designated in the Plan. The Plan covers substantially all employees, certain former employees, and retirees of the following subsidiaries of Southern Company (the "Company"): Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company, Savannah Electric and Power Company, Southern Communications Services, Inc., Southern Company Energy Solutions LLC, Southern Company Services, Inc., and Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (collectively referred to as the "Employing Companies"). Effective April 2001, Southern Energy Resources, Inc. was removed as an employing company. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

The Southern Company Performance Sharing Plan Merger - In May 2002, the Company's Board of Directors approved a resolution to merge The Southern Company Performance Sharing Plan into the Plan. Assets of The Southern Company Performance Sharing Plan of \$19,118,865 were transferred during June 2002.

Plan Administration - The trustee and recordkeeper of the Plan are Merrill Lynch Trust Company, FSB (the "Trustee") and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., respectively.

Participation - Eligible employees may elect to participate in the Plan immediately after the employee's first day of employment as an eligible employee or as soon as administratively practicable thereafter. Prior to January 1, 2001, participation in the Plan was voluntary after completing 12 months of continuous service.

Contributions - Participants could, prior to June 21, 2002, elect to contribute, on a before-tax or after-tax basis, up to 16% of their eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan. Effective June 21, 2002, the Plan was amended to provide that a participant may elect to contribute up to 25% (12% before-tax and 3% after-tax for highly compensated employees) of eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants may change the percentage of their contributions at any time.

The Employing Companies' contributions ("Employer Matching Contributions") are discretionary and determined by the Board of Directors of Southern Company Services, Inc. on an annual basis. For the year ended December 31, 2002, the Employing Companies contributed, on behalf of the participants, an amount equal to 75% of each participant's contribution, up to 6% of eligible compensation. The Board of Directors reserves the right to discontinue or change the Employer Matching Contributions at any time; however, they have not expressed any intent to do so at the present time.

Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Code limitations. Participants may also contribute by rolling over to the Plan amounts

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representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit, defined contribution plans or eligible individual retirement accounts.

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Participant Accounts - Individual accounts are maintained for each plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Employer Matching Contributions, and allocations of plan earnings, and charged with any withdrawals and allocations of plan losses and administrative expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investment Options - Participants' contributions may be invested in 1% increments into any of the investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan offers a participant-directed brokerage account that allows participants to purchase publicly traded securities. Participants may change their investment options at any time, with the following exceptions:

Employer Matching Contributions are made by the Employing Companies in shares of the Company's stock. Prior to July 12, 2002, participants could elect at any time on or after the fifth anniversary of their enrollment in the Plan to redirect their investment in Employer Matching Contributions of up to 50% to any other investment option. Effective July 12, 2002, the Committee eliminated the five-year participation rule as well as the 50% rule, regarding fund transfers from the Employer Matching Contributions.

Participants may have Mirant Corporation common stock in their Plan accounts as a result of Southern Company's spin-off of Mirant Corporation in April 2001. In that spin-off, Plan participants with Southern Company common stock in their accounts received a dividend in the form of Mirant Corporation common stock. The investment is held in the Mirant Corporation Stock Fund.

Participants who received Mirant Corporation common stock in the spin-off were given five years (until July 1, 2006) to liquidate the Mirant Corporation Stock Fund and reinvest the proceeds in one of the investment options permitted under the Plan. The Plan has never permitted additional investments into the Mirant Corporation Stock Fund beyond the shares that participants received as a dividend in the spin-off. The spin-off did not impact the number of Southern Company shares held in the participants' accounts.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their accounts.

Participant Loans - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balances, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator.

Payment of Benefits - Upon retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over a twenty-year period. On termination of service due to death, disability, or for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

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Each participant may elect to receive a cash distribution of all or a portion of the dividends payable on the shares of Southern Company common stock credited to the participant's account as of the record date of the dividend. The dividends payable on the shares of Southern Company common stock credited to the account of a participant who does not elect to receive a cash distribution shall be invested into the Plan. Payments of the cash distributions for dividends payable shall be made as soon as administratively practicable after the payable date of the dividend but no later than 90 days after the end of the plan year, which includes such payable date. A participant's election to receive cash distributions of dividends payable on Southern Company common stock shall be revoked automatically upon his/her death.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Risks and Uncertainties - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, including common stock of Southern Company and Mirant Corporation, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value except for its benefit-responsive investment contract, the Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust, which is valued at contract value. Quoted market prices are used to value investments. Shares of mutual funds and common collective trust funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Administrative Expenses - Southern Company Services and its affiliated companies normally pay the Trustee's fees and other administrative costs. Brokerage commissions, transfer taxes, and any other expenses resulting from purchases and sales of securities within investment funds will be charged to the various investment funds. Commissions on individual securities traded through the self direct option will be charged to the participant making the trade.

In addition, for Company matching contributions, investment management fees for all funds, except Company stock and Mirant stock, are deducted from fund earnings. For employee contributions, investment management fees for the Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust, Merrill Lynch Equity Index Trust, and Merrill Lynch Aggregate Bond Index are paid by the

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Company and investment management fees for all other funds are deducted from fund earnings.

3. INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments that represented 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 are as follows:

	2002	
	Number of Shares	Fair Value
Southern Company common stock - participant-directed	55,283,174	\$ 1,569,489,293
Southern Company common stock - nonparticipant-directed	-	-
Merrill Lynch Equity Index Trust	5,150,783	332,843,574
Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust	346,635,638	346,635,638
Mirant Corporation common stock	*	*

*Investment does not exceed 5% of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2002

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During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year) depreciated in value as follows:

Mutual funds	\$ (63,640,714)
Common stock	(157,990,192)
Common collective trust funds	(64,975,787)

Total	\$ (286,606,693)
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4. NONPARTICIPANT-DIRECTED INVESTMENTS

Information about the net assets and the significant components of the changes in net assets relating to Southern Company common stock (nonparticipant-directed) as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and for the year ended December 31, 2002 are as follows:

Changes in net assets:	
Contributions	\$ 26,253,679
Dividends	18,327,781
Net appreciation in fair value of Southern Company common stock (nonparticipant-directed)	25,957,713
Benefits paid to participants	(34,268,913)
Transfers to/from participant-directed investments, net	(739,215,046)

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Net change	(702,944,786)
Southern Company common stock (nonparticipant-directed):	
Beginning of year	702,944,786
End of year	\$ -

As discussed in Note 1, effective July 12, 2002, all restrictions on investment options for participants were eliminated.

5. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds and units of common collective trust funds managed by Merrill Lynch Trust Company FSB. Merrill Lynch Trust Company FSB is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

At December 31, 2002 and 2001, the Plan held 55,283,174 and 56,570,589 shares, respectively, of common stock of Southern Company, the sponsoring employer, at a fair value of \$1,569,489,293 and \$1,434,064,418, respectively, with a cost basis of \$856,386,083 and \$721,382,989, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Plan recorded related dividend income of \$74,961,697.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event that the Plan is terminated, participants are already 100% vested in their accounts.

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7. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated January 31, 2003, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Company and the plan administrator believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

8. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The net assets of the Plan's funds available for benefits at December 31, 2002 and 2001 include \$1,041,109 and \$583,756, respectively, for

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participants who had requested distributions from their accounts but had not yet been paid at year-end. These amounts are reflected as benefit claims payable and are included in benefit payments to participants or beneficiaries in the Form 5500 for the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

The following are reconciliations of net assets available for benefits, benefits payable to participants, and benefits paid to participants per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and for the year ended December 31, 2002:

	2002	2001
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,594,378,003	\$ 2,759,000,000
Benefits payable to participants	(1,041,109)	(1,041,109)
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Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	\$ 2,593,336,894	\$ 2,759,000,000
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Benefits payable to participants per the financial statements	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits payable to participants	1,041,109	5,000,000
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Benefits payable to participants per Form 5500	\$ 1,041,109	\$ 5,000,000
	=====	=====
Benefits paid to participants per the financial statements	\$ 156,147,370	
Benefits payable to participants:		
Beginning of year	(583,756)	
End of year	1,041,109	

Benefits paid to participants per Form 5500	\$ 156,604,723	
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FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
(HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2002

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value
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Vintage Petroleum Inc.	Common stock
Washington Mutual Inc.	Common stock
XM Satelite Radio Holdings A	Common stock
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Common stock
Williams Companies Del.	Common stock
Xerox Corp.	Common stock
Yahoo Inc. CAL	Common stock
Worldcom Inc.	Common stock
WebMD	Common stock
Wachovia Corp. New	Common stock
ICTS International NV NV USD	Common stock
Calpine Corp.	Common stock
Citigroup Inc.	Common stock
Check Point Software Tech.	Common stock
Chicos Fas Inc.	Common stock
Circuit City Stores Inc.	Common stock
Cisco Systems Inc.	Common stock
Coca Cola Bottling Cons.	Common stock
The Coca-Cola Co.	Common stock
Concurrent CMPTR CP New	Common stock
Dollar Tree Stores Inc.	Common stock
Dynegy Inc. New	Common stock
Dell Computer Corp.	Common stock
Abbott Labs	Common stock
Ishares T DJ US HLTHCR S	Common stock
International Business Machines	Common stock
Juniper Networks Inc.	Common stock
JDS Uniphase Corp.	Common stock
Johnson and Johnson	Common stock
Sun Microsystems Inc.	Common stock
Teco Energy Inc.	Common stock
Tenet Healthcare Corp.	Common stock
Teva Pharmaceutical INDS ADR	Common stock
Tyco Intl LTD New	Common stock
Take Two International Software	Common stock
Tivo Inc. Delaware	Common stock
Toll Bros. Inc.	Common stock
SYS SVCS Inc.	Common stock

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FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
 (HELD AT END OF YEAR) (Continued)
 DECEMBER 31, 2002

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value
United Rentals Inc.	Common stock

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First Financial Fund	Common stock
Genetronics Biomed Corp.	Common stock
General Electric	Common stock
Healthsouth Corporation	Common stock
Heinz H J Co.	Common stock
Home Depot Inc.	Common stock
Ballard Power SYS	Common stock
Beazer Homes USA Inc.	Common stock
Barrick Gold Corporation	Common stock
Broadcom Corp. CALF CL A	Common stock
Brocade Communications Systems	Common stock
BellSouth Corp.	Common stock
Best Buy Co. Inc.	Common stock
Boston Scientific Corp.	Common stock
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	Common stock
CMGI Inc.	Common stock
Mirant Corp. COM	Common stock
Mirant Corp.	Common stock
McDonalds Corp.	Common stock
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts	Common stock
Lucent Technologies Inc.	Common stock
Laboratory CP America Holdings	Common stock
Lannett Co. Inc. Del.	Common stock
Liz Claiborne Inc.	Common stock
Lowe's Companies Inc.	Common stock
Movie Gallery Inc.	Common stock
Millenium Pharms Inc.	Common stock
Marvel Enterprises Inc.	Common stock
Americredit Corp.	Common stock
Amer Intl Group Inc.	Common stock
Analog Devices Inc.	Common stock
Anheuser Busch Cos. Inc.	Common stock
Applied Material Inc.	Common stock
Micron Technology Inc.	Common stock
Motorola Inc.	Common stock
Nvidia	Common stock
Netflix Com. Inc.	Common stock
Nokia Corp.	Common stock

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Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value
Norfolk Southern Corp.	Common stock
PPG Industries Inc.	Common stock

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Plug Power Inc.	Common stock
Activision Inc.	Common stock
Pfizer Inc. Del.	Common stock
Phillip Morris Cos. Inc.	Common stock
Royal Dutch Pet NY SHS	Common stock
Range Resources Corp. Del.	Common stock
Research in Motion LTD	Common stock
Siebel Sys Inc.	Common stock
Scientific Atlanta	Common stock
Select Comfort Corp.	Common stock
Spanish BDCSTG SYS A New	Common stock
* Southern Company	Common stock
Delta Airlines Inc.	Common stock
Dollar General Corp.	Common stock
Duke Energy Corp. NC	Common stock
EMC Corporation MASS	Common stock
Energy Partners LTD	Common stock
Agilent Technologies	Common stock
AT&T Wireless Services	Common stock
Enerplus	Common stock
Freds Inc. CL A	Common stock
Fuelcell Energy Inc.	Common stock
Forward Air Corp.	Common stock
FleetBoston Financial Corp.	Common stock
Ford Motor Company	Common stock
Anglogold LTD	Common stock
Davis NY Venture Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Van Kampen Equity & Income Fund	Mutual fund
Lord Abbett Affiliated Fund	Mutual fund
Evergreen Intl. Growth Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
MFS Value Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Mainstay Convertible Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Lord Abbett Mid Cap Value Fund (Class P)	Mutual fund
Phoenix-Seneca Mid Cap Edge Fund	Mutual fund
Ariel Fund	Mutual fund
Templeton Growth Fund	Mutual fund
ING Precious Metals Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund

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(HELD AT END OF YEAR) (Continued)
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Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value
* Merrill Lynch Natural Resources Trust A Fund	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Equity Income Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Global Allocation Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Calvert Income Fund	Mutual fund
Ariel Appreciation Fund	Mutual fund

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Oppenheimer Global Growth Fund	Mutual fund
Franklin Income Fund	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Small Cap Value Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Intl Index Plus Trust Goal Manager Fund	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Aggregate Bond Index Trust Fund	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Aggregate Bond Index Trust Fund	Mutual fund
Franklin Small - Mid Cap Growth Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Davis SER Inc Real Estate Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
PIMCO Real Return Bond Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Van Kampen Utility Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Dreyfus Premier Balance Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Phoenix Real Estate SECS Fund	Mutual fund
AIM Blue Chip Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
EV Worldwide Health Sciences Fund	Mutual fund
Ivy Global Natural Reserve Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Mercury Intl Value Fund (Class I)	Mutual fund
PIMCO Total Return - Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
AIM Real Estate Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Putnam Growth Opportunities Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Loomis Sayles Small Cap Fund (Administrative Class)	Mutual fund
Nations Convertible Securities Investments Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
One Group Short Term Bond Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Lord Abbett Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual fund
Hotchkiss & Wiley Mid Cap Value Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
Neuberger Berman Fasciano Fund (Class A)	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Small Cap Index Plus Trust Fund	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Small Cap Index Plus Trust Fund GoalMaster	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Intl. Index Plus Trust Fund	Mutual fund
* Merrill Lynch Preservation Trust GoalManager Fund	Common collective trust
* Merrill Lynch Index Trust III Fund	Common collective trust
* Merrill Lynch Index Trust III - GoalMaster Fund	Common collective trust
* Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust Fund	Common collective trust
Duke Power Company	Preferred stock
Participants	Loans to participants,
	with interest rates ranging
	from 4.25% to 11.5%

Total investments

* Party-in-interest.

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and, therefore, is not included.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Southern Company Employee Savings Plan Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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/s/ Ellen N. Lindemann
Ellen N. Lindemann, Chairperson
The Southern Company Employee
Savings Plan Committee

June 26, 2003

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