

SOUTHERN CO
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FORM 4

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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
James Anthony R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW
(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOUTHERN CO [SO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/27/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Southern Company Common Stock	10/27/2006		M	33,490	A	\$ 25.26	33,566.2334	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	10/27/2006		S	33,490	D	\$ 36	76.2334	D	
Southern Company Common Stock							13,825.7109	I	By 401(K)

Southern
Company
Common
Stock

582.1396 I By ESOP

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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎	\$ 25.26	10/27/2006		M	33,490	02/15/2003 02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	33,490

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

James Anthony R
30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW
ATLANTA, GA 30308

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in Fact for Anthony R. James

10/31/2006

**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) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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(2) Options vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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