

SOUTHERN CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Dearman Andrew J | | (Month/Day/Year) | SOUTHERN CO [SO] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 270 PEACHTREE STREET | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | |
| ATLANTA,Â GAÂ 30303 | | | Sr. Vice President | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Southern Company Common Stock | 77.21 | D | Â |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 13.17 | I | As Custodian For Children |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 6,451.46 | I | By 401(k) ⁽¹⁾ |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 3,053.2 | I | By ESOP ⁽²⁾ |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|--|---|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
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| | (Month/Day/Year) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| <u>Option Right to Buy</u> ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u> | 02/16/2002 | 02/16/2011 | Southern Company Common Stock | 23,551 | \$ 19.08 | D | Â |
| <u>Option Right to Buy</u> ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u> | 04/16/2002 | 04/16/2011 | Southern Company Common Stock | 22,285 | \$ 22.43 | D | Â |
| <u>Option Right to Buy</u> ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u> | 02/15/2003 | 02/15/2012 | Southern Company Common Stock | 27,416 | \$ 25.26 | D | Â |
| <u>Option Right to Buy</u> ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u> | 02/14/2004 | 02/14/2013 | Southern Company Common Stock | 24,605 | \$ 27.98 | D | Â |
| <u>Option Right to Buy</u> ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u> | 02/13/2005 | 02/13/2014 | Southern Company Common Stock | 23,655 | \$ 29.5 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Dearman Andrew J 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303 | Â | Â | Â Sr. Vice President | Â |

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney
in fact 02/18/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares are held in trust under the Employee Savings Plan, a tax qualified plan.

(2) Shares are held in trust under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan, a tax qualified plan.

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- (3) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (4) Options Vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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