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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH WILLIAM G JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or			

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	Derivative Security				Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, at 5)	` ′				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	01/02/2009	A		421.3143		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	421.3143

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH WILLIAM G JR 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW X ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-In-Fact for William G.
Smith
01/05/2009

**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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