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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MARTIN C ALAN

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD 12/31/2009

below) Pres & CEO, SCS

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Based Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/31/2009		A		6,003		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	6,003

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MARTIN C ALAN 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA, GA 30308

Pres & CEO, SCS

Signatures

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Agent for C. Alan Martin

01/04/2010

**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).
- Award of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units upon acheivment of pre-established performance goals. Units are treated as if (1) invested in SO common stock and deemed dividends are reinvested. Units are payable in common stock following the end of the Restriction Period (generally, December 31, 2010). Shares may be withheld to satisfy tax withholdings.

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