#### GARRETT MICHAEL D

Form 4

February 16, 2010

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* GARRETT MICHAEL D

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)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

(Street)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2010

below) President & CEO of Ga. Power

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

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_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

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

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

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 4. 5. 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber Underlying Securities Security or Exercise Code of(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities

Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,

4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Title

Amount o Number o Shares

Option

Buy

Right to \$31.17

02/15/2011(1)(2) 02/15/2020

Company Common 230,761

Stock

Southern

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

GARRETT MICHAEL D 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

President & CEO of Ga. Power

# **Signatures**

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael D.

Garrett

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/16/2010 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) Options vest one third per year on anniversary date of grant.
- (2) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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