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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Thompson Larry D.

Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2011

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

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 (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

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(9-02)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise 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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|---|----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 0 | 07/01/2011 | A | | 421.8282 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Southern Company Common Stock | 421.8282 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thompson Larry D.

Thompson Larry D.
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW X
ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Larry D.
Thompson

07/05/2011

**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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