TOPAZI ANTHONY J

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TOPAZI ANTHONY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD.

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

02/13/2012

below) Executive VP & COO

(Street)

(State)

(First)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

ATLANTA, GA 30308

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

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 Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An Nu Sha
Option Right to Buy	\$ 44.42	02/13/2012		A		141,034		02/13/2013(1)(2)	02/13/2022	Southern Company Common Stock	14

VP & COO

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
TOPAZI ANTHONY J			Executive						

ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Anthony J.

Topazi 02/15/2012

**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) 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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