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### FORM 4

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

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)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JAMES DONALD M Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2015

X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

(Check all applicable)

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 7. Title and Amount of 4 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of

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Derivative Security				(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	10/01/2015	A		1,414.3471		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	1,414.3	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JAMES DONALD M	v						
30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW ATLANTA, GA 30308	X						

### **Signatures**

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Donald M. James 10/02/2015

\*\*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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