

SOUTHERN CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Wilson Anthony L | | (Month/Day/Year) | SOUTHERN CO [SO] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 10/19/2015 | |
| 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| NW | | | | |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| ATLANTA, GA 30308 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | President, Mississippi Power | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Southern Company Common Stock | 13,612.1905 | I | By 401(k) Trustee |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 6,573 | D | ^ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | 02/10/2015 | 02/10/2024 | Southern Company Common Stock | 61,018 | \$ 41.28 | D | Â |
| Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | 02/11/2014 | 02/11/2023 | Southern Company Common Stock | 43,783 | \$ 44.06 | D | Â |
| Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | 02/13/2013 | 02/13/2022 | Southern Company Common Stock | 35,646 | \$ 44.42 | D | Â |
| Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | 02/14/2012 | 02/14/2021 | Southern Company Common Stock | 18,127 | \$ 37.97 | D | Â |
| Option Right To Buy ⁽¹⁾ | 02/15/2011 | 02/15/2020 | Southern Company Common Stock | 16,934 | \$ 31.17 | D | Â |
| Phantom Stock Units | Â ⁽²⁾ | Â ⁽²⁾ | Southern Company Common Stock | 72.9689 | \$ 0 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wilson Anthony L 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308 | Â | Â | Â President, Mississippi Power | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Anthony L. Wilson 10/27/2015

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Represents options granted on the following dates: 02/10/2014; 02/11/2013; 02/13/2012; 02/14/2011; and 02/15/2010. Options vest

- (1) one-third per year on each anniversary of the date of grant. Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Includes phantom stock units acquired as if reinvested in the dividend reinvestment plan. There is no exercise or expiration date. Phantom stock units are payable in cash following termination of employment.

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