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| FORM 4 | UNITED | STATES | SECU | RITIES A | ND EX | CHANGE | COMMISSIO | - NT | OMB APPROVAL | | |
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| Form 5 obligations may continue.Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 19401(b).30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Print or Type Resp | onses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> WOOD E JENNER III | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | | |
| | | | SOUTHERN CO [SO] | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2016 | | | X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below) | | | | | |
| | 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 | | | | | | | |
| ATLANTA, GA | A 30308 | | | | | | Person | | 1 0 | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | ole I - Non-I | Derivative | Securities A | cquired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned | | |
| | ransaction Date nth/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da | Date, if | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | (A) or of (D) and 5) (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Reminder: Report o | n a sanarata line | a for each al | ass of sec | Code V | | ~ / | or indirectly | | | | |
| Kenninger, Report o | n a separate fille | | | | Person inform require | ns who restation cont ed to resp ys a curre | spond to the collection tained in this form ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co | n are not orm | SEC 1474 (9-02) | | |

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

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orDerivative | Expiration Date | Underlying Securities |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | 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 | 10/01/2016 | А | | 816.2768 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Southern Company Common Stock | 816.2768 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| WOOD E JENNER III 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308 | Х | | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | |
| /s/Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact Wood, III | 10/03/2016 | | | | | | | |
| <u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Per | | 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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