

MISSISSIPPI POWER CO  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)                      May 26,  
2010

| Commission<br>File Number | Registrant, State of Incorporation,<br>Address and Telephone Number   | I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No. |
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| 1-3526                    | The Southern Company<br>(A Delaware Corporation)<br>30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W.<br>Atlanta, Georgia 30308<br>(404) 506-5000 | 58-0690070                            |
| 001-11229                 | Mississippi Power Company<br>(A Mississippi Corporation)<br>2992 West Beach<br>Gulfport, Mississippi 39501<br>(228) 864-1211  | 64-0205820                            |

The names and addresses of the registrants have not changed since the last report.

This combined Form 8-K is furnished separately by two registrants: The Southern Company and Mississippi Power Company. Information contained herein relating to each registrant is furnished by each registrant solely on its own behalf. Each registrant makes no representation as to information relating to the other registrant.

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the  
Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

See MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS — FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL — “Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle” and — “PSC Matters — Mississippi Baseload Construction Legislation” of Mississippi Power Company (“Mississippi Power”) in Item 7 and Note 3 to the financial statements of The Southern Company under “Retail Regulatory Matters — Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)” and of Mississippi Power under “Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle” in Item 8 of each company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. Also see MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS – FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL – “Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle” of Mississippi Power and Note (B) to the Condensed Financial Statements under “Retail Regulatory Matters – Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle” of each company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 for additional information regarding the Kemper IGCC.

On May 10, 2010, Mississippi Power filed a motion in response to the April 29, 2010 order of the Mississippi Public Service Commission (the “Mississippi PSC”) relating to the Kemper IGCC, or in the alternative, for alteration or rehearing of such order. In its motion, Mississippi Power responded to the order and proposed alternatives to the conditions contained in the order. In its motion, Mississippi Power proposed, among other things, an alternate construction cost cap of \$2.88 billion, modified prudence review procedures, and a modified proposal for financing cost recovery on construction work in progress (“CWIP”) balances under the State of Mississippi Baseload Act of 2008 (the “Baseload Act”), which would provide for the accrual of allowance for funds used during construction in 2010 and 2011 and recovery of financing costs on 100% of CWIP in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

On May 26, 2010, the Mississippi PSC issued an order revising its findings from the April 29, 2010 order. Among other things, the Mississippi PSC's May 26, 2010 order (1) approved the alternate construction cost cap of up to \$2.88 billion, subject to determinations by the Mississippi PSC that such costs in excess of \$2.4 billion are prudent and required by the public convenience and necessity; (2) provided for the establishment of operational cost and revenue parameters based upon assumptions in Mississippi Power's proposal; and (3) approved financing cost recovery on CWIP balances under the Baseload Act, which provides for the accrual of allowance for funds used during construction in 2010 and 2011 and recovery of financing costs on 100% of CWIP in 2012, 2013, and through May 1, 2014 (provided that the amount of CWIP allowed is (i) reduced by the amount of government construction cost incentives received by Mississippi Power in excess of \$296 million to the extent that such amount increases cash flow for the pertinent regulatory period and (ii) justified by a showing that such CWIP allowance will benefit customers over the life of the plant). The Mississippi PSC order established periodic prudence reviews during the annual CWIP review process. More frequent prudence determinations may be requested at a later time. On May 27, 2010, Mississippi Power filed a motion with the Mississippi PSC accepting the conditions contained in the order. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot now be determined.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 1, 2010

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

By /s/Melissa K. Caen  
Melissa K. Caen  
Assistant Secretary

MISSISSIPPI POWER  
COMPANY

By /s/Melissa K. Caen  
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