SOUTHERN CO Form 4 January 20, 2016

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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**SECURITIES** may continue.

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date o	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)		
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW				(Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2016				Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below)  Executive Vice President & CFO		
Filed(Mon			endment, Date Original onth/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 30308								Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	ear) Execution	Execution Date, if any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  (A) Or		of (D)	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)		
Southern Company Common Stock	01/19/2016			M	46,795		\$ 37.97	59,348	D	
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Company			by family
* *	51	I	member in
Common			household
Stock			Household

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		erivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) equired (A) Disposed of (b) nstr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy (1) (2) (3)	\$ 37.97	01/19/2016		M	46,795	02/14/2012	02/14/2021	Southern Company Common Stock	46,795

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

BEATTIE ART P

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW Executive Vice President & CFO

ATLANTA, GA 30308

## **Signatures**

/S/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Art P.

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\*\*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 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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- (2) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (3) Options were exercised and shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan.

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