

BOWERS WILLIAM P
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BOWERS WILLIAM P

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SOUTHERN CO [SO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/09/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President & CEO, GPC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	03/09/2018	A	6,486.2831	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	6,486.2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWERS WILLIAM P 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308			President & CEO, GPC	

Signatures

/s/ Melissa K. Caen, Attorney-in-Fact for William P.
Bowers 03/13/2018

 **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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Southern Company common stock or the cash value thereof. Includes phantom stock units acquired as if reinvested in the dividend reinvestment plan. There is no exercise or expiration date.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of Mr. Bowers' employment with The Southern Company. Mr. Bowers may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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