PATE ZACK T Form 4 December 01, 2005

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PATE ZACK T

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

270 PEACHTREE STREET

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30303

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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Indirect

7. Nature of

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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(Check all applicable)

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

Price of

(Instr. 3)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4 Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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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	Derivative Security				(D)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	12/01/2005	A		140.5		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	140.5	\$ 34

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PATE ZACK T 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303	X						

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact 12/01/2005

**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) 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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