JAMES DONALD M

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAMES DONALD M

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

12/30/2005

(Middle)

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR.

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

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

BOULEVARD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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)	Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ed of				(Ins
				Code V	(A)	(D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	12/30/2005		A	250	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	250	\$ 3
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	01/03/2006		A	305.52	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	305.52	\$ 3

Reporting Owners

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

JAMES DONALD M 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BOULEVARD X ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact 01/03/2006

**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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