#### **BOWERS WILLIAM P**

Form 4

January 15, 2013

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BOWERS WILLIAM P			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
								(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction									
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW			(Month/Day/Year) 01/14/2013					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO, GPC				
	4. If Ame	ndment, Da	te Original	l		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check						
ATLANTA,	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
		(T)						Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any		Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and 3 (A) or	l of (D) 5)	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				Code V		(D)	Price					
Stock Restricted Stock Units (1)	01/14/2013			A	34,992	A	43.05	67,392	D			
Southern Company Common Stock	01/14/2013			F	13,475	D	\$ 43.05	53,917	D			

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Stock Units

(2)

Southern

Company By 12,320.1169 I Common 401(K)

Stock

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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	,	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		5. DiNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	v	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

**BOWERS WILLIAM P** 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

President & CEO, GPC

### **Signatures**

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for William P. 01/15/2013 **Bowers** 

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- (1) Shares acquired upon vesting of performance share units under Company's Performance Share Program.
- (2) Shares withheld under the terms of the Performance Share Program to satisfy required state and federal tax withholdings.

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