

SOUTHERN CO  
Form 4  
February 05, 2016

**FORM 4**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WOMACK CHRISTOPHER C**

(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)  
02/04/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP & Pres. External Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 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	02/04/2016		M	12,557	A \$ 31.17	25,769.3441	D
Southern Company Common Stock	02/04/2016		S	12,557	D \$ (1) 48.3044	13,212.3441	D
Southern Company Common Stock	02/04/2016		S	3,078	D \$ (1) 48.3044	10,134.3441	D

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Southern  
Company  
Common  
Stock

1,708.8349 I 401K

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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right To Buy <sup>(2)</sup> <u>(3)</u>	\$ 31.17	02/04/2016		M	12,557	02/15/2011 02/15/2020	Southern Company Common Stock 12,557

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WOMACK CHRISTOPHER C 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308	EVP & Pres. External Affairs

## Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher C.  
Womack 02/05/2016

     \*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.3442 and \$48.29, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Southern Company, any security holder of Southern

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Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

- (2) Options vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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