SOUTHERN CO Form 4 January 04, 2017

### FORM 4

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#### 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 \* Thompson Larry D.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW

(Street)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017

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

(Middle)

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

ATLANTA, GA 30308

Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

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

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

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

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of

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) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	01/03/2017	A		1,423.0535		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	1,423.0

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thompson Larry D.
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW X
ATLANTA, GA 30308

## **Signatures**

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Larry D.

Thompson

01/04/2017

\*\*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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