SOUTHERN CO Form 4

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FORM 4

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Estimated average

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

WOMACK CHRISTOPHER C				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]					g	Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2017						(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & Pres. External Affairs				
	ATLANTA	(Street), GA 30308		4. If Ame Filed(Mor			te Original			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C Form filed by M Person	one Reporting Pe	erson	
	(City)	(State)	Tabl	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ov									
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution any		3. Transac Code (Instr. 8	8)	4. Securiti n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D) Frice	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)	
	Company Common Stock	02/14/2017			M		13,238	A	\$ 36.42	23,388.9576	D		
	Southern Company Common Stock	02/14/2017			F		11,056	D	\$ 48.59	12,332.9576	D		
	Southern Company Common Stock									1,787.0525	I	401K	

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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	of 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed		4. 5. Number of		6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and A		
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying S	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities			(Instr. 3 and 4
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)			
	Derivative				or Disposed of			
	Security				(D)			
				(Instr. 3, 4,				
				and 5)				
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
				Code V	(A) (D)			
				Couc v	(A) (D)			
Option								Southern
Right to								Company
_	\$ 36.42	02/14/2017		M	13,238	$02/19/2008^{(1)(2)}$	$02/19/2017^{(1)(2)}$	
Buy (1)								Common
(2)								Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WOMACK CHRISTOPHER C 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

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Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher C. 02/16/2017 Womack

> **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) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy exercise price and tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Options vested 33% per year on each anniversary of the February 19, 2007 grant date.

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