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March 16, 2006
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

March 16, 2006

| Commission | Registrant, State of Incorporation, | I.R.S. Employer |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <u>File Number</u> | <u>Address and Telephone Number</u> | <u>Identification No.</u> |
| 1-3526 | The Southern Company (A Delaware Corporation) 30 Ivan Allen, Jr. Blvd. NW Atlanta, Georgia 30308 (404) 506-5000 | 58-0690070 |

The address of the registrant has not changed since the last report.

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 16, 2006, a subsidiary of The Southern Company (Southern Company) entered into a development agreement with Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) to evaluate the potential construction of a new, two-unit nuclear plant at a jointly owned site in Cherokee County, South Carolina. If constructed, Southern Company would own an interest in Unit 1, representing approximately five hundred megawatts (500 MW). Duke will be the developer and licensed operator of any plant built at the site.

For additional information regarding Southern Company s nuclear development activities, see MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FUTURE EARNINGS POTENTIAL Construction Projects Nuclear in Item 7 of Southern Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 16, 2006

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

By /s/Patricia L. Roberts

Patricia L. Roberts

Assistant Secretary