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August 21, 2008  
UNITED STATES

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) August 13, 2008

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	<b>The Southern Company</b>  (A Delaware Corporation)  30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W.  Atlanta, Georgia 30308  (404) 506-5000	58-0690070

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

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Item 8.01. Other Events

On August 13, 2008, The Southern Company ( Southern ) entered into an Underwriting Agreement covering the issue and sale of \$600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its Series 2008A Floating Rate Senior Notes due August 20, 2010 (the Senior Notes ). The Senior Notes were registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), pursuant to the shelf registration statement (Registration Statement Nos. 333-138503, 333-138503-01 and 333-138503-02), as amended, of Southern.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

- 1.2 Underwriting Agreement relating to the Senior Notes, dated August 13, 2008, among Southern and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc., as the Underwriters.
- 4.2 Third Supplemental Indenture to the Senior Note Indenture dated as of August 21, 2008, providing for the issuance of the Senior Notes.
- 4.13 Form of Senior Note (included in Exhibit 4.2 above).
- 5.1 Opinion of Troutman Sanders LLP relating to the Senior Notes.
- 12.1 Computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges.

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: August 21, 2008

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

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By /s/Wayne Boston  
Wayne Boston  
Assistant Secretary