

SOUTHERN CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Pres. External Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 02/04/2016 | | M | | 12,557 | A | \$ 31.17 |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 02/04/2016 | | S | | 12,557 | D | \$ 48.3044 (1) |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 02/04/2016 | | S | | 3,078 | D | \$ 48.3044 (1) |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option Right To Buy ⁽²⁾ ₍₃₎ | \$ 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 |
| 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
Date: 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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