

SOUTHERN CO
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GARRETT MICHAEL D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
270 PEACHTREE STREET
(ATLANTA, GA 30303)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
SOUTHERN CO [SO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
[X] Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person
Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Security, 2. Transaction Date, 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 3. Transaction Code, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned, 6. Ownership Form, 7. Nature of Ownership. Includes sub-columns for 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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities.

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 32.7	02/21/2005	A	78,565					02/21/2006	02/21/2015	Southern Company Common Stock	78,565

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARRETT MICHAEL D 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303			President & CEO	

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney
in fact
Signature of Reporting Person

02/23/2005
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 tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Options Vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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