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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HINSON W RON			2. Issuer Name an Symbol SOUTHERN CO	d Ticker or Trading O [SO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest T	Transaction	(6.166)	an approuere)			
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW			(Month/Day/Year) 01/14/2013		Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Comptroller				
(Street) ATLANTA, GA 30308			4. If Amendment, D	ate Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
			Filed(Month/Day/Yea	ar)					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of	2. Transaction	Date 2A. Deen	ned 3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. 7. Natur			

(City)	(State) (Z	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)			ispose 4 and (A)	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Southern Company Common Stock (1)	01/14/2013		A	5,034	A	\$ 43.05	5,034	D		
Southern Company Common Stock (2)	01/14/2013		F	1,787	D	\$ 43.05	3,247	D		
Southern Company Common Stock							8,916.8913	I	By 401(K)	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code V	(II)				Dilaics		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HINSON W RON 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

Comptroller

01/15/2013

Signatures

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for W. Ron Hinson

**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) Shares acquired upon vesting of performance share units under Company's Performance Share Program.
- (2) Shares withheld under the terms of the Performance Share Program to satisfy required state and federal tax withholdings.

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