

SOUTHERN CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
02/14/2017

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 or Price | | |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 02/14/2017 | | M | | 13,238 A \$ 36.42 | D | |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 02/14/2017 | | F | | 11,056 D \$ 48.59 | D | |
| Southern Company Common Stock | | | | | | I | 401K |
| | | | | | 1,787.0525 | | |

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎ | \$ 36.42 | 02/14/2017 | | M | 13,238 | 02/19/2008 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 02/19/2017 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Southern Company Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| 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 02/16/2017

**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) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy exercise price and tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Options vested 33% per year on each anniversary of the February 19, 2007 grant date.

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