FANNING THOMAS A

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **FANNING THOMAS A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2018

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

President, CEO & Chairman

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

(Street)

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

Applicable Line)

below)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	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
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	01/19/2018		A		122.806		(2)	(2)	Southern Company Common Stock	122.806

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FANNING THOMAS A 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

President, CEO & Chairman

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-fact for Thomas A. Fanning

01/22/2018

**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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Southern Company common stock or the cash value thereof. Includes phantom stock units acquired as if reinvested in the dividend reinvestment plan. There is no exercise or expiration date.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of Mr. Fanning's employment with The Southern Company. Mr. Fanning may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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