

SOUTHERN CO  
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 \*  
HUDSON W DEAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
270 PEACHTREE STREET  
(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30303

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/16/2005

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)  
Comptroller

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005		M		11,463 A \$ 25.26	11,463	D
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005		S		11,463 D \$ 35.80	0	D
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005		M		11,463 A \$ 25.26	22,926	D

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Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005	S	11,463	D	\$ 35.96	11,463	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005	M	8,611	A	\$ 29.5	31,537	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005	S	8,611	D	\$ 35.97	22,926	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005	M	13,545	A	\$ 27.98	45,082	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005	S	13,545	D	\$ 35.96	31,537	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005	M	9,589	A	\$ 22.43	54,671	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2005	S	9,589	D	\$ 35.8	45,082	D	
Southern Company Common Stock						2,684.36	I	By 401(k)
Southern Company Common Stock						686.6	I	By ESOP

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)

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy	\$ 29.5	09/16/2005		M	8,611	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	8,611
Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 22.43	09/16/2005		M	9,589	04/16/2002	04/16/2011	Southern Company Common Stock	9,589
Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 25.26	09/16/2005		M	22,926	02/15/2003	02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	22,926
Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 27.98	09/16/2005		M	13,545	02/14/2004	02/14/2013	Southern Company Common Stock	13,545

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HUDSON W DEAN 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303			Comptroller	

## Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact  
Date: 09/19/2005

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 tax withholding obligations.

(2) Options Vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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