

SOUTHERN CO  
Form 4  
February 23, 2005

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EVANS DWIGHT H

(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)

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  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Executive Vice President

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**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                                                 | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |        |     |                     |                    |                                        |                                     |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
|                                                            |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                                | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |  |
| Option<br>Right to<br>Buy <sup>(1)</sup><br><sub>(2)</sub> | \$ 32.7                            | 02/21/2005       | A          |                                                                  | 46,061 |     | 02/21/2006          | 02/21/2015         | Southern<br>Company<br>Common<br>Stock | 46,061                              |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|
|                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                    |
| EVANS DWIGHT H<br>270 PEACHTREE STREET<br>ATLANTA, GA 30303 |               |           |         | Executive Vice President |

## Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney  
in fact

02/23/2005

                     \*\*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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