SOUTHERN CO Form 4

September 03, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAMES DONALD M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/02/2008

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

ATLANTA, GA 30308

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (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	2.	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	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr 8)	Acquired (A) or		

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	Derivative Security			Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)				
			Code V	(A)	(D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	09/02/2008	A	412.999	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common	412.999

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JAMES DONALD M 30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW X ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Donald M. James

09/03/2008

**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) Acquired pursuant to Southern's Deferred Compensation Plan, payable in stock only upon termination. There is no exercise or expiration date.

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