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## FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement SOUTHERN CO [SO] A Day, IV Edward (Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., (Check all applicable) NW (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting President and CEO, MPC Person ATLANTA, GAÂ 30308 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Southern Company Common Stock 4,390.6251 I 401K Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option Right to Buy	02/18/2006	02/18/2015	Southern Company Common Stock	21,868	\$ 32.7	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/20/2007	02/20/2016	Southern Company Common Stock	20,525	\$ 33.81	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/19/2008	02/19/2017	Southern Company Common Stock	21,589	\$ 36.42	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/18/2009	02/18/2018	Southern Company Common Stock	25,221	\$ 35.78	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/16/2010	02/16/2019	Southern Company Common Stock	47,434	\$ 31.39	D	Â
Option Right To Buy	02/15/2011	02/15/2020	Southern Company Common Stock	42,474	\$ 31.17	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Day, IV Edward 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308	Â	Â	President and CEO, MPC	Â	

### **Signatures**

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Edward
Day, VI
08/16/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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