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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW

(Street)

(First)

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

01/01/2016

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 8)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities Acquired

(A) or Disposed of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security		(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	01/01/2016	A		1,335.7555		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common	1,335.7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Donald M.

James 01/04/2016

**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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