SOUTHERN CO Form 4

February 22, 2016

FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Connally Stan W

(Middle) (Last) (First)

(Street)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD

ATLANTA, GA 30308

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

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

02/19/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

President & CEO, Gulf Power Co 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

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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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

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

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	02/19/2016		A		21.2888		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	21.2888

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Connally Stan W 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA, GA 30308

President & CEO, Gulf Power Co

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Stan W.
Connally
02/22/2016

**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) Includes phantom stock units acquired as if reinvested in the dividend reinvestment plan. There is no exercise or expiration date.

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