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1(b).											
(Print or Type Respo	nses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BLAKE FRANCIS S			Symbol	er Name an HERN CO		Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)						eck all applicabl	k all applicable)		
270 PEACHTREE STREET			(Month/I 12/30/2	Day/Year) 2004			X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
(Street)				endment, D nth/Day/Yea	-	1	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
ATLANTA, GA	30303						Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	ansaction Date hth/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Reminder: Report or	n a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially ow	ned 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	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onof	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivati
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities			(Instr. 5

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	Derivative Security				Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5)	sed 3, 4,					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	12/30/2004	А		250		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	250	\$ 33.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BLAKE FRANCIS S 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303	Х							
Signatures								
By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorn Fact for	ey in	01	/03/2005	5				

**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.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.