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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

270 PEACHTREE STREET

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

(Instr. 8)

04/01/2005

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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 30303

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

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

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

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

(9-02)

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| | Derivative Security | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|---|----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 0 | 04/01/2005 | A | | 127.3834 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Southern Company Common Stock | 127.3834 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| JAMES DONALD M 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact 04/01/2005

**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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