#### SMITH RANKIN M JR

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## FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH RANKIN M JR |                              |                  | Symbol                     | FIDELITY SOUTHERN CORP  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) |   |  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  3490 PIEDMONT ROAD, SUITE 1550     |                              |                  | (Month/Day                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2012   |  | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)    |   |  |
| ATLANTA, O  | (Street) GA 30305            |                  | 4. If Amend<br>Filed(Month | dment, Date Original<br>h/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 |  |   |  |
| (City)  | (State)                      | (Zip)            | Table 1                    | I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac  | quired, Disposed of,   | or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                        | 2. Transactio<br>(Month/Day/ | Year) Exe<br>any | ecution Date, if           | 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)                 | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |
| Fidelity Southern Corporation - Common Stock                |                              |                  |                            |   | 306  | I  | By<br>Spouse  |  |
| Fidelity Southern Corporation - Common Stock                |                              |                  |                            |   | 224,543.3872   | D  |   |  |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration Date U |                    | 7. Title and Amount o<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of Sl |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 6.15   | 01/19/2012                           |   | A                                      | 10,000   | 01/19/2013(1)     | 01/19/2017         | Fidelity<br>Southern<br>Corporation<br>- Common<br>Stock           | 10,0                      |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 4.6  |                                      |   |  |  | 07/22/2009(2)     | 07/22/2013         | Fidelity Southern Corporation - Common Stock                       | 1,0                       |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |
| SMITH RANKIN M JR<br>3490 PIEDMONT ROAD<br>SUITE 1550<br>ATLANTA, GA 30305 | X             |           |         |       |  |

# **Signatures**

Barbara McNeill, Attorney in Fact for Rankin M.
Smith, Jr.
01/23/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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### **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) Exercisable: 1/3 on 1/19/13; 1/3 on 1/19/14; 1/3 on 1/19/15
- (2) Exercisable: 1/3 on 7/22/09; 1/3 on 7/22/10; 1/3 on 7/22/11

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