

MCCRARY CHARLES D  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MCCRARY CHARLES D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SOUTHERN CO [SO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/03/2010**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO, APC**

(Street)  
**ATLANTA, GA 30308**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010		M		71,424	A	\$ 29.5
					72,609.567	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010		S		300	D	\$ 34.7
					72,309.567	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010		S		3,424	D	\$ 34.71
					68,885.567	D	

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Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	5,900	D	\$ 34.72	62,985.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	7,100	D	\$ 34.72	55,885.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	100	D	\$ 34.745	55,785.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	16,900	D	\$ 34.74	38,885.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	10,400	D	\$ 34.75	28,485.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	1,200	D	\$ 34.76	27,285.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	2,300	D	\$ 34.77	24,985.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	4,800	D	\$ 34.78	20,185.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	6,200	D	\$ 34.79	13,985.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	4,500	D	\$ 34.8	9,485.567	D
Southern Company Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	3,200	D	\$ 34.81	6,285.567	D
	05/03/2010	S	3,100	D	\$ 34.82	3,185.567	D

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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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 29.5	05/03/2010	05/03/2010	M	71,424	02/13/2005 02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	71,424	

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCCRARY CHARLES D  
30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW  
ATLANTA, GA 30308

President & CEO, APC

## Signatures

/s/Patricia L. Roberts Attorney in Fact for Charles D.  
McCrary

05/04/2010

\_\_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) Options vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date. Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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