

SOUTHERN CO  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Daiss Ann P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/19/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Southern Company Common Stock   | 01/19/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 8,907 A \$ 35.78  | 11,899   | D   |
| Southern Company Common Stock   | 01/19/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 8,907 D \$ 47.78  | 2,992  | D   |
| Southern Company Common Stock   |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 2,847.9709   | I 401K  |

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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       | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Date<br>Exercisable      Expiration<br>Date              | Title   | Number<br>of<br>Shares        |
| Option Right to Buy (1) (2) (3)            | \$ 35.78   | 01/19/2016                           |  | M                              | 8,907                                    | 02/18/2009      02/18/2018                               | Southern Company Common Stock                                 | 8,907                         |

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer     | Other |
| Daiss Ann P<br>30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW<br>ATLANTA, GA 30308 |               |           | Comptroller |       |

### Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Ann P.  
Daiss 01/20/2016

                     \*\*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) Options vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.  
(2) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.  
(3) Options were exercised and shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan.

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