

Kuczynski Stephen E
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Kuczynski Stephen E

(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)
 05/23/2018

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)
 Pres. & CEO, Southern Nuclear

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 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. De |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Southern Co Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 05/23/2018 | A | 40,920 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Southern Company Common Stock | 40,920 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kuczynski Stephen E 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308 | | | Pres. & CEO, Southern Nuclear | |

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen E. Kuczynski
 05/25/2018
 __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).
- Restricted stock unit (RSU) award designed to retain critical talent through completion of Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 in accordance with the schedule approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission in December 2017. The RSU award will vest 20% each year for five (1) years, on December 31 of each year, beginning December 31, 2018. Vesting will be accelerated if the fuel load authorization for Unit 3 and Unit 4 is received from U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission before December 31, 2022. Additional units will be acquired with deemed dividends. Shares will be withheld upon vesting to satisfy tax requirements.

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