

Dearman Andrew J
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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 *
 Dearman Andrew J

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)
 270 PEACHTREE STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/27/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. Vice President

(Street)
 ATLANTA, GA 30303

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Southern Company Common Stock	04/27/2005		M		23,551	A	\$ 19.08	23,628.21	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	04/27/2005		S		23,551	D	\$ 33	77.21	D	
Southern Company Common Stock								13.17	I	As Custodian For Children

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Southern Company Common Stock	6,451.46	I	By 401(k)
Southern Company Common Stock	3,053.2	I	By ESOP

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Option Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 19.08	04/27/2005		M	23,551	02/16/2002	02/16/2011	Southern Company Common Stock	23,551

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dearman Andrew J 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303			Sr. Vice President	

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact
04/28/2005

__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) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
 - (2) Options Vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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