

BOWERS WILLIAM P  
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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 \*  
BOWERS WILLIAM P

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  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/01/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008		M		46,181	A	\$ 27.98
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008		S		46,181	D	\$ 37.01
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008		M		52,052	A	\$ 29.5
					52,052	D	

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Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008	S	52,052	D	\$ 37.01	0	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008	M	50,046	A	\$ 25.26	50,046	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008	S	50,046	D	\$ 37.01	0	D	
Southern Company Common Stock						9,663.2382	I	By 401(K)

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> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 29.5	02/01/2008		M	52,052	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	52,052
Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 25.26	02/01/2008		M	50,046	02/15/2003	02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	50,046
Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 27.98	02/01/2008		M	46,181	02/14/2004	02/14/2013	Southern Company Common	46,181

(2)

Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWERS WILLIAM P 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in Fact for William P.  
Bowers

02/04/2008

\*\*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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