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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

RATCLIFF	Symbol SOUTH	Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]				Issuer (Charle all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)			
270 PEACH		(Month/Day/Year) 06/28/2005				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President, CEO & Chairman				
	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
ATLANTA	, GA 30303						_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securit on(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	d of (D)	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)	
Southern Company Common Stock	06/28/2005		M	63,462	, ,	\$ 19.08	67,061.24	D		
Southern Company Common Stock	06/28/2005		S	63,462	D	\$ 34.85	3,599.24	D		
Southern Company Common Stock							8,071.07	I	By 401(k)	

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Southern Company Common

Stock

957.11

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy (1) (2)	\$ 19.08	06/28/2005		M	63,462	02/16/2002	02/16/2011	Southern Company Common Stock	63,462

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RATCLIFFE DAVID M 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303	X		President, CEO & Chairman				

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact 06/29/2005

**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.

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(2) Options Vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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