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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(b).

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Kuczynski Stephen E | | | 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) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| 30 IVAN ALI | LEN JR. BL | VD., NW | (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2019 | Director 10% Owner Selection of the control of t | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| ATLANTA, GA 30308 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y 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) | (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | 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 (1) | 02/13/2019 | | M M | Amount 3,363 | A | \$ 0 | 86,298.1563 | D | |
| Southern Company Common Stock (2) | 02/13/2019 | | F | 1,526 | D | \$ 49.22 | 84,772.1563 | D | |

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. Transactio 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) | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/13/2019 | | M | 3,054 | (3) | (3) | Southern Company Common Stock | 3,054 | |

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/ Marcia R. DeMar, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen E. Kuczynski

02/15/2019

**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) Shares acquired upon vesting of second 1/3 of performance restricted stock units granted on February 13, 2017. The Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 13, 2018. Includes 309 accrued dividend equivalent units.
- (2) Shares withheld to satisfy required state and federal tax withholding requirements.
- Represents performance restricted stock units granted on February 13, 2017. The remaining portion of the award will vest in 2020. Each performance restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, at settlement, one share of common stock. Additional units will be acquired with deemed dividends. Shares will be withheld upon vesting to satisfy tax requirements.

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