

James Anthony R  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â James Anthony R  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR.  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

ATLANTA,Â GAÂ 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
12/12/2005

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SOUTHERN CO [SO]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Southern Company Common Stock

72.89

D

Â

Southern Company Common Stock

12,939.11

I

By 401(k)

Southern Company Common Stock

556.6

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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying

4. Conversion

5. Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
Option Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	02/15/2003	02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	33,490	\$ 25.26	D	Â
Option Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	02/14/2004	02/14/2013	Southern Company Common Stock	32,015	\$ 27.98	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	31,435	\$ 29.5	D	Â
Option Right to Buy	02/18/2006	02/18/2015	Southern Company Common Stock	31,709	\$ 32.7	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
James Anthony R 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BOULEVARD ATLANTA, GA 30308	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney  
in fact 12/20/2005

                    Signature of Reporting Person

                    Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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