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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PURCELL J NEAL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Month/Day/Year)

03/01/2006

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. **BOULEVARD**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

(Street)

(State)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. P Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Der Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Ins	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	3
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2006		A		681.35		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	681.35	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PURCELL J NEAL
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BOULEVARD X
ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact 03/01/2006

**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) Acquired pursuant to Southern's Deferred Compensation Plan, payable in stock only upon termination. There is no exercise or expiration date.

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