

MILLER JAMES H III  
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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 \*  
 MILLER JAMES H III

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/16/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO, So Nuclear

ATLANTA, GA 30308  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2008		M		12,611	A	\$ 25.26
Southern Company Common Stock	09/16/2008		S		12,611	D	\$ 38.33
Southern Company Common Stock							4,945.0478
						I	401(K)

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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
Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> <sub>(3)</sub>	\$ 25.26	09/16/2008		M	12,611	02/15/2003 02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	12,611

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MILLER JAMES H III 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA, GA 30308			President & CEO, So Nuclear	

## Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for James H. Miller, III 09/17/2008

\_\_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) Options vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (3) Options were exercised and shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan.

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