Greene Kimberly S, Form 4 February 14, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Greene Kimberly S,	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	(
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD	(Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2018	Director 10% Owner Self-cert (give title Other (specify below) EVP & COO, Southern Co.			
(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) Tabl	e I - Non-E	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, 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 or(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Southern Company Common Stock (1)	02/12/2018		Code V	Amount 3,378	(D)	Price \$ 0	(Instr. 3 and 4) 35,109.3653	D	
Southern Company Common Stock (2)	02/12/2018		F	1,035	D	\$ 44.68	34,074.3653	D	
Southern Company Common Stock (3)	02/12/2018		A	26,351	A	\$ 0	60,425.3653	D	

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Southern Company

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Common Stock (2)

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 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	02/12/2018		M	3,231	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	3,231

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Greene Kimberly S, 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA, GA 30308

EVP & COO, Southern Co.

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Kimberly S.

02/14/2018 Greene

> Date **Signature of Reporting Person

2 Reporting Owners

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 first 1/3 of performance restricted stock units granted on February 13, 2017. The Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018. Includes 147 accrued dividend equivalent units.
- (2) Shares withheld to satisfy required state and federal tax withholding requirements.
- Shares acquired upon vesting of performance share units under Company's Performance Share Program for the 2015-2017 award. The
- (3) Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018. Includes accrued dividend equivalent units.
- Represents performance restricted stock units granted on February 13, 2017. The Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018 and the first 1/3 vested. The remaining award will vest 1/3 in 2019 and 1/3 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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