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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *_ Lantrip Mark	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW	(Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2018	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specification) below) President & CEO, SCS			
(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 Acq	Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

(City)	(State) (A	Table Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired for(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Southern			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Company Common Stock (1)	02/12/2018		M	2,359	A	\$ 0	8,470.026	D	
Southern Company Common Stock (2)	02/12/2018		F	776	D	\$ 44.68	7,694.026	D	
Southern Company Common Stock (3)	02/12/2018		A	14,633	A	\$0	22,327.026	D	

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Southern

Company Common 02/12/2018 F 4,438 D \$ 17,889.026 D

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 proof 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	2,256	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	2,256

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lantrip Mark

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW President & CEO, SCS

ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark
Lantrip 02/14/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 103 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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