

Crosswhite Mark A.  
Form 4  
March 13, 2018

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Crosswhite Mark A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

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

03/09/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President & CEO, APC

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 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	(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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/09/2018	A	4,270.1154					<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Southern Company Common Stock	4,270.1

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Crosswhite Mark A. 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA, GA 30308			President & CEO, APC	

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa K. Caen, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A.  
Crosswhite

03/13/2018

\_\_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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Southern Company common stock or the cash value thereof. Includes phantom stock units acquired as if reinvested in the dividend reinvestment plan. There is no exercise or expiration date.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of Mr. Crosswhite's employment with The Southern Company. Mr. Crosswhite may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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