

SOUTHERN CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Dearman Andrew J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

270 PEACHTREE STREET

(Street)

ATLANTA,Â GAÂ 30303

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/16/2005

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOUTHERN CO [SO]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Sr. Vice President

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

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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Southern Company Common Stock

77.21

D

Â

Southern Company Common Stock

13.17

I

As Custodian For Children

Southern Company Common Stock

6,451.46

I

By 401(k) ⁽¹⁾

Southern Company Common Stock

3,053.2

I

By ESOP ⁽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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying

4. Conversion

5. Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial

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	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Option Right to Buy ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u>	02/16/2002	02/16/2011	Southern Company Common Stock	23,551	\$ 19.08	D	Â
Option Right to Buy ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u>	04/16/2002	04/16/2011	Southern Company Common Stock	22,285	\$ 22.43	D	Â
Option Right to Buy ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u>	02/15/2003	02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	27,416	\$ 25.26	D	Â
Option Right to Buy ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u>	02/14/2004	02/14/2013	Southern Company Common Stock	24,605	\$ 27.98	D	Â
Option Right to Buy ⁽³⁾ <u>(4)</u>	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	23,655	\$ 29.5	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dearman Andrew J 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303	Â	Â	Â Sr. Vice President	Â

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney
in fact 02/18/2005

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 are held in trust under the Employee Savings Plan, a tax qualified plan.

(2) Shares are held in trust under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan, a tax qualified plan.

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- (3) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (4) Options Vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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