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Section 16. SECURITIES Durden hours per response Form 4 or Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section see Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940										
(Print or Type F	Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> GORDON BRUCE S			Symbol	er Name an		or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Least)			HERN CO			(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 270 PEACHTREE STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year)07/01/2005				X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)			
(Street)			4. 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 				
ATLANTA	, GA 30303						Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Day	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Dispose (Instr. 3	(A) or d of (D) , 4 and 5) (A) or	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)	
Reminder: Rep	ort on a separate line	e for each cla	uss of sec	urities bene	-	-	or indirectly. spond to the colle	otion of	SEC 1474	
					infor requ	mation con ired to resp lays a curre	tained in this form ond unless the fo ently valid OMB co	n are not rm	(9-02)	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pric
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired			(Instr.

	Derivative Security				(A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	07/01/2005	А		23.86		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	23.86	\$ 34

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GORDON BRUCE S 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303	Х			
Signatures				
By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorne in fact	сy	07/05/2	005	
** 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) Acquired pursuant to Southern's Deferred Compensation Plan, payable in stock only upon termination. There is no exercise or expiration date.

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