

MARTIN C ALAN
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MARTIN C ALAN

(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)
05/12/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Pres & CEO, SCS

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Southern Company Common Stock	05/12/2010		M		39,838 A \$ 29.5	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	05/12/2010		S		2,500 D \$ 35.02	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	05/12/2010		S		7,838 D \$ 35.03	D	

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Southern Company Common Stock	05/12/2010	S	24,500	D	\$ 35.04	6,691.0971	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	05/12/2010	S	2,800	D	\$ 35.05	3,891.0971	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	05/12/2010	S	2,200	D	\$ 35.1	1,691.0971	D	
Southern Company Common Stock						4,620.3831	I	By 401(K)

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. Transaction 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Option Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 29.5	05/12/2010		M	39,838	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	39,838

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
				Pres & CEO, SCS

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ATLANTA, GA 30308

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for C. Alan
Martin

05/13/2010

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

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