

MCCRARY CHARLES D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
 MCCRARY CHARLES D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/11/2011

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

President & CEO, APC

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Southern Company Common Stock	05/11/2011		M		159,975	A	\$ 31.39
Southern Company Common Stock	05/11/2011		S		159,975	D	\$ 39.8788
Southern Company Common Stock	05/11/2011		M		77,648	A	\$ 31.17
							161,221.2657
							1,246.2657
							78,894.2657

Southern Company Common Stock 05/11/2011 S 77,648 D \$ 39.8788 1,246.2657 D

Southern Company Common Stock 4,687.423 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 31.39	05/11/2011		M	159,975	02/16/2010 02/16/2019	Southern Company Common Stock 159,975
Option Right To Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 31.17	05/11/2011		M	77,648	02/15/2011 02/15/2020	Southern Company Common Stock 77,648

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MCCRARY CHARLES D 30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW ATLANTA, GA 30308	President & CEO, APC

## Signatures

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles D.  
McCrary

05/12/2011

\_\_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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