SOUTHERN CO

Form 4

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** RATCLIFFE DAVID M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			SOUTHERN CO [SO]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
270 PEACHTREE STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2005	X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President, CEO & Chairman		

(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

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30303

(City)	(State)	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative (Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 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)	
Southern Company Common Stock	09/09/2005		Code V M	Amount 89,232	(D)	Price \$ 22.43	92,911.19	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	09/09/2005		S	89,232	D	\$ 35.53	3,679.19	D	
Southern Company Common Stock							9,931.94	I	By 401(k)

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Southern Company Common

1,127.51

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Stock

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	vative Expiration Date rities (Month/Day/Year) uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy (1) (2)	\$ 22.43	09/09/2005		M	89,232	2 04/16/2002	04/16/2011	Southern Company Common Stock	89,232

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RATCLIFFE DAVID M 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303	X		President, CEO & Chairman				

Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact 09/12/2005

**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) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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(2) Options Vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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