

James Anthony R  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â James Anthony R		(Month/Day/Year)	SOUTHERN CO [SO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/12/2005	
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BOULEVARD			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
ATLANTA,Â GAÂ 30308			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Executive Vice President	

**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	72.89	D	Â
Southern Company Common Stock	12,939.11	I	By 401(k)
Southern Company Common Stock	556.6	I	By ESOP

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 (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
02/15/2003	02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	33,490	\$ 25.26	D	Â
02/14/2004	02/14/2013	Southern Company Common Stock	32,015	\$ 27.98	D	Â
02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	31,435	\$ 29.5	D	Â
02/18/2006	02/18/2015	Southern Company Common Stock	31,709	\$ 32.7	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
James Anthony R 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BOULEVARD ATLANTA, GA 30308	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in fact  
Date: 12/20/2005

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

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

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