JAMES DONALD M Form 4

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## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

JAMES DONALD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW

(Street)

(State)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/02/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

6. Ownership Form: Direct (Instr. 4)

Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	04/02/2012	A		380.5747		(1)	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	380.5747

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JAMES DONALD M
30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD. NW X

30 IVAN ALLEN JR BLVD, NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

## **Signatures**

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Donald M.
James 04/02/2012

\*\*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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