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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								N OMB Number:	3235-028		
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Form 5 obligations may continue <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b).	e. Section 17(a) of the H	to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, he Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section (h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940								
(Print or Type Resp	ponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Specker Steven R.			Symbol	er Name an		r Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(1+)	(HERN CO			(Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/03/2017				_X_Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)				
(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 					
ATLANTA, G	A 30308						Person		eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-J	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	Fransaction Date onth/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	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)		
Reminder: Report	on a separate line	for each cla	ass of sec			. ,	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or		

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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	04/03/2017	А		703.0936		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	703.0936

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Specker Steven R. 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308	Х							
Signatures								
/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fac Specker		04/03/2017						

**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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