#### **BOWERS WILLIAM P**

Form 4

February 04, 2008

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BOWERS WILLIAM P		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]					0	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	(Check all applicable) Earliest Transaction					)			
30 IVAN A	LLEN JR. BLV	D. NW	(Month/D 02/01/20	-	)				DirectorX Officer (give below) Executi		Owner r (specify	
				I. 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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Noi	n-D	erivative S	Securi		ired, Disposed of	. or Beneficial	v Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	e) Execution any		3.	ctio	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	ies Ac sposed	quired 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	
Company Common Stock	02/01/2008			M		46,181	A	\$ 27.98	46,181	D		
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008			S		46,181	D	\$ 37.01	0	D		
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008			M		52,052	A	\$ 29.5	52,052	D		

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Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008	S	52,052	D	\$ 37.01	0	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008	M	50,046	A	\$ 25.26	50,046	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	02/01/2008	S	50,046	D	\$ 37.01	0	D	
Southern Company Common Stock						9,663.2382	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ctionDerivative Securities 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	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)	\$ 29.5	02/01/2008		M		52,052	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	52,052
Option Right to Buy (1) (2)	\$ 25.26	02/01/2008		M		50,046	02/15/2003	02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	50,046
Option Right to Buy (1)	\$ 27.98	02/01/2008		M		46,181	02/14/2004	02/14/2013	Southern Company Common	46,181

(2) Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOWERS WILLIAM P 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

**Executive Vice President** 

### **Signatures**

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in Fact for William P. Bowers

02/04/2008

\*\*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.
- (2) Options vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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