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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). 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 Resp	ponses)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SMITH WILLIAM G JR			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) 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2008			X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
(Street) ATLANTA, GA 30308			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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Securities .	Acquired, Disposed	of. or Beneficia	llv Owned
	Transaction Date onth/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	ed Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Secur onAcquire Dispose	ities d (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect
						(D) Price			
Reminder: Report	on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	-	-	-	ation of	SEC 1474
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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	TransactionDerivative		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	\$ O	04/01/2008	А		432.1469		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	432.1469

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SMITH WILLIAM G JR 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308	Х							
Signatures								
Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney in Fact Smith	04	4/03/2008						

**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) 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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