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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ac Kuczynski S	•	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	SOUTHERN CO [SO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW			(Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specifically) below) Pres. & CEO, Southern Nuclear			
	(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			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Southern Company Common Stock (1)	02/12/2018		Code V M	Amount 3,194	(D)	Price \$ 0	(Instr. 3 and 4) 41,035.1563	D	
Southern Company Common Stock (2)	02/12/2018		F	1,005	D	\$ 44.68	40,030.1563	D	
Southern Company Common Stock (3)	02/12/2018		A	32,942	A	\$ 0	72,972.1563	D	

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Southern

Stock (2)

Company 02/12/2018 Common

F 12,065 D

\$ 60,907.1563

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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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Performance Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/12/2018		M	3,055	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Southern Company Common Stock	3,055

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kuczynski Stephen E 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

Pres. & CEO, Southern Nuclear

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen E. Kuczynski

02/14/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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) Shares acquired upon vesting of first 1/3 of performance restricted stock units granted on February 13, 2017. The Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018. Includes 139 accrued dividend equivalent units.
- (2) Shares withheld to satisfy required state and federal tax withholding requirements.
 - Shares acquired upon vesting of performance share units under Company's Performance Share Program for the 2015-2017 award. The
- (3) Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018. Includes accrued dividend equivalent units.
- Represents performance restricted stock units granted on February 13, 2017. The Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018 and the first 1/3 vested. The remaining award will vest 1/3 in 2019 and 1/3 in 2020. Each
- performance restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, at settlement, one share of common stock. Additional units will be acquired with deemed dividends. Shares will be withheld upon vesting to satisfy tax requirements.

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