FANNING THOMAS A

Form 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

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)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

FANNING THOMAS A

(First) (Middle)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/12/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

President, CEO & Chairman

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)

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Owned Following Reported

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

Securities Beneficially Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

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

Execution Date, if any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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

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

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(Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Price of Derivative Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and Security 5) Code V **Expiration Title** (A) (D) Date Amount or Exercisable Date Number of Shares Southern Phantom Company \$ 0 (1) (2) (2) Stock 10/12/2018 A 125.2293 125.2293 Common Units Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FANNING THOMAS A 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD. NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

President, CEO & Chairman

Date

Signatures

Marcia R. DeMar, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas A. Fanning

**Signature of Reporting Person

10/15/2018

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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Southern Company common stock or the cash value thereof. Includes phantom stock units acquired as if reinvested in the dividend reinvestment plan. There is no exercise or expiration date.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of Mr. Fanning's employment with The Southern Company. Mr. Fanning may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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