

Kerr, II James Y
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Kerr, II James Y

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SOUTHERN CO [SO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP & General Counsel

ATLANTA, GA 30308

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Southern Company Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/13/2018 | | M | | 707 A \$ 0 | 21,105 | D |
| Southern Company Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | 02/13/2018 | | F | | 323 D \$ 44.62 | 20,782 | D |

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. Transaction 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Southern Co Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/13/2018 | | M | 677 | <u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u> | Southern Company Common Stock | 677 \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kerr, II James Y 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308 | | | Executive VP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for James Y. Kerr II 02/14/2018

**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) Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) award was granted on February 13, 2017. On February 13, 2018, 677 RSUs and 30 dividend equivalent units vested.
- (2) Shares withheld to satisfy required state and federal tax withholding requirements.

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