

SOUTHERN CO  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Dearman Andrew J		(Month/Day/Year)	SOUTHERN CO [SO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		02/16/2005		
270 PEACHTREE STREET			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
	(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
ATLANTA,Â GAÂ 30303			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			Sr. Vice President	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Southern Company Common Stock	77.21	D	Â
Southern Company Common Stock	13.17	I	As Custodian For Children
Southern Company Common Stock	6,451.46	I	By 401(k) <sup>(1)</sup>
Southern Company Common Stock	3,053.2	I	By ESOP <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Option Right to Buy</u> <sup>(3)</sup> <u>(4)</u>	02/16/2002	02/16/2011	Southern Company Common Stock	23,551	\$ 19.08	D	Â
<u>Option Right to Buy</u> <sup>(3)</sup> <u>(4)</u>	04/16/2002	04/16/2011	Southern Company Common Stock	22,285	\$ 22.43	D	Â
<u>Option Right to Buy</u> <sup>(3)</sup> <u>(4)</u>	02/15/2003	02/15/2012	Southern Company Common Stock	27,416	\$ 25.26	D	Â
<u>Option Right to Buy</u> <sup>(3)</sup> <u>(4)</u>	02/14/2004	02/14/2013	Southern Company Common Stock	24,605	\$ 27.98	D	Â
<u>Option Right to Buy</u> <sup>(3)</sup> <u>(4)</u>	02/13/2005	02/13/2014	Southern Company Common Stock	23,655	\$ 29.5	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dearman Andrew J 270 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303	Â	Â	Â Sr. Vice President	Â

## Signatures

By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney  
in fact 02/18/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 are held in trust under the Employee Savings Plan, a tax qualified plan.

(2) Shares are held in trust under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan, a tax qualified plan.

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- (3) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (4) Options Vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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