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December 12, 2007  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

December 7, 2007

**Commission**  
**File Number**

**Registrant, State of Incorporation,**  
**Address And Telephone Number**

**I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.**

1-3526

**The Southern Company**

58-0690070

(A Delaware Corporation)

30 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, N.W.

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The address of the registrant has not changed since the last report.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 7, 2007, the Board of Directors of The Southern Company elected two new members, Jon A. Boscia and Warren A. Hood, Jr., effective December 7, 2007. Mr. Boscia served as chairman and chief executive officer of Lincoln Financial Group from 2001 until his retirement in September 2007. Mr. Hood is chairman and chief executive officer of Hood Companies.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 12, 2007

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

By /s/Patricia L. Roberts

Patricia L. Roberts

Assistant Secretary