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(Print or Type Responses)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2016	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO, Gulf Power Co			
4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2016 4. If Amendment, Date Original			

<i>'</i>					Person				
(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui			ired, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired tion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Southern Company Common Stock	08/01/2016		M	14,392	A	\$ 31.39	17,716	D	
Southern Company Common Stock	08/01/2016		S	14,392	D	\$ 53.75	3,324	D	
Southern Company Common Stock							9,369.0204	I	By 401(k) Trust

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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy (1) (2)	\$ 31.39	08/01/2016		M	14,39	2 02/16/2010	02/16/2019	Southern Company Common Stock	14,392

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Connally Stan W 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA, GA 30308

President & CEO, Gulf Power Co

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Stan W. Connally

Date

08/02/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

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

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