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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Evans Andrew W 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

SOUTHERN CO [SO]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

00/20/2016

____ Director ____ 10% Owner ____ X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

09/29/2016

below) below)

Pres & CEO, Southern Co. Gas

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities
Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or
any Code Disposed of (D)
(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Owners Form: Dir Beneficially (D) or Ind Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported
Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price (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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. | 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------|----|--|-----|---------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Southern Co. Performance Stock Units Holding | \$ 0 | 09/29/2016 | | A(1) | | 84,350 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Southern Company Common Stock | 84,350 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Evans Andrew W 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308

Pres & CEO, Southern Co. Gas

Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Andrew W. Evans

10/03/2016

**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) A portion of the award will vest on July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019. The remaining portion of the award will vest based upon achievement of performance goals for the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

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