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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Southern Company

Common Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Kerr, II James Y Issuer Symbol SOUTHERN CO [SO] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW 10/20/2017 below) Executive VP & General Counsel (Street) 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 ATLANTA, GA 30308 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Southern Company 25,000 A 10/20/2017 M 26,000 D Common Stock Southern Company 10/20/2017 S 25,000 D 1,000 D Common Stock

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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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option Right to Buy (1) (2) (3)	\$ 42.16	10/20/2017		M	25,00	0 03/10/2015	03/10/2024	Southern Company Common Stock	25,000	

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

10/24/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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 were exercised and shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) Options vest 33% per year on the anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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