

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 BARANCO JUANITA P			(Month/Day/Year)		SOUTHERN CO [SO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/22/2006		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
SOUTHERN COMPANY,Â 30					5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD						
(Street)					(Check all applicable)	
ATLANTA,Â GAÂ 30308					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
					<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**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)
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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 (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of Shares			

(Instr. 5)

Deferred Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	^ <sup>(1)</sup>	^ <sup>(1)</sup>	Southern Company common stock	3,392.98 <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ <sup>(1)</sup>	D	^
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARANCO JUANITA P SOUTHERN COMPANY 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD ATLANTA, GA 30308	^ X	^	^	^

## Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/27/2006

<sup>\_\_</sup>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) Units acquired under the Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors are payable in Southern Company common stock after termination from the Board.
- (2) Includes units acquired as if dividends reinvested.

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