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| subject to<br>Section 16.<br>Form 4 or                               | SIAIEN                              | MENT OF  |   | GES IN<br>SECUF                                  |                         | FICIAL O  | WNERSHIP OF  | Estimated<br>burden hou<br>response                                  | average<br>urs per  | 2005<br>0.5 |
| Form 5<br>obligations<br>may continu<br><i>See</i> Instruct<br>1(b). | ue. Section 17(                     | (a) of the Pu                                    | ıblic Uti   | ility Hol  | ding Co                 |   | nge Act of 1934,<br>t of 1935 or Secti<br>1940   |  |   |             |
| (Print or Type Res   | sponses)                            |  |   |  |                         |   |  |  |   |             |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u><br>PURCELL J NEAL   |                                     |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>SOUTHERN CO [SO] |  |                         |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |   |             |
| (Lest)   | (First)                             |  |   |  |                         |   | (Che   | eck all applicabl  | e)  |             |
| (Last)<br>270 PEACHT   | (First) (1                          | []   | . Date of<br>Month/Da<br>)9/30/20   | -  | ransactior              |   | X Director<br>Officer (give below)   |  | % Owner<br>her (specify                                     |             |
|  | (Street)                            |  |   | ndment, Da<br>th/Day/Yea                         | -                       | al  | 6. Individual or<br>Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by  | One Reporting P  | erson   |             |
| ATLANTA, C   | GA 30303                            |  |   |  |                         |   | Form filed by<br>Person  | More than One R  | eporting  |             |
| (City)   | (State)                             | (Zip)  | Table   | e I - Non-I                                      | Derivativ               | e Securities A  | Acquired, Disposed   | of, or Beneficia   | lly Owned   | d           |
|  | Transaction Date<br>Aonth/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>any<br>(Month/Day/ | ate, if 7<br>(<br>/Year) (  | 3.<br>Fransactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)<br>Code V | Disposed<br>(Instr. 3,  | l (A) or<br>l of (D)<br>4 and 5)<br>(A)<br>or           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>Indirect<br>Beneficia<br>Ownersh<br>(Instr. 4) | al<br>ip    |
| Reminder: Repor  | t on a separate line                | e for each class                                 | s of secur  | ities benet                                      | Perse<br>infor<br>requi | ons who res<br>mation con<br>red to resp<br>ays a curre | or indirectly.<br>spond to the colle<br>tained in this forn<br>ond unless the fo<br>ntly valid OMB co              | n are not<br>rm  | SEC 1474<br>(9-02)  |             |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of | 8. P |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orDerivative | Expiration Date         | Underlying Securities  | Der  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | Securities   | (Month/Day/Year)        | (Instr. 3 and 4)       | Secu |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) |                         |                        | (Ins |

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|                            | Derivative<br>Security |            |        | or Dispose<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                         |                    |  |                                     |      |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------|
|                            |                        |            | Code V | V (A)                                       | (D) Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |      |
| Deferred<br>Stock<br>Units | \$ 0                   | 09/30/2005 | A      | 250   | <u>(1)</u>              | <u>(1)</u>         | Southern<br>Company<br>Common<br>Stock | 250                                 | \$ : |
| Deferred<br>Stock<br>Units | \$ 0                   | 10/03/2005 | А      | 172.39                                      | <u>(1)</u>              | <u>(1)</u>         | Southern<br>Company<br>Common<br>Stock | 172.39                              | \$ 3 |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              |          |           |         |       |
|---|----------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PURCELL J NEAL<br>270 PEACHTREE STREET<br>ATLANTA, GA 30303 | Х        |           |         |       |
| Signatures  |          |           |         |       |
| By: Patricia L. Roberts, Attorn in fact                     | ey       | 10/03/2   | 2005    |       |
| **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) Acquired pursuant to Southern's Deferred Compensation Plan, payable in stock only upon termination. There is no exercise or expiration date.

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