

Connally Stan W  
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# FORM 4

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Connally Stan W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SOUTHERN CO [SO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

President & CEO, Gulf Power Co

30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Southern Company Common Stock   | 08/14/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 5,353 A \$ 32.7   | 5,353  | D                                 |
| Southern Company Common Stock   | 08/14/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 2,000 A \$ 31.17  | 7,353  | D                                 |
| Southern Company Common Stock   | 08/14/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 7,353 D \$ 46.54  | 0  | D                                 |

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Southern  
Company  
Common  
Stock

4,742.8398 I

By 401(k)  
Trust

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 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 of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>         | \$ 32.7  | 08/14/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,353   | 02/18/2006 02/18/2015                                    | Southern Company Common Stock                                 | 5,353                         |
| Option Right To Buy <sup>(1)</sup>         | \$ 31.17   | 08/14/2012                           |  | M                              | 2,000   | 02/15/2011 02/15/2020                                    | Southern Company Common Stock                                 | 2,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Connally Stan W<br>30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD<br>ATLANTA, GA 30308 |               |           | President & CEO, Gulf Power Co |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Patricia L. Roberts, Agent for Stan W.  
Connally

08/14/2012

\_\_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) Includes the right to have shares withheld upon exercise to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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