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February 20, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 19, 2001  
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THE SOUTHERN COMPANY  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-3526	58-0690070
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

270 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia	30303
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (404) 506-5000  
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N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 19, 2001, The Southern Company issued a press release related to the spin-off of Mirant Corporation. The purpose of this Form 8-K is to furnish the press release for informational purposes only pursuant to Regulation FD. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

Exhibit 99 - Press release dated February 19, 2001 related to the spin-off of Mirant Corporation.

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

By /s/Tommy Chisholm  
Tommy Chisholm  
Secretary

Date: February 20, 2001