

BEATTIE ART P
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â BEATTIE ART P | | (Month/Day/Year) | SOUTHERN CO [SO] | |
| (Last) | (First) | 08/13/2010 | | |
| 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| NW | | | | |
| (Street) | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| ATLANTA, GA 30308 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Vice President & CFO | | 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 |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

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) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Southern Company Common Stock | 5,366.018 | I | 401K |
| Southern Company Common Stock | 126.9504 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Custodian |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Option Right to Buy | 02/18/2006 | 02/18/2015 | Southern Company Common Stock | 21,558 | \$ 32.7 | D | Â |
| Option Right to Buy | 02/20/2007 | 02/20/2016 | Southern Company Common Stock | 20,138 | \$ 33.81 | D | Â |
| Option Right to Buy | 02/19/2008 | 02/19/2017 | Southern Company Common Stock | 22,550 | \$ 36.42 | D | Â |
| Option Right to Buy | 02/18/2009 | 02/18/2018 | Southern Company Common Stock | 21,779 | \$ 35.78 | D | Â |
| Option Right to Buy | 02/16/2010 | 02/16/2019 | Southern Company Common Stock | 40,961 | \$ 31.39 | D | Â |
| Option Right To Buy | 02/15/2011 | 02/15/2020 | Southern Company Common Stock | 37,384 | \$ 31.17 | D | Â |
| Phantom Stock Units | Â (2) | Â (2) | Southern Company Common Stock | 1,331.8034 | \$ 0 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BEATTIE ART P 30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD., NW ATLANTA, GA 30308 | Â | Â | Â Executive Vice President & CFO | Â |

Signatures

Patricia L. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur P. Beattie 08/16/2010

**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) Includes shares purchased through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan

(2) Includes phantom stock units acquired as if reinvested in the dividend reinvestment plan. There is no exercise or expiration date.

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