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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 \*  
Crosswhite Mark A.

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)  
30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/12/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President & CEO, APC

ATLANTA, GA 30308

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

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(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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Southern Company Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | 02/12/2018                           |  | M                              | 4,528   | A \$ 0  | 9,238  | D                                 |
| Southern Company Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup> | 02/12/2018                           |  | F                              | 1,362   | D \$ 44.68  | 7,876  | D                                 |
| Southern Company Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup> | 02/12/2018                           |  | A                              | 40,361  | A \$ 0  | 48,237   | D                                 |

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Southern Company Common Stock (2)  
 02/12/2018 F 15,224 D \$ 44.68 33,013 D

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Restricted Stock Units (4)     | \$ 0   | 02/12/2018                           |  | M                              | 4,330   | (4) (4)  | Southern Company Common Stock                                 | 4,330                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| Crosswhite Mark A.<br>30 IVAN ALLEN JR. BLVD<br>ATLANTA, GA 30308 |               |           | President & CEO, APC |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Laura O. Hewett, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A. Crosswhite  
 02/14/2018  
 \*\*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) Shares acquired upon vesting of first 1/3 of performance restricted stock units granted on February 13, 2017. The Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018. Includes 198 accrued dividend equivalent units.

(2) Shares withheld to satisfy required state and federal tax withholding requirements.

Shares acquired upon vesting of performance share units under Company's Performance Share Program for the 2015-2017 award. The Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018. Includes accrued dividend equivalent units.

(3) Represents performance restricted stock units granted on February 13, 2017. The Compensation and Management Succession Committee certified performance on February 12, 2018 and the first 1/3 vested. The remaining award will vest 1/3 in 2019 and 1/3 in 2020. Each performance restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, at settlement, one share of common stock. Additional units will be acquired with deemed dividends. Shares will be withheld upon vesting to satisfy tax requirements.

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