

SOUTHERN CO  
Form 8-K  
February 10, 2015

UNITED STATES  
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 9, 2015

| Commission<br>File Number | Registrant, State Of Incorporation,<br>Address And Telephone Number   | I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No. |
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| 1-3526                    | THE SOUTHERN COMPANY<br>(A Delaware Corporation)<br>30 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, N.W.<br>Atlanta, Georgia 30308<br>(404) 506-5000 | 58-0690070                            |

The name and address of the registrant have not changed since the last report.

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 9, 2015, the Board of Directors of The Southern Company (the “Company”) elected a new director, Mr. John D. Johns, effective February 9, 2015. Mr. Johns also was named a member of the Audit Committee, effective March 1, 2015.

Mr. Johns is Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Protective Life Corporation. He is also a director of Regions Financial Corporation and Genuine Parts Company. Mr. Johns previously served as a director of Alabama Power Company from 2004 through February 8, 2015.

No arrangement or understanding exists between Mr. Johns and any other persons pursuant to which he was selected as a director. Mr. Johns will participate in the Company’s standard non-employee director cash and equity compensation program as more fully described in the Company’s Proxy Statement as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2014.

**SIGNATURE**

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

Date: February 10, 2015

By /s/Melissa K. Caen  
Melissa K. Caen  
Corporate Secretary