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# 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

February 9, 2010

Commission Registrant, State Of I.R.S. File Number Incorporation, **Employer** Address And Telephone Identification Number No. 1-3526 THE SOUTHERN 58-0690070 **COMPANY** (A Delaware Corporation) 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30308 (404) 506-5000 The name and address of the registrant have not changed since the last report. Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act [ ] (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act [ ] (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the

Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of
 5.02. Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory
 Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 9, 2010, The Southern Company adopted a Form of Terms for Performance Share Awards under the Southern Company Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

- Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
- (d) Exhibits.
- 10.1 Form of Terms for Performance Share Awards granted under the Southern Company Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

### **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.

Date: February 12, 2010 THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

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