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 Registration No. 2-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM S-8
 REGISTRATION STATEMENT
 Under
 THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY
 (EXACT NAME OF ISSUER AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Delaware
 (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
 INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

58-0690070
 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

64 Perimeter Center East
 Atlanta, Georgia
 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE
 OFFICES)

30346
 (ZIP CODE)

EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN FOR
 THE SOUTHERN COMPANY SYSTEM
 (FULL TITLE OF THE PLAN)

Tommy Chisholm, Secretary
 The Southern Company
 64 Perimeter Center East
 Atlanta, Georgia 30346
 (NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service:
 404-399-3575

The Commission is requested to mail signed copies of all orders, notices and communications to:

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities	Amount to be	Proposed maximum aggregate	Amount of registration
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to be registered	registered*	offering price**	fee**
Participations in the Employee Savings Plan	\$72,000,000	\$60,624,000	\$12,125
Common Stock, par value \$5 per share	1,500,000 shs.		

*As described more fully herein, each employee participating in the Plan may contribute or have contributed on his behalf from 1% to 16% of his regular base pay, and his employer will contribute an additional amount equal to from 50% to 75% of such contributions as are not in excess of 6% of the participant's regular base pay.

**The proposed maximum aggregate offering price and the amount of the registration fee are computed only with respect to the aggregate employee contributions, assuming the minimum employer contributions.

The within Prospectus contains the information required by Rule 429 of the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to shares of common stock of the issuer covered by Registration Statement No. 2-85729.