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July 31, 2002

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) July 24, 2002  
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THE SOUTHERN COMPANY  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
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Delaware

1-3526

58-0690070  
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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

270 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (404) 506-5000  
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N/A  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 5. Other Events.  
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On July 24, 2002, The Southern Company ("Southern"), Southern Company Capital Funding, Inc. ("Capital") and Southern Company Capital Trust VI (the "Trust") entered into an Underwriting Agreement covering the issue and sale by the Trust of 8,000,000 7.125% Trust Preferred Securities (liquidation amount \$25 per Preferred Security). Said Preferred Securities were registered under the

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Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to the registration statement (Registration Statement Nos. 333-65178, 333-65178-01, 333-65178-02 and 333-65178-03) of Southern, Capital and the Trust.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

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(c) Exhibits.

- 1.3 Underwriting Agreement, dated July 24, 2002, among Southern, Capital, the Trust and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Salomon Smith Barney Inc., as Representatives of the Underwriters named in Schedule I thereto.
- 4.4 Fourth Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 31, 2002, providing for the issuance of Capital's Series F 7.125% Junior Subordinated Notes due June 30, 2042.
- 4.7-A Amended and Restated Trust Agreement f Southern Company Capital Trust VI.
- 4.8-A Form of Preferred Security of Southern Company Capital Trust VI (included in Exhibit 4.7-A above).
- 4.10 Form of Series F 7.125% Junior Subordinated Note (included in Exhibit 4.4 above).
- 4.11-A Preferred Securities Guarantee of Southern relating to the Preferred Securities.
- 4.12-A Agreement as to Expenses and Liabilities relating to Southern Company Capital Trust VI (included in Exhibit 4.7-A above).
- 5.1 Opinion of Troutman Sanders LLP.
- 5.2-A Opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., relating to Southern Company Capital Trust VI.
- 8 Tax Opinion of Troutman Sanders LLP.
- 12.1 Computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges.
- 12.2 Computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges plus preferred dividend requirements (pre-income tax basis).

### 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.

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By       /s/Patricia Roberts  
Patricia Roberts  
Assistant Secretary