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January 06, 2006

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) January 4, 2006  
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| Commission<br>File Number | Registrant, State of Incorporation,<br>Address and Telephone Number   | I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No. |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1-3526                    | The Southern Company<br>(A Delaware Corporation)<br>30 Ivan Allen, Jr. Blvd. NW<br>Atlanta, Georgia 30308<br>(404) 506-5000 | 58-0690070                            |

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270 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

See Note (P) to The Southern Company's ("Southern Company") Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. On January 4, 2006, Southern Company Gas, LLC ("Southern Company Gas") completed the sale of substantially all of its assets, including natural gas inventory, accounts

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receivable, and customer list, to Gas South, LLC ("Gas South"), an affiliate of Cobb Electric Membership Corporation. Southern Company Gas' sale of such assets was pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated November 18, 2005 between Southern Company Gas and Gas South, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$127 million, subject to certain adjustments. This sale will have no material impact on Southern Company's net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 6, 2006

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

By /s/Patricia L. Roberts

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Patricia L. Roberts  
Assistant Secretary