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> 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) March 2, 2001 THE SOUTHERN COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware 1-3526 58-0690070 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 270 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (404) 506-5000

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Regulation FD Disclosure. Item 9.

On March 2, 2001, The Southern Company issued a press release related to the spin-off of Mirant Corporation. The purpose of this Form 8-K is to furnish the press release for informational purposes only pursuant to Regulation FD. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

Exhibit 99 - Press release dated March 2, 2001 related to the spin-off of Mirant Corporation.

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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

By /s/Tommy Chisholm Tommy Chisholm Secretary

Date: March 2, 2001