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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

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-3526

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation)

270 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia

(Address of principal executive offices)

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N/A

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 19, 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.

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

Exhibit 99 - Press release dated February 19, 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: February 20, 2001