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December 9, 2004

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: The Southern Company – Form U-1, File No. 70-10186 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the quarter ended September 30, 2004

Rule 53(a)(4), 17 C.F.R. §250.53 (a)(4), of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§79a et seq. (the “Act”), specifies that a copy of each application must be filed with each public utility commission having jurisdiction over retail rates of such holding Company’s public utility subsidiaries.

The enclosed application on Form U-1 was filed with the SEC by Southern. To comply with the requirements of the SEC’s Rule 53(a)(4), a copy of such filing is being provided to you herewith.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please feel free to call me at (850) 444-6231.

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Sincerely,

Susan D. Ritenour

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Enclosure

cc: Beggs and Lane
J. A. Stone, Esq.

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CERTIFICATE OF NOTIFICATION

filed by

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY and Subsidiaries

Pursuant to the order of the SEC dated June 30, 2004, in the matter of File No. 70-10186.

The above named companies HEREBY CERTIFY to said Commission, pursuant to Rule 24 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, that the following transactions have been carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of and for the purposes represented by the statements on Form U-1, as amended, and of said order with respect thereto. The items listed below are in response to the reporting criteria as established in the proceedings referenced above. All capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the definitions assigned to them in the statements on Form U-1 referenced above. Such information, as of September 30, 2004, is as follows:

- 1(a). Common Stock (excluding shares issued to the Plans), Preferred Securities, Preferred Stock or Equity-linked Securities issued during the quarter pursuant to this authority:

Type Security	Number of Shares	Purchase Price Per Share	Market Price Per Share at the Date of Purchase Agreement
None issued			

- 1(b). Cumulative amount of Common Stock (excluding shares issued to the Plans), Preferred Securities, Preferred Stock or Equity-linked Securities issued pursuant to this authority:

Type Security	Cumulative Amount Issued
Common Stock	0
Preferred Securities	0
Preferred Stock	0
Equity-linked Securities	0

- 2(a). Long-term debt issued during the quarter pursuant to this authority:

None issued

- 2(b). Cumulative amount of Long-term debt issued pursuant to this authority:

None issued

3. Short-term and Term Loan Notes and Commercial Paper outstanding at September 30, 2004:

\$179,000,000 issued by Southern.

4. Use of proceeds for the securities issued in items 1, 2 and 3 above:

The proceeds were used for working capital purposes.

5. Capitalization ratio of Southern as of September 30, 2004 including the dollar and percentage components of the capital structure on a consolidated basis, with consolidated debt to include all short-term debt and nonrecourse debt of all EWGs and FUCOs:

Capitalization and Capitalization Ratios
at September 30, 2004
*(Includes Amounts Due Within
One Year & Short-Term Debt)*

	(In Thousands)	%
Common Equity	\$10,301,410	42.2
Preferred Stock	569,738	2.3
Debt	13,519,521	55.5
Total	\$24,390,669	100.0

6. The market-to-book ratio of Southern Common Stock at September 30, 2004:

Reference is made to Management's Discussion and Analysis – Financial Condition and Liquidity – “Financing Activities” in Southern's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004, File No. 1-3526.

7. Shares of Common Stock issued under any of the Plans during the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and the cumulative number of shares issued since June 30, 2004:

Plan	Shares issued 6/30/04 through 9/30/04	Total shares issued since 6/30/04
Southern Investment Plan	1,466,243	1,466,243
Employee Savings Plan	1,723,895	1,723,895
Employee Stock Ownership Plan	317,989	317,989
Total	3,508,127	3,508,127

8. Consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2004 of Southern and Capital Funding (if either are engaged in any financings pursuant to the authority granted in the application during the quarter):

Southern:

See Southern's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004, File No. 1-3526.

Capital Funding:

Not applicable.

9. If a guaranty is issued during the quarter that was authorized pursuant to the order, give the following information:

Name of Guarantor	Name of Beneficiary	Amount	Terms and Purpose
None Issued			

10. If Common Stock is transferred during the quarter to the seller of securities of a company being acquired, give the following information:

Company	Number of Shares Issued	Value per Share	Are Shares Restricted
None Transferred			

11. Information on significant variable interest entities where Southern is not the primary beneficiary, formed with any financing proceeds pursuant to the order issued in this proceeding, including a description of any financing transactions conducted during the quarter ended September 30, 2004 that were used to fund such variable interest entities and a description of the accounting for such transactions under FASB Interpretation 46R:

None

12. Registration Statements filed under the Securities Act of 1933 relating to securities authorized in this proceeding filed during the quarter ended September 30, 2004:

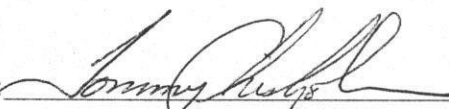
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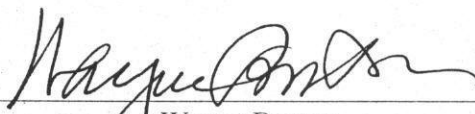
Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the undersigned companies have duly caused this certificate to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated November 9, 2004

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY
SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.
SOUTHERN COMPANY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC

By: 
Tommy Chisholm
Secretary

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
GULF POWER COMPANY
MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY
SAVANNAH ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
SOUTHERN COMPANY CAPITAL FUNDING, INC.
SOUTHERN COMPANY SERVICES, INC.
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, INC.

By: 
Wayne Boston
Assistant Secretary