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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) October 26, 2006

Commission	Registrant, State of Incorporation,	I.R.S. Employer
<u>File Number</u>	<u>Address and Telephone Number</u>	<u>Identification No.</u>
1-3526	The Southern Company (A Delaware Corporation) 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30308 (404) 506-5000	58-0690070
1-3164	Alabama Power Company (An Alabama Corporation) 600 North 18th Street Birmingham, Alabama 35291 (205) 257-1000	63-0004250
1-6468	Georgia Power Company (A Georgia Corporation) 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30308	58-0257110

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0-2429	(404) 506-6526 Gulf Power Company	59-0276810
	(A Florida Corporation)	
	One Energy Place	
	Pensacola, Florida 32520	
001-11229	(850) 444-6111 Mississippi Power Company	64-0205820
	(A Mississippi Corporation)	
	2992 West Beach	
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333-98553	(228) 864-1211 Southern Power Company	58-2598670
	(A Delaware Corporation)	
	30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., N.W.	
	Atlanta, Georgia 30308	
	(404) 506-5000	

The addresses of the registrants have not changed since the last report.

This combined Form 8-K is furnished separately by six registrants: The Southern Company, Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company and Southern Power Company. Information contained herein relating to each registrant is furnished by each registrant solely on its own behalf. Each registrant makes no representation as to information relating to the other registrants.

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- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, such information, including the exhibits attached hereto, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On October 26, 2006, The Southern Company (Southern Company) issued a press release regarding its earnings for the periods ended September 30, 2006. A copy of this release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.01 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. In addition, certain additional information regarding the financial results for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2006 is being furnished as Exhibits 99.02 through 99.06 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In Exhibits 99.01 and 99.05 attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K, Southern Company, in addition to presenting kilowatt-hour sales information for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2005, as reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP), has also provided adjusted kilowatt-hour sales information for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2005. In 2005, certain Georgia Power Company industrial customers were reclassified from industrial to commercial to be consistent with the rate structure approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission. The adjusted kilowatt-hour sales information reclassifies 2005 kilowatt-hour sales for commercial and industrial customers to be consistent with the presentation for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2006. Southern Company believes that the adjusted kilowatt-hour sales information is useful to investors because it provides investors with more consistent information for purposes of comparing 2005 and 2006 kilowatt-hour sales performance. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered a substitute for financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Exhibits 99.02 and 99.03 attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K, in addition to including earnings and earnings per share in accordance with GAAP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and September 30, 2005, also include earnings and earnings per share for such periods excluding the results of Southern Company s synthetic fuel investments. As a result of tax credits generated from synthetic fuel production, Southern Company s synthetic fuel investments contributed significantly to Southern Company s earnings and earnings per share for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2005. Due to higher levels of oil prices, such tax credits are expected to be partially or completely phased out during 2006. As a result, Southern Company s synthetic fuel investments did not contribute as significantly to earnings and earnings per share for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and are not expected to contribute as significantly to earnings and earnings per share in future periods. Accordingly, Southern Company believes the presentation of earnings and

earnings per share excluding the results of the synthetic fuel investments is useful for investors because it provides investors with additional information for purposes of comparing Southern Company's performance for such periods. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered a substitute for financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

Certain information contained in this Form 8-K and the Exhibits attached hereto is forward-looking information based on current expectations and plans that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking information includes, among other things, statements concerning results of operations, synthetic fuels earnings, customer and economic growth and Southern Company's strategies. Southern Company and its subsidiaries caution that there are certain factors that can cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking information that has been provided. The reader is cautioned not to put undue reliance on this forward-looking information, which is not a guarantee of future performance and is subject to a number of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of Southern Company and its subsidiaries; accordingly, there can be no assurance that such suggested results will be realized. The following factors, in addition to those discussed in Southern Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and subsequent securities filings, could cause results to differ materially from management expectations as suggested by such forward-looking information: the impact of recent and future federal and state regulatory change, including legislative and regulatory initiatives regarding deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry and implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and also changes in environmental, tax and other laws and regulations to which Southern Company and its subsidiaries are subject, as well as changes in application of existing laws and regulations; current and future litigation, regulatory investigations, proceedings or inquiries, including the pending EPA civil actions against certain Southern Company subsidiaries, FERC matters, IRS audits and Mirant-related matters; the effects, extent and timing of the entry of additional competition in the markets in which Southern Company's subsidiaries operate; variations in demand for electricity, including those relating to weather, the general economy and population and business growth (and declines); available sources and costs of fuels; ability to control costs; investment performance of Southern Company's employee benefit plans; advances in technology; state and federal rate regulations and the impact of pending and future rate cases and negotiations, including rate actions relating to fuel and storm restoration cost recovery; the performance of projects undertaken by the non-utility businesses and the success of efforts to invest in and develop new opportunities; fluctuations in the level of oil prices; the level of production, if any, by the synthetic fuels operations at Carbontronic Synfuels Investors LP and Alabama Fuel Products LLC for the remainder of fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2007; internal restructuring or other restructuring options that may be pursued; potential business strategies, including acquisitions or dispositions of assets or businesses, which cannot be assured to be completed or beneficial to Southern Company or its subsidiaries; the ability of counterparties of Southern Company and its subsidiaries to make payments as and when due; the ability to obtain new short- and long-term contracts with neighboring utilities; the direct or indirect effect on the business of

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Southern Company and its subsidiaries resulting from terrorist incidents and the threat of terrorist incidents; interest rate fluctuations and financial market conditions and the results of financing efforts, including Southern Company's and its subsidiaries' credit ratings; the ability of Southern Company and its subsidiaries to obtain additional generating capacity at competitive prices; catastrophic events such as fires, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes or other similar occurrences; the direct or indirect effects on Southern Company's business resulting from incidents similar to the August 2003 power outage in the Northeast; and the effect of accounting pronouncements issued periodically by standard-setting bodies. Southern Company and its subsidiaries expressly disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking information.

Exhibits

The exhibits hereto contain business segment information for Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company and Southern Power Company. Accordingly, this report is also being furnished on behalf of each such registrant.

The following exhibits relate to the periods ended September 30, 2006:

Exhibit 99.01	Press Release.
Exhibit 99.02	Financial Highlights.
Exhibit 99.03	Significant Factors Impacting EPS.
Exhibit 99.04	Analysis of Consolidated Earnings.
Exhibit 99.05	Kilowatt-Hour Sales
Exhibit 99.06	Financial Overview.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: October 26, 2006

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

By /s/W. Ron Hinson

W. Ron Hinson

Comptroller

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

GULF POWER COMPANY

MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY

SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY

By /s/Wayne Boston

Wayne Boston

Assistant Secretary