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October 24, 2000

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: The Southern Company - Amendment No. 9 (Post-Effective Amendment No. 4) to Form U-1 Relating to The Southern Company Increasing the Exempt Wholesale Generators and Foreign Utility Companies Financing Limit

Enclosed for official filing are fifteen copies of Amendment No. 9 (Post-Effective Amendment No. 4) to Form U-1 relating to The Southern Company increasing the Exempt Wholesale Generators and Foreign Utility Companies Financing Limit as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC File No. 70-8725) on October 17, 2000. This filing is required by Rule 53(a)(4) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§ 79a et seq. (the "Act").

Please mark the enclosed extra copy of this letter with the date and time the material was accepted in your office for filing and return same to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Susan D. Ritenour  
Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549  
Amendment No. 9  
(Post-Effective Amendment No. 4)

APPLICATION OR DECLARATION  
on  
FORM U-1  
under  
The Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY  
270 Peachtree Street, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(Name of company or companies filing this statement  
and addresses of principal executive offices)

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

(Name of top registered holding company parent  
of each applicant or declarant)

Tommy Chisholm, Secretary  
The Southern Company  
270 Peachtree Street, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(Names and addresses of agents for service)

The Commission is requested to mail signed copies of all  
orders, notices and communications to:

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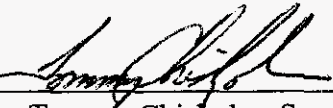
The Application or Declaration, as previously amended in this proceeding, is further amended by withdrawing Amendment No. 6 (Post-Effective Amendment No. 1), Amendment No. 7 (Post-Effective Amendment No. 2) and Amendment No. 8 (Post-Effective Amendment No. 3).

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the undersigned company has duly caused this statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned authorized officer and agent.

Dated: October 17, 2000

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

By   
Tommy Chisholm, Secretary