For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Sandra Wastler,

Acting Chief, Environmental and Performance Assessment Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

## Appointments to performance review boards for senior executive service

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Appointment to Performance Review Boards for Senior Executive Service.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has announced the following appointments to the NRC Performance Review Boards.

The following individuals are appointed as members of the NRC Performance Review Board (PRB) responsible for making recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities on performance appraisal ratings and performance awards for Senior Executives and Senior Level Service members:

Patricia G. Norry, Deputy Executive
Director for Management Services
R. William Borchardt, Associate
Director for Inspection and Programs,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Stephen G. Burns, Deputy General
Counsel, Office of the General
Gounsel

Margaret V. Federline, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards

Jesse L. Funches, Chief Financial Officer Jon R. Johnson, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Arnold E. Levin, Director, Applications Development Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer

Paul H. Lohaus, Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs

Hubert J. Miller, Regional Administrator, Region I

Michael L. Springer, Director, Office of Administration

Roy P. Zimmerman, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

The following individuals will serve as members of the NRC PRB Panel that was established to review appraisals and make recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities for NRC PRB members:

Karen D. Cyr, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel William F. Kane, Deputy Executive

Director for Reactor Programs, Office

of the Executive Director for Operations

Carl J. Paperiello, Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research and State Programs, Office of the Executive Director for Operations

All appointments are made pursuant to Section 4314 of Chapter 43 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 11, 2001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn J. Swanson, Secretary, Executive Resources Board, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, (301) 415–7530.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of April 2001.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

#### Carolyn J. Swanson,

Secretary,

Executive Resources Board
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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

#### **Excepted Service**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel

Management. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of positions placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Shivery, Director, Washington Service Center (202) 606–1015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on February 22, 2001 (66 FR 11189). Individual authorities established under Schedule C between January 1, 2001, and January 31, 2001, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30, is published each year.

#### Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during January 2001:

Commission on Civil Rights

Special Assistant to the Staff Director. Effective January 18, 2001.

Department of Commerce

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective January 8, 2001.

Deputy Director of Advance to the Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs. Effective January 8, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs and Press Secretary. Effective January 11, 2001. Special Assistant to the Director,

Office of Business Liaison. Effective January 11, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs and Press Secretary. Effective January 12, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs. Effective January 16, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Domestic Operations. Effective January 16, 2001. Special Assistant to the Director, White House Liaison. Effective January 17, 2001.

Senior Advisor to the Director, Secretariat for Electronic Commerce. Effective January 18, 2001.

#### Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and Constituent Relations. Effective January 2, 2001.

#### Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary. Effective January 12, 2001. Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Administration. Effective January 12, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Administration. Effective January 12, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy. Effective January 12, 2001.

Special Assistant for Communications to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. Effective January 12, 2001.

Director of Communications to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Effective January 12, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Policy. Effective January 17, 2001

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Staff Assistant to the Director of Executive Scheduling. Effective January 4, 2001.

#### Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and

Health Administration. Effective January 2, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Effective January 2, 2001.

#### Department of Transportation

Senior Congressional Liaison Officer to the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs. Effective January 11, 2001.

Environmental Protection Agency

Communications Specialist to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. Effective January 2, 2001.

Communication Specialist to the Assistant Administrator for Water. Effective January 2, 2001.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Attorney-Advisor (Civil Rights) to the Chairwoman. Effective January 18, 2001.

Farm Credit Administration

Executive Assistant to a Member, Farm Credit Administration Board. Effective January 11, 2001.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy to the Chairman. Effective January 12, 2001.

Federal Housing Finance Board

Special Assistant to the Chairman. Effective January 19, 2001.

Federal Trade Commission

Confidential Assistant to a Commissioner. Effective January 19, 2001.

National Credit Union Administration

Special Assistant to the Executive Assistant for Governmental Relations. Effective January 16, 2001.

Staff Assistant to a Member. Effective January 18, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Executive Assistant for Governmental Relations. Effective January 18, 2001.

National Endowment for the Arts

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Congressional and White House Liaison. Effective January 2, 2001.

Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission

Confidential Assistant to a Member (Commissioner), Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Effective January 17, 2001.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Steven R. Cohen,

Acting Director.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27372]

# Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

April 5, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by April 30, 2001, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/ or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After April 30, 2001, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### The Southern Company (70–9869)

Notice of Proposal To Issue Securities; Order Authorizing Solicitation of Proxies

The Southern Company ("Southern"), 270 Peachtree Street, NW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, a registered public utility holding company, has filed a declaration under sections 6(a), 7 and 12(e) and rules 54, 62(d) and 65 of the Act.

Southern proposes, from time to time through May 22, 2011, to grant Incentive Stock Options, Nonqualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units and Cash Based Awards and to issue up to 30 million shares of its common stock, par value \$5.00 per share ("Common Stock"), under the Southern Company Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan ("Plan").1

A committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Southern ("Committee") will administer the Plan. The composition of the Committee must comply with section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Internal Revenue Code"). Currently, the Committee consists of two directors of Southern who are not employees of Southern or its subsidiaries. The Committee will have exclusive authority to interpret the Plan. The Plan will terminate May 22, 2011, unless terminated sooner by the Board of Directors.

Southern states the purpose of the Plan is to optimize the profitability and growth of Southern through annual and long-term incentives that are consistent with Southern's goal and that link the personal interest of participants to those of Southern's stockholders, to provide participants with an incentive for excellence in individual performance, to promote teamwork among participants and to provide flexibility to Southern in its ability to motivate, attract and retain key individuals with outstanding ability.

The Plan permits the Committee to grant, in its discretion, Incentive Stock **Options and Nonqualified Stock** Options (collectively, "Stock Options"), Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units and/or Cash Based Awards to directors of Southern or certain of its subsidiaries and those employees, as determined by the Committee, who have a significant impact on the long-term performance and success of Southern. The Committee has determined that the approximate number of participants under the Plan initially will be 24,000, but may be changed at the Committee's discretion. Southern states that each award made under the Plan will be evidenced by an award agreement.

Nonqualified Stock Options entitle the participant to purchase up to the number of shares of Common Stock specified in the grant at a specified price ("Option Price"). The Committee will

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Thirty million shares of Common Stock are available for grants under the Plan. Additional shares of Common Stock will be transferred from the Southern Company Performance Stock Plan to this Plan and will also be available for grants under this Plan