

FIDELITY SOUTHERN CORP
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Lankford William C Jr
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIDELITY SOUTHERN CORP
 [LION]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

3490 PIEDMONT ROAD, STE 1550
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30305
 (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Fidelity Southern Corporation - Common Stock | 12/31/2016 | | J | 412.25 A | \$ 0 (1) 5,888.1199 | D | |
| Fidelity Southern Corporation - Common Stock | | | | | 2,500 | I | By spouse |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.56 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ | 01/23/2015 ⁽²⁾ 01/23/2019 | Fidelity Southern Corporation - Common Stock 2,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.87 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ | 01/21/2017 ⁽³⁾ 01/21/2021 | Fidelity Southern Corporation - Common Stock 10,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.82 ⁽⁴⁾ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ | 03/19/2016 03/19/2020 | Fidelity Southern Corporation - Common Stock 6,666 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lankford William C Jr 3490 PIEDMONT ROAD, STE 1550 ATLANTA, GA 30305 | ^ X | ^ | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

Barbara McNeill, Attorney in Fact, David R. Bockel 01/26/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) Reinvested cash dividend shares received in the reporting year.
- (2) Exercisable: 1/3 on 1/23/2015; 1/3 on 1/23/2016; 1/3 on 1/23/2017
- (3) Exercisable: 1/3 on 1/21/2017; 1/3 on 1/21/2018; 1/3 on 1/21/2019
- (4) Exercisable: 1/3 on 3/19/16, 1/3 on 3/19/17, 1/3 on 3/19/18

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