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Moreover , Mr. Addison has said Southern Co. and its units do n't condone illegal political contributions .

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Neither Mr. Addison nor any other Southern Co. official has been charged with any wrongdoing in connection with the current inquiries .

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The probe of Southern Co. has attracted considerable attention this year because of several events that have befallen the company , including the death of a Gulf Power executive in a plane crash and the disappearance of a company vendor who was to be a key grand jury witness .

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Witnesses have said the grand jury has asked numerous questions about Jacob F. " Jake " Horton , the senior vice president of Gulf Power who died in the plane crash in April .

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Mr. Horton oversaw Gulf Power 's governmental-affairs efforts .

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Investigators have been trying to determine whether the crash was an accident , sabotage or suicide .

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Gulf Power said in May that an internal audit had disclosed that at least one vendor had used false invoices to fund political causes .

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But the company said the political contributions had been made more than five years ago .