AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC Form 3 January 27, 2006 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SEC

3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> CROSBY RALPH D JR	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP]						
(Last) (First) (Middle)	01/25/2006	4. Relationship of Person(s) to Issu			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA				1 nou(mor	lui Duy Tour)			
(Street)		(Check all	applicable)	6. Individ	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 			
COLUMBUS, OH 43215		X Director Officer (give title below)	10% Own Other (specify below)	_X_Form Person Form				
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	Owned O Fe D or (I	Ownership O orm: (In Direct (D) r Indirect	Nature of Indi wnership 1str. 5)	irect Beneficial			
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Table II - Derivative Secu	Thes beneficially Owned (e.	.g., puis, cans, wa	arrants, option	s, convertible	securities)			
(Instr. 4) Expin	ration Date Securiti	and Amount of es Underlying ive Security	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			

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Direct (D)

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Security

Amount or

Number of

Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CROSBY RALPH D JR 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215	ÂX	Â	Â	Â				
Signatures								
/s/ Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Att Crosby, Jr.	01/27/2006							
<u>**</u> Signature of	Date							
Explanation of Responses:								

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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