MORRIS MICHAEL G

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

02/22/2006

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MORRIS MICHAEL G | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| (Last) 1 RIVERSI | (First) (N | Middle) | 3. Date of (Month/Date 02/22/20 | ansaction | | | _X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below) Director | | | |
| | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deen Execution any (Month/D | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi rn(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | spose | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2006 | | | M | 1,666 | A | \$ 0 | 284,751 | D | |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number out 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) | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units (Phantom Stock) | \$ 0 | 02/22/2006 | | A | 1,666 | 02/22/2006 | 02/22/2006 | Common Stock | 1,666 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|
| FS | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MORRIS MICHAEL G 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215 | X | | Director, President, CEO | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael G. 02/24/2006 Morris **Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The ownership consists of restricted stock units which vest in three equal annual installments beginning February 22, 2006. One unit **(1)** equals one share.

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