

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC

Form 4

April 04, 2006

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HOWELL WILLIAM R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA, 29TH  
FLOOR**

(Street)

**COLUMBUS, OH 43215**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER  
CO INC [AEP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

**03/31/2006**

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 Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V Amount (D) Price                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |

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<br>Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of<br>Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities | 8 |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---|
|                           |               |                                         |                                  |                |                            |                                            |                                                 |   |

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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                  | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | S<br>(I             |                    |                 |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|                                         |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                           | (A)              | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Unit <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 0 <u>(2)</u>                                   | 03/31/2006              | A                  |                                                                             | 606.261          |                  | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 606.261                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOWELL WILLIAM R<br>1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA, 29TH FLOOR<br>COLUMBUS, OH 43215 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Attorney-in-Fact for William R.  
Howell

04/04/2006

<sup>(2)</sup>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).
- (1) Acquisition pursuant to the AEP Stock Unit Accumulation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) Stock units are payable in cash upon termination of service unless the director has elected to defer payment for a period that results in payment commencing not later than five years thereafter.
- (3) Includes units of reinvested dividends pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan.

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