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FORM 5

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_ Form 3 Holdings

Reported

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

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

 Name and Address of Reporting Person* DesBarres, John P. 			2. Issuer Nar American E			0	nc. (AEP) Person(s)		f Reporting all applicable)
(Las 6640 Silver L	t) (First) (M	of Reporting Person,				atement for th/Year 1/02	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
Park City, U	(Street) T 84060					Amendment, of Original nth/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(C	ity) (State) (Zip)	Table	I Non-De	erivative	Secur	ities Acquired, Dis	oosed of, or Bene	ficially Owned
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	action Date	rans- 2A. Deemed 3. Trans- 4. Securities A on Execution action Code (A) or Dispose e Date, (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) nth/ Day/ if any (Month/Day/ (A)		osed of (& 5)	D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 5 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

	(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of	2. Conver-	3. Trans-	3A.	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number	10.	11. Nature		
Derivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	Number	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	of	Owner-	of Indirect		
Security	Exercise	Date	Execution	action	of	Date	Underlying	Security	Derivative	ship	Beneficial		
	Price of		Date,	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Securities	Form	Ownership		
(Instr. 3)	Derivative	(Month/	if any		Securities	Year)	(Instr. 3 & 4)		Beneficially	of Deriv-	(Instr. 4)		
	Security	Day/	(Month/	(Instr.	Acquired				Owned	ative			
		Year)	Day/	8)	(A) or				at End of	Security:			
			Year)		Disposed				Year	Direct			
					of (D)				(Instr. 4)	(D)			
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			(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)							Indirect (I)		
			(A)	(D)	Date	Expira-	Title	Amount			(Instr. 4)	
					Exer-cisable	tion		or				
						Date		Number				
								of				
								Shares				
(1)	04/01/02	Α	1,200				Common	1,200		4,199	D	
							Stock					

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Acquisition pursuant to the AEP Stock Unit Accumulation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. Includes 266 units of reinvested dividends in 2002 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan.

**Signature of Reporting Person

By: /s/ Kevin R. Fease, Attorney-in-Fact for John P. DesBarres

02/03/03

Date

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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> POWER OF ATTORNEY JOHN P. DESBARRES

The undersigned hereby appoints Jeffrey D. Cross, Thomas G. Berkemeyer, William E. Johnson and Ke and each of them, to be the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, for the undersigned, undersigned's name, place and stead to execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 4 and 5 (incl thereto) with respect to securities of American Electric Power Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries "AEP"), required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, national securities exc AEP pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 17(a) of the Pub Holding Company Act of 1935 and the rules and regulations thereunder, granting to AEP full power to perform all acts necessary to the completion of such purposes.

The undersigned agrees that the attorneys-in-fact herein may rely entirely on information furnish or in writing by the undersigned to such attorneys-in-fact. The undersigned acknowledges that the attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assumin AEP assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securiti Act of 1934 or Section 17 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

The validity of this Power of Attorney shall not be affected in any manner by reason of the execution at any time, of other powers of attorney by the undersigned in favor of persons other than those

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer r to file Forms 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securitie by AEP, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 2 January, 2003.

> /s/ John P. DesBarres John P. DesBarres