

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Akins Nicholas K</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER,Â 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>COLUMBUS,Â OHÂ 43215</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>09/01/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  Executive Vice President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	09/20/2010	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 35.625	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	09/25/2012	Common Stock	4,400	\$ 27.06	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	12/10/2013	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 27.95	D	Â
Performance Share Units (Phantom Stock)	12/31/2006 <sup>(5)</sup> <u>(4)</u>	12/31/2006	Common Stock	1,773	\$ 0	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Akins Nicholas K AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Attorney-in-Fact for Nicholas K. Akins

09/06/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The option fully vested on January 1, 2004.
- (2) The option fully vested on January 1, 2006.
- (3) The options fully vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 1, 2005.
- (4) Performance Share units awarded, including dividends accrued to-date, pursuant to the AEP Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (5) The performance share units will generally vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment, on December 31, 2006.

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