

AES CORP  
Form S-8  
December 17, 2008

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**THE AES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**54-1163725**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**4300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100**

**Arlington, Virginia 22203**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Employees Thrift Plan of  
Indianapolis Power & Light Company**

(Full title of the plan)

**Victoria D. Harker**  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer  
The AES Corporation  
4300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100  
Arlington, Virginia 22203  
(703) 522-1315

(Name and address, including zip code, and  
telephone number of agent for service)

*Copy to:*

**John E. McGrady III, Esq.**  
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC  
One Oxford Centre  
301 Grant Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410  
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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  X

Accelerated filer  O

Non-accelerated filer  O  
(Do not check if a smaller  
reporting company)

Smaller reporting company  O

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	6,000,000 (2)(3)(4)	\$ 6.975	\$ 41,850,000	\$ 1,645

(1) Pursuant to Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Act), and solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, the proposed maximum offering price per share is based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on December 12, 2008.

(2) Shares of the registrant are issuable under the Employees Thrift Plan of Indianapolis Power & Light Company (the Plan) pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Share Exchange between the registrant and IPALCO Enterprises, Inc., dated as of July 15, 2000.

(3) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Act, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the Plan.

(4) If, as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions, the number of securities purported to be registered by this registration statement changes, the provisions of Rule 416 under the Act shall apply to this registration statement, and this registration statement shall be deemed to cover the additional securities resulting from the split of, or the dividend on, the securities covered by this registration statement.

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The Exhibit Index for this registration statement is at page 5.

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**INCORPORATION OF PRIOR REGISTRATION STATEMENT BY REFERENCE**

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this registration statement is being filed to register additional shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01, of the registrant (and plan interests) covered by the Employees Thrift Plan of Indianapolis Power & Light Company (the Plan), the same classes of securities for which registration statements on Form S-8 were previously filed and declared effective (Registration No. 333-82306, Registration No. 333-115028 and Registration No. 333-135128) in connection with the Plan. The contents of Registration Nos. 333-82306, 333-115028 and 333-135128 are incorporated herein by reference.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 8. Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Method of Filing</b>
5.1	Opinion of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC	Filed herewith.
23.1	Consent of Registered Independent Public Accounting Firm	Filed herewith.
23.3	Consent of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC	(included in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
24.1	Power of Attorney	Filed herewith.

**SIGNATURES**

**The Registrant.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Arlington, Commonwealth of Virginia, on this 17th day of December, 2008.

THE AES CORPORATION

By: */s/ Victoria D. Harker*  
Victoria D. Harker  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on this 17th day of December, 2008.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
* Paul T. Hanrahan	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
* Kristina M. Johnson	Director
* John A. Koskinen	Director
* Philip Lader	Director
* Sandra O. Moose	Director
* John B. Morse, Jr.	Director
Philip A. Odeen	Chairman and Lead Independent Director
* Charles A. Rossotti	Director
* Sven Sandstrom	Director
<i>/s/ Victoria D. Harker</i> Victoria D. Harker	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

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/s/ Mary E. Wood  
Mary E. Wood

Vice President and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

\*By: /s/ Brian A. Miller  
Brian A. Miller  
Attorney-in-fact

**The Plan.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the Plan) have duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on this 17th day of December, 2008.

EMPLOYEES THRIFT PLAN OF  
INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

By: /s/ Kirk B. Michael  
Kirk B. Michael,  
on behalf of the Employees Pension &  
Benefits Committee,  
Indianapolis Power & Light Company,  
Plan Administrator

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