

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 BUONAIUTO JOSPEH M

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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Controller, Chief Actg Officer

1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/22/2005	A	1,450					<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock
Performance Share Units (Phantom Stock) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 0	02/22/2005	A	10,273					12/31/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/31/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUONAIUTO JOSPEH M 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215			Controller, Chief Actg Officer	

## Signatures

Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph M. Buonaiuto 02/24/2005

\_\_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) The ownership consists of restricted stock units which vest in three equal annual installments beginning February 22, 2006. One unit equals one share.
- (2) Performance Share units awarded pursuant to the AEP 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (3) The performance shares will generally vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment, on December 31, 2006.

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