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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 *
WOOD MARY E

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4300 WILSON BOULEVARD
 (Street)

ARLINGTON, VA 22203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AES CORP [AES]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2012

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)
VP & Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2012 | | A | 5,606 A ① | 11,407 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2012 | | A | 7,862 A ② | 19,269 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2012 | | F | 704 ③ D \$ 13.7 | 18,565 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 11,023 ④ | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.7 | 02/17/2012 | | A | 22,198 | (5) 02/17/2022 | Common Stock | 22,198 |
| Units | (6) | 02/17/2012 | | A | 1,319 | (6) (6) | Common Stock | 1,319 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WOOD MARY E 4300 WILSON BOULEVARD ARLINGTON, VA 22203 | | | VP & Controller | |

Signatures

/s/ Mary E. Wood
02/22/2012
**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).
- This restricted stock unit award ("RSU") was granted pursuant to The AES Corporation 2003 Long Term Compensation Plan and will
- (1) vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2013, if certain continuing employment conditions are satisfied. If such conditions are satisfied, each RSU entitles the holder to one share of AES Common Stock for each RSU granted.
 - (2) Represents vesting of 2009 Performance Stock Units granted under the Issuer's 2003 Long Term Compensation Plan.
 - (3) Reflects tax withholding in connection with settlement of one-third previously reported 2011 RSU award.

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This includes an 8% (of base salary) discretionary retirement savings award granted pursuant to The AES Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") as determined by The AES Corporation Board of Directors on February 17, 2012 subject to applicable IRS contribution limits.

- (4) The closing stock price on February 17, 2012 was used to determine the number of shares awarded. Between February 22, 2011 and February 17, 2012, this reporting person acquired an additional 1,030 shares of AES Common stock under the Plan, which are included in this amount.

- (5) This stock option award was granted pursuant to The AES Corporation 2003 Long Term Compensation Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments if certain continuing employment conditions are satisfied. If such conditions are satisfied, the first installment becomes exercisable on February 17, 2013, and the next two installments become exercisable on February 17, 2014 and February 17, 2015, respectively.

- (6) These are units awarded pursuant to the Restoration Supplemental Retirement Plan ("Restoration Plan"). Generally, units under this plan shall be paid out in cash following termination of employment or later as per the terms of the plan document. Each unit represents a hypothetical AES investment equal to one share of AES Common Stock and units under the Restoration Plan are 100% vested upon award.

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