

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC  
Form 8-K  
September 23, 2009

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) September 22, 2009

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

1-3525 New York 13-4922640  
(Commission File Number) (State or Other Jurisdiction of (IRS Employer Identification  
Incorporation) No.)

1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

614-716-1000  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

None  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;  
Appointment of Principal Officers

On September 22, 2009, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “Company”) elected James F. Cordes to serve as a director of the Company. Mr. Cordes’ initial term as a director will continue until the 2010 annual meeting of shareholders. The Board appointed Mr. Cordes to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Cordes retired as executive vice president of The Coastal Corp. in 1997. He also served as president of American Natural Resources Co. and chairman and chief executive officer of ANR Pipeline Co. Mr. Cordes currently is a director of Comerica Inc. and Northeast Utilities.

The Board has determined that Mr. Cordes is an “independent” director under the Company’s Corporate Governance guidelines and the independence requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, as well as the applicable rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).

As a non-employee director, Mr. Cordes will receive the same compensation paid to other non-employee directors of the Company in accordance with the policies and procedures previously approved by the Board for non-employee directors as disclosed in the Company’s 2009 Proxy Statement.

There are no arrangements between Mr. Cordes and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Cordes was elected to serve as a director, nor are there any transactions to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party and in which Mr. Cordes has a material interest.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas G. Berkemeyer  
Name: Thomas G. Berkemeyer  
Title Assistant Secretary

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