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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Shareholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the American Electric Power Company, Inc. Shareholder Meeting to be Held on April 22, 2008

Under new Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or to request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at:

www.envisionreports.com/AEP

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When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.

Step 1: Go to www.envisionreports.com/AEP.

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Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before April 12, 2008 to facilitate timely delivery.

Shareholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of American Electric Power Company, Inc. will be held on April 22, 2008 at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Director s recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** the following proposals:

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| 1 | Election of the following Directors: | |
| | E. R. Brooks | Donald M. Carlton |
| | Ralph D. Crosby, Jr. | John P. DesBarres |
| | Linda A. Goodspeed | Thomas E. Hoaglin |
| | Lester A. Hudson, Jr. | Michael G. Morris |
| | Lionel L. Nowell III | Richard L. Sandor |
| | Kathryn D. Sullivan | |
| 2 | Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. | |

Please Note: This is not a proxy. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a set of proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice and identification with you.

Directions to the 2008 Annual Meeting of shareholders of American Electric Power Company, Inc.

Directions to The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center (540) 985-5900

From I-81, take Exit 143 onto I-581 South. Take Downtown Exit #5 and stay in right lane of exit. At stop sign cross over Wells Avenue into parking lot.

From Rt. 220 going north, Rt. 220 becomes I-581 North. Take Elm Avenue Exit #6 and make a left at the light. Make a right at the 2nd light onto Williamson Road. At the 5th light, make a left onto Wells Avenue and make 1st left into parking lot.

From Rt. 460 going west, 460 West becomes Orange Avenue. Make a left onto Williamson Road. Make a right onto Wells Avenue and make 1st left into parking lot.

From Roanoke Regional Airport, make a right out of the parking lot onto Thirlane Road. Take the 1st Hershberger Exit. Take I-581 South Downtown Exit to Downtown Exit #5. Stay in the right lane of exit and at stop sign cross over Wells Avenue into parking lot.

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