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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP] Akins Nicholas K (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) AMERICAN ELECTRIC (Check all applicable) POWER, 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) **Executive Vice President** _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person COLUMBUS. OHÂ 43215 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership Form: (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | | 3. Title and Amount of | | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Date | | Securities Underlying | | Conversion | Ownership | Indirect Beneficial |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | | Derivative Security | | or Exercise | Form of | Ownership |
| | | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | Derivative | (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative | Security: | |
| | | | | | Security | Direct (D) | |

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| | | | | Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 09/20/2010 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 35.625 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | (2) | 09/25/2012 | Common Stock | 4,400 | \$ 27.06 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | (3) | 12/10/2013 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 27.95 | D | Â |
| Performance Share Units (Phantom Stock) | 12/31/2006(5) | 12/31/2006 | Common Stock | 1,773 | \$ 0 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| . 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Akins Nicholas K AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215 | Â | Â | Executive Vice President | Â | | |

Signatures

Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Attorney-in-Fact for Nicholas K.
Akins

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 option fully vested on January 1, 2004.
- (2) The option fully vested on January 1, 2006.
- (3) The options fully vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 1, 2005.
- (4) Performance Share units awarded, including dividends accrued to-date, pursuant to the AEP Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (5) The performance share units will generally vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment, on December 31, 2006.

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