

**UNITED STATES
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 17, 2019

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New York	1-3525	13-4922640
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH		43215
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)	(614) 716-1000	

(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$6.50 par value	AEP	New York Stock Exchange
6.125% Corporate Unit	AEP PR B	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On September 17, 2019, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “Company”) elected Art Garcia to serve as a director of the Company. Mr. Garcia’s initial term as a director will continue until the 2020 annual meeting of shareholders. The Board appointed Mr. Garcia to the Audit Committee, the Committee on Directors and Corporate Governance (“Corporate Governance Committee”), the Finance Committee and the Policy Committee.

Mr. Garcia retired from Ryder System, Inc. (“Ryder”), effective April 30, 2019. He served as Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Ryder from September 2010 to April 2019. Mr. Garcia serves as a director of ABM Industries Inc. and Elanco Animal Health Inc.

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

As a non-employee director, Mr. Garcia 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.

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

Date September 18, 2019