

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<b>Akins Nicholas K</b>		<b>AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [ AEP ]</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>President, CEO</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER, 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA</b>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>5/1/2021</b>			
(Street) <b>COLUMBUS, OH 43215</b>		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
(City) (State) (Zip)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	5/3/2021		S		2100 (1)	D	\$89.33	134165	D	
Common Stock	5/1/2021		F		4825 (2)	D	\$88.71 (5)	129339	D	
Common Stock	5/1/2021		F		4324 (3)	D	\$88.71 (5)	125015	D	
Common Stock	5/1/2021		F		3359 (4)	D	\$88.71 (5)	121656	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### Explanation of Responses:

- Sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Plan executed on November 16, 2020.
- A portion of Mr. Akins' restricted stock units (10,638) that were granted on 2/19/2018 vested on 5/1/2021. Upon vesting, 4,825 restricted stock units were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability.
- A portion of Mr. Akins' restricted stock units (9,533) that were granted on 2/18/2019 vested on 5/1/2021. Upon vesting, 4,324 restricted stock units were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability.
- A portion of Mr. Akins' restricted stock units (7,405) that were granted on 2/17/2020 vested on 5/1/2021. Upon vesting, 3,359 restricted stock units were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability.
- Value is based on closing price of the stock.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Akins Nicholas K AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215</b>			<b>President, CEO</b>	

#### Signatures

/s/ David C. House, Attorney-in-Fact for Nicholas K. Akins

5/4/2021

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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