

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 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) |
| FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III | AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA | 12/31/2025 | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |
| COLUMBUS, OH 43215 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | <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 | | | | | | 25,898 | D |
| Common Stock (1) | | | | | | 2,338 | 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 | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$0 | 12/31/2025 | | A | | 368 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 368 | \$115.31 (2) | 6,340 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The reporting director previously deferred the receipt of his quarterly cash retainer into the AEP Stock Fund under the AEP Stock Unit Accumulation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The reporting director may transfer amounts in the AEP Stock Fund into an alternative investment at any time.
- Stock Units are paid to the director in cash or shares upon termination of service unless the director has elected to defer payment for a period that results in payment commencing not later than five years thereafter.
- Was AEP Stock Price at the time of the transaction.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ David C. House, Attorney-in-Fact for Benjamin G.S. Fowke III

1/5/2026

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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