

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McCarthy Margaret M (Last) (First) (Middle) 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA (Street) COLUMBUS OHIO 43215 (City) (State) (Zip/Postal Code) UNITED STATES (Country)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 9/30/2026 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner ☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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			

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 (1)	\$0	9/30/2026		A	0 (1)	(2) (2)	Common Stock	379 (1) \$118.64 (3)	4,071	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Amounts shown represent value in AEP Stock Plan under the AEP Stock Unit Accumulation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the cash value of one share of AEP common stock.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash or shares following termination of the reporting person's service on the Board. The reporting person may transfer the phantom stock in the AEP Stock Plan account into an alternative investment account at any time.
- (3) Was AEP Stock Price at the time of the transaction.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McCarthy Margaret M 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS OHIO 43215 UNITED STATES	X			

Signatures

/s/ David C. House, Attorney-in-Fact for Margaret M McCarthy

10/2/2026

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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