

**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 29, 2026

**AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| <b>New York</b>                                      | <b>1-3525</b>            | <b>13-4922640</b>                    |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation)    | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification<br>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               | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC               |

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.

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

On September 29, 2026, Alicia Knapp, President Nuclear Development of American Electric Power (“AEP” or the “Company”), left the Company. Ms. Knapp’s involuntary separation triggers benefits to her under the Company’s Executive Severance Plan if she enters a severance, release of all claims, and noncompetition agreement (“Agreement”) with the Company. Under the Company’s Executive Severance Plan, the Company would provide Ms. Knapp one times her current salary and target annual incentive compensation, prorated vesting of performance shares and restricted stock units under the Company’s long-term incentive plan. By signing the Agreement, Ms. Knapp would release the Company from all claims that she may lawfully release, agree not to compete with the Company for one year, and re-affirm certain non-solicitation, confidentiality, non-disparagement and cooperation covenants with the Company.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.**

By:            /s/ David C. House

Name:       David C. House

Title:        Assistant Secretary

September 30, 2026