AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC Form 4 April 01, 2003

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Ad Howell, Willian | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP) | | | | | | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|---|---|------------------|---------|---|---------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | | | Statement for nth/Day/Year 31/03 | 1(| X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | |
| Frisco, TX 75034 | | | | | | | | onth/Day/Year) | X Po | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | e I Non-E | Derivat | ive Sec | rities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans- action Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | action Code | | 4. Securitie (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 | posed o | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially | | ship Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | | |
| | (Month/ Day/ Year) | , | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Owned Follow- ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | | or Indirect (I) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

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).

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|--|
| 1. Title of | 2. Conver- | 3. Trans- | 3A. | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exercisable | 7. Title and | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature | |
| Derivative | sion or | action | Deemed | Trans- | Number | and Expiration | Amount of | Derivative | Derivative | Owner- | of Indirect | |
| Security | Exercise | Date | Execution | action | of | Date | Underlying | Security | Securities | ship | Beneficial | |
| | Price of | | Date, | Code | Derivati | (Month/Day/ | Securities | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Form | Ownership | |
| (Instr. 3) | Derivative | (Month/ | if any | | Securitie | Year) | (Instr. 3 & 4) | | Owned | of Deriv- | (Instr. 4) | |
| | Security | Day/ | (Month/ | (Instr. | Acquire | d | | | Following | ative | | |
| | | Year) | Day/ | 8) | (A) or | | | | Reported | Security: | | |
| | | | Year) | | Dispose | đ | | | Transaction(s) | Direct | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | (Instr. 4) | (D) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | · / | or | | |
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| | | | ` | str. I & | | | | | | | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | | |
|-----------------------|--|----------|---|-------------|------|---|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code | / (A | | Exer-cisable | Expira- tion Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Unit | | 03/31/03 | | A | 38 | 3 | | | Common Stock | 383 | (1) | 5,177 (2) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Acquisition pursuant to the AEP Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors. (2) Includes 131 units of reinvested dividends in 2003 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan.

By: /s/ Kevin R. Fease, Attorney-in-Fact for William R. Howell

04/01/03 Date

**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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**Signature of Reporting Person

POWER OF ATTORNEY

WILLIAM R. HOWELL

The undersigned hereby appoints Jeffrey D. Cross, Thomas G. Berkemeyer, William E. Johnson and Kevin R. Fease, and each of them, to be the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, for undersigned, and in the undersigned's name, place and stead to execute, acknowledge, deliver and Forms 4 and 5 (including amendments thereto) with respect to securities of American Electric Powe Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively "AEP"), required to be filed with the Securities Exchange Commission, national securities exchanges and AEP pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Secur Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and the and regulations thereunder, granting to AEP full power and authority to perform all acts necessar the completion of such purposes.

The undersigned agrees that the attorneys-in-fact herein may rely entirely on information furnis orally or in writing by the undersigned to such attorneys-in-fact. The undersigned acknowledges

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foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are n assuming, nor is AEP assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 1 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 17 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

The validity of this Power of Attorney shall not be affected in any manner by reason of the exec at any time, of other powers of attorney by the undersigned in favor of persons other than those

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in issued by AEP, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the for attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of January, 2003.

/s/ William R. Howell William R. Howell