

Welch Dennis E
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Welch Dennis E		(Month/Day/Year)	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/25/2012	
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER,Â 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)				(Check all applicable)
COLUMBUS,Â OHÂ 43215			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Executive Vice President	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	9,260.97	D	Â

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	31,798.16	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	8,896	\$ (3)	D	Â
Career Shares (Phantom Stock) (4)	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	29,900	\$ 0	D	Â
AEP Stock Options	Â (5)	09/15/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 38.65	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Welch Dennis E AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

Signatures

/s/ Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Attorney-in-Fact for Dennis E. Welch 02/03/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) The restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on May 1, 2012, May 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on May 1, 2013, May 1, 2014 and May 1, 2015
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AEP common stock
- (4) Career Shares become payable upon the reporting person's termination of employment with AEP.
- (5) Options are currently exercisable.

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