

DESBARRES JOHN P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DESBARRES JOHN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6640 SILVER LAKE DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PARK CITY, UT 84060

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)				
Phantom Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/31/2004	A	V	436.808		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	436.808
Phantom Stock Unit <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	12/31/2004	A		436.808		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	436.808

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DESBARRES JOHN P 6640 SILVER LAKE DRIVE PARK CITY, UT 84060	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Attorney-in-Fact for John P.  
DesBarres

01/05/2005

<sup>(1)</sup>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Acquisition pursuant to the AEP Stock Unit Accumulation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

(2) Stock Units are paid to the director in cash 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.

(3) Acquisition pursuant to the AEP Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

(4) Includes units of reinvested dividends for 4th Quarter, 2004 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of both Plans.

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