

Barton Lisa M  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Barton Lisa M  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

AMERICAN ELECTRIC  
 POWER,Â 1 RIVERSIDE  
 PLAZA

(Street)

COLUMBUS,Â OHÂ 43215

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 01/25/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

5. 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

**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)

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 Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
 (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	3,214.58	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	3,912	\$ (3)	D	Â
Career Shares (Phantom Stock) (4)	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	7,881.77	\$ 0	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Barton Lisa M 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 Lisa M.  
Barton

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.

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