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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

McCellon-Allen Venita

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/26/2005

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC [AEP]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER, 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA

(Street)

(State)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below) SVP of AEPSC (Subsidiary) 6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

COLUMBUS, OHÂ 43215

1. Title of Security

(City)

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5) Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(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

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

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

(Instr. 4)

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D)

Expiration Title Amount or Number of Exercisable Date

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McCellon-Allen Venita

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA

COLUMBUS, OHÂ 43215

Signatures

/s/ Thomas G. Berkemeyer, Attorney-in-Fact for Venita McCellon-Allen

04/28/2005

**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 ownership consists of restricted stock units which vest in three equal annual installments beginning September 13, 2005. One unit equals one share.
- (2) Includes units of reinvested dividends for 4th Quarter, 2004 and 1st Quarter, 2005, pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan.

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