AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY INC Form 35-CERT April 25, 2001

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

_____ • In the Matter of : : AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC. : CERTIFICATE OF : NOTIFICATION : NO. 21 APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY WHEELING POWER COMPANY : Columbus, Ohio : : (70 - 8693)Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 : -------

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC., and certain of its electric utility subsidiaries, in accordance with the terms and conditions of, and for the purposes represented by, the Application or declaration herein, as amended, the orders of the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect thereto, dated December 8, 1995 and May 4, 1998, have carried out the transactions listed below:

 Wheeling Power Company made short-term note borrowings from Key Bank National Association during the calendar quarter ended March 31, 2001; Appalachian Power Company sold commercial paper to Lehman Brothers Commercial Paper, Incorporated and Banc One Capital Markets, Inc.

These note borrowings from banks and commercial paper transactions, if any, are summarized on the attached computer printouts for each company. Bank note borrowings are indicated as "BL" and Commercial Paper transactions by each company are indicated as "CP".

The interest rate for each transaction involving note borrowings from banks in the report is calculated on an interest-bearing basis and a 360-day year. The interest rate for each commercial paper transaction is calculated on a discounted basis and a 360-day year. The actual prime rates in effect during the quarter are set forth in Exhibit A.

This Certificate of Notification is filed pursuant to the Commission's Order in this proceeding after the end of the calendar quarter during which the above-described transactions were consummated.

> SIGNATURE As requested by order of this Commission pursuant to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the utilities have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf on this 20th day of April 2001.

> > AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC. APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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By: /s/ A. A. Pena

Vice President and Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM

Schedule of Monthly Prime Rates First Quarter of the Calendar Year 2001

Month Actual Prime Rates*

Jan 1 - Mar 31 8.00%

o Represents the prime commercial lending rates of major New York City banks as reported in The Wall Street Journal.

Appalachian Power Company

DEBT TYPE	SETTLEMENT DATE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	PR
CP	2-Jan-01	11-Jan-01	7.1	
CP	3-Jan-01	17-Jan-01	6.9	
CP	4-Jan-01	22-Jan-01	6.45	
CP	4-Jan-01	22-Jan-01	6.45	
CP	5-Jan-01	29-Jan-01	6.25	
CP	8-Jan-01	25-Jan-01	6.2	
CP	11-Jan-01	23-Jan-01	6.3	
CP	12-Jan-01	23-Jan-01	6.5	
CP	16-Jan-01	24-Jan-01	6.7	
CP	17-Jan-01	19-Jan-01	7.25	
CP	18-Jan-01	19-Jan-01	7.5	
CP	18-Jan-01	19-Jan-01	7.5	
CP	19-Jan-01	30-Jan-01	7.05	

Wheeling Power Company

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DEBT TYPE	SETTLEMENT DATE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	PRIN
BL	02-Jan-01	05-Jan-01	7.21	
BL	05-Jan-01	19-Jan-01	6.62	
BL	19-Jan-01	30-Jan-01	6.53	