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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
(Full title of the plan)

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.
1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215
(Name of issuer of the securities held
pursuant to the plan and the address
of its principal executive office)

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Employee Benefit Trusts Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ J. Steven Kiser

J. Steven Kiser, Secretary
Employee Benefit Trusts Committee

Date: June 15, 2001

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

American Electric Power Service Corporation, as Plan Administrator:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan (formerly the American Electric Power System Employees Savings Plan hereafter referred to as the Plan) as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by Plan management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule listed in the Table of Contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP
Columbus, Ohio
June 15, 2001

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RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31, 2000		
	Participant Directed	Non-Participant Directed	Total
ASSETS:			
Investments:			
Group Annuity, Bank Investment and Other Fixed Income Contracts	\$ 503,673,194	\$ -	\$ 503,673,194
American Electric Power Company, Inc. - Common Stock	411,360,904	94,396,021	505,756,925
Registered Investment Company	844,269,352	-	844,269,352
Fidelity Institutional Cash Portfolio Fund	16,460,689	3,719,060	20,179,749
Participant Loans	16,722,513	-	16,722,513
 Total Investments	 1,792,486,652	 98,115,081	 1,890,601,733
 Other Receivables	 -	 2,371,909	 2,371,909
 NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	 \$1,792,486,652	 \$ 100,486,990	 \$1,892,973,642

See notes to financial statements

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31, 1999		
	Participant Directed	Non-Participant Directed	Total
ASSETS:			
Investments:			
Group Annuity, Bank Investment and Other Fixed Income Contracts	\$ 550,523,449	\$ -	\$ 550,523,449
American Electric Power Company, Inc. - Common Stock	268,624,305	60,729,258	329,353,563
Registered Investment Company	932,537,562	-	932,537,562
Fidelity Institutional Cash Portfolio Fund	22,058,652	10,509,998	32,568,650
Participant Loans	16,872,096	-	16,872,096
 Total Investments	 1,790,616,064	 71,239,256	 1,861,855,320
 Other Receivables	 -	 251,492	 251,492
 NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	 \$1,790,616,064	 \$ 71,490,748	 \$1,862,106,812

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	DECEMBER 31, 2000		
	Participant Directed	Non-Participant Directed	Tot
NET INVESTMENT INCOME:			
Interest	\$ 31,427,553	\$ --	\$ 31,4
Dividends	85,887,496	9,449,482	95,3
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments	(42,448,846)	13,048,590	(29,4
Total Net Investment Income (Loss)	74,866,203	22,498,072	97,3
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	68,951	(68,951)	
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER QUALIFIED PLANS	--	--	
CONTRIBUTIONS:			
Participants	72,051,756	--	72,0
Employer	7,831,419	13,059,761	20,8
Total Contributions	79,883,175	13,059,761	92,9
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS	(152,947,741)	(6,492,640)	(159,4
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	1,870,588	28,996,242	30,8
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,790,616,064	71,490,748	1,862,1
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS END OF YEAR	\$ 1,792,486,652	\$ 100,486,990	\$ 1,892,9

See notes to financial statements

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	DECEMBER 31, 1999		
	Participant Directed	Non-Participant Directed	Tot
NET INVESTMENT INCOME:			
Interest	\$ 32,689,175	\$ --	\$ 32,6
Dividends	55,944,848	9,208,473	65,1
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments	77,854,246	(62,398,494)	15,4

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Total Net Investment Income (Loss)	166,488,269	(53,190,021)	113,2
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	597,025	(597,025)	
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER QUALIFIED PLANS	7,931,925	--	7,9
CONTRIBUTIONS:			
Participants	69,695,041	--	69,6
Employer	7,518,794	13,046,803	20,5
Total Contributions	77,213,835	13,046,803	90,2
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS	(139,021,135)	(6,964,941)	(145,9
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	113,209,919	(47,705,184)	65,5
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,677,406,145	119,195,932	1,796,6
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS END OF YEAR	\$ 1,790,616,064	\$ 71,490,748	\$ 1,862,1

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AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

1. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The following description of the American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan (formerly the American Electric Power System Employees Savings Plan hereafter referred to as the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan documents for more complete information.

The Plan became effective and commenced operations on January 1, 1978. Effective August 1, 1998, employees were eligible to become participants in the Plan on the first day of the month following their first day of employment. Prior to August 1, 1998, employees who had completed 6 months of service, as defined in the Plan, could participate in the Plan. Participants may contribute, through payroll deductions, up to 6% of their regular compensation in 1% increments as a matched contribution to the Plan. The employer contributes an amount equal to 50% of participants' matched contributions. Employees who have elected to make a 6% matched contribution to the Plan may contribute up to an additional 11% of their base compensation in 1% increments as an unmatched contribution. Highly compensated employees are currently

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limited to an additional 10% of their base compensation. Additionally, employees may direct that their contributions be made on an after-tax basis and/or a pre-tax basis in accordance with Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). An employee's taxable income for federal income tax is reduced by any pre-tax contribution. Certain restrictions, as defined by the Code, are placed on the availability of those pre-tax accumulated funds.

Effective June 15, 2000, American Electric Power Company Inc. (the Company) entered into a merger with Central and South West Corporation (CSW). The merger agreement provided that the CSW qualified plans will remain in effect until July 1, 2002. The effect on the Plan subsequent to July 1, 2002 has not yet been determined.

American Electric Power Service Corporation is the Plan Administrator (Plan Administrator). Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) is the Trustee for all funds except the Fixed Income Fund, and is the Recordkeeper for the entire Plan. Key Trust Company of Ohio, N.A. (Key Trust) is Trustee for the Fixed Income Fund.

Employer contributions are invested solely in the AEP Stock Fund. Participants may direct the investment of their contributions to any combination of the following funds:

The Fixed Income Fund, the objective of which is to invest in contracts with various insurance and financial institutions at varying annual interest rates, maturing over periods approximating five years or less and temporary investments in the Employee Benefits Money Market Fund and the Fidelity Institutional Cash Portfolio.

The AEP Stock Fund, the objective of which is to invest in American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP) common stock and temporary investments in the Fidelity Institutional Cash Portfolio Money Market Fund.

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The Fidelity Puritan Fund, the objective of which is to invest in a broadly diversified portfolio of domestic and foreign common stocks, and preferred stocks and bonds, including lower-quality, high-yield debt securities. The prospectus for the Puritan Fund indicates that the Puritan Fund is a growth and income fund.

The Fidelity OTC Portfolio, the objective of which is to invest in common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into common stocks, and debt securities that are traded on the over-the-counter (OTC) securities market. The prospectus for the OTC Portfolio indicates that the OTC Portfolio is a growth fund.

The Fidelity Overseas Fund, the objective of which is to invest in foreign securities, including common stocks and securities convertible into common stocks, as well as debt instruments. The prospectus for the Overseas Fund indicates that the Overseas Fund is an international growth fund.

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The Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund, the objective of which is to invest in a diversified portfolio of common stocks of well-known and established domestic and foreign companies. The prospectus for the Blue Chip Growth Fund indicates that the Blue Chip Growth Fund is a growth fund.

The Fidelity Equity-Income Fund, the objective of which is to seek reasonable income and also to consider the potential for capital appreciation. The fund seeks a yield that exceeds the yield on the securities comprising the Standard and Poor's 500 index and normally invests at least 65% of its total assets in income-producing equity securities, while potentially investing in other types of equity securities and debt securities, including lower-quality debt securities.

The Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Fund, the objective of which is to seek capital appreciation by normally investing at least 65% of total assets in low-priced common stocks (\$35 or less at time of purchase), which can lead to investments in small and medium-sized companies.

The Fidelity Freedom Income Fund, the objective of which is to seek high current income and, secondarily, to seek capital appreciation. The fund invests in a combination of Fidelity equity, fixed-income, and money market funds (underlying Fidelity Funds) and allocates its assets among these funds according to a stable asset allocation strategy designed for investors already in retirement.

The Fidelity Freedom 2000 Fund, the objective of which is to seek high total return, by investing in a combination of Fidelity equity, fixed-income, and money market funds (underlying Fidelity funds) and allocating its assets among these funds according to an asset allocation strategy that becomes increasingly conservative as Freedom 2000 approaches its target retirement date. Targeted to investors expected to retire around the year 2000.

The Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund, the objective of which is to seek high total return, by investing in a combination of Fidelity equity, fixed-income, and money market funds (underlying Fidelity funds) and allocating its assets among these funds according to an asset allocation strategy that becomes increasingly conservative as Freedom 2010 approaches its target retirement date. Targeted to investors expected to retire around the year 2010.

The Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund, the objective of which is to seek high total return, by investing in a combination of Fidelity equity, fixed-income, and money market funds (underlying Fidelity funds) and allocating its assets among these funds according to an asset allocation strategy that becomes increasingly conservative as Freedom 2020 approaches its target retirement date. Targeted to investors expected to retire around the year 2020.

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The Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund, the objective of which is to seek high total return, by investing in a combination of Fidelity equity, fixed-income, and money market funds (underlying Fidelity funds) and allocating its assets among these funds according to an asset allocation strategy that becomes increasingly conservative as Freedom 2030 approaches its target retirement date. Targeted to investors expected to retire around the year 2030.

The Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund, the objective of which is to seek high total return, by investing in a combination of Fidelity equity, fixed-income, and money market funds (underlying Fidelity funds) and allocating its assets among these funds according to an asset allocation strategy that becomes increasingly conservative as Freedom 2040 approaches its target retirement date. Targeted to investors expected to retire around the year 2040.

The Fidelity Spartan U.S. Equity Index Portfolio, the objective of which is to invest in a group of common stocks. The prospectus for the Spartan U.S. Equity Index Portfolio indicates that the Spartan U.S. Equity Index Portfolio is a growth and income fund which is designed to approximate the composition and total return of the S&P 500.

Participants may transfer the value of their own cumulative contributions, in any whole percentage or dollar amount, among investments, change their investment elections, and change their contribution percentage as often as they like. Effective January 1, 2001, except for their pre-tax contributions, participants may make an unlimited number of withdrawals of their interest in the Plan, including company matching contributions which are immediately vested. Pre-tax contributions are not eligible for withdrawal by participants not yet age 59-1/2. Participants age 50 and over may transfer a portion or all of the value of their employer contributions from the AEP Stock Fund, as often as they like.

Participants may borrow from their savings plan accounts, a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Loan terms range from six months to 54 months, or any monthly increment in-between. The loan period cannot extend beyond the date that the participant reaches age 70-1/2. Interest rates, fixed for the life of the loan, are calculated by adding 1% to the prime rate, as reported in the Eastern edition of the Wall Street Journal, in effect as of the first business day of the calendar quarter in which the loan is taken. Prior to April 1, 2000, there was a one-time loan processing fee of \$35 and a loan maintenance fee of \$3.75 per quarter. On April 1, 2000, loan fees were eliminated. Active employees make principal and interest payments through payroll deductions. Retirees/surviving spouses make monthly payments using a coupon book.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investments have been recorded based on the trade-date and are reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits at fair value or contract value. The AEP Stock Fund investments are valued at year-end quoted closing prices. The year-end valuations for the various Fidelity funds are based on the closing market prices for the underlying securities as provided by the Trustee. The Fixed Income Fund contracts

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are valued at book value which is equal to cost plus interest, as the contracts are fully benefit responsive.

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Dividends and interest income are recorded as earned. These amounts are reinvested by the Trustees in the same funds which generated such income. Investment management fees are accounted for as a reduction in net investment income. All other Plan administration expenses are paid by the employer with the exception of per transaction charges for withdrawals and "minimum required distributions" which are borne by the participants.

Distributions are recorded when paid. There were no amounts due to participants who requested distributions from the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. INVESTMENT CONTRACT VALUATION

The Plan has a fixed income fund with Key Trust as Trustee, which invests primarily in fully benefit responsive investment contracts. Key Trust maintains the assets in a custodian account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for Plan withdrawals (credited interest rates ranged from 7.53% to 2.21% for 2000 and from 7.40% to 2.21% for 1999). The average yield was 5.82% and 5.85% for fiscal years ending December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively. The investment is recorded in the financial statements based on the contract value of the underlying investment contracts, which approximates fair value, as reported to the Plan by Fidelity. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals.

4. INVESTMENTS EXCEEDING 5% OF THE PLAN NET ASSETS

Investments exceeding five percent of net assets were:

	Fair Value	
	December 31, 2000	1999
AEP Common Stock - Participant Directed . . .	\$411,360,904	\$268,624,305
AEP Common Stock - Non-Participant Directed .	\$ 94,396,021	\$ 60,729,258
Fidelity Spartan U.S. Equity Index Portfolio.	\$280,004,061	\$339,358,715
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund.	\$234,002,496	\$255,397,831
Fidelity OTC Portfolio.	\$169,033,714	\$177,689,208

5. NET APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION) IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

During 2000 and 1999, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value by \$(29,400,256) and \$15,455,752, respectively, as follows:

	Fair Value	
	December 31, 2000	1999
Investments at Fair Value:		
American Electric Power Company, Inc. -		
Common Stock.	\$ 161,293,077	\$(147,854,918)
Investments at Estimated Fair Value:		
Group Annuity, Bank Investment and		
Other Fixed Income Contracts.	(190,693,333)	163,310,670
Total	\$ (29,400,256)	\$ 15,455,752

6. FEDERAL INCOME TAX

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined that the Plan meets the requirements of Section 401(a) of the Code; therefore, the Plan is exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code.

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on November 13, 1997, in which the IRS stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

Under current income tax laws and regulations, participants are not subject to federal income tax on the employer contributions to their accounts or on the accumulated earnings on employee and employer contributions until such amounts are distributed to participants. Employees have the option to make contributions to the Plan on a pre-tax basis, in which case federal income tax is deferred until such amounts are distributed.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants remain 100 percent vested in their accounts.

8. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity Investments. Fidelity Investments is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest.

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9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Effective January 1, 2001, the name of the American Electric Power System Employees Savings Plan was changed to the American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan. The Company's matching contribution was increased from 50% to 75% for the first 6% of employee contributions. Also, the total employee contributions increased from 17% to 20%, subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations on highly compensated participants. The definition of pay was expanded to include shift differential, Sunday premium pay, incentive pay and overtime pay, in addition to base pay. At termination, employees will have the option of rolling a lump sum payment from the AEP System Retirement Plan into the AEP System Retirement Savings Plan.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE I

ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000

	NUMBER OF SHARES/UNITS	FAIR/CONTRACT VALUE	COST
THE FIXED INCOME FUND:			
Fixed Income Contract -			
AIG Life Insurance Company			
7.53% effective annual yield to			
July 31, 2003.		21,386,560	21,386,560
Group Annuity Contract -			
Business Men's Assurance			
6.35% effective annual yield to			
January 31, 2001		12,338,825	12,338,825
Group Annuity Contract -			
Monumental Life Insurance Company			
7.40% effective annual yield to			
July 31, 2001.		27,412,665	27,412,665
Group Annuity Contract -			
JP Morgan Securities, Inc.			
5.98% effective annual yield to			
October 15, 2001		26,345,176	26,345,176
Group Annuity Contract -			
J.P. Morgan #2			
5.821% effective annual yield to			
July 25, 2005.		24,035,403	24,035,403
Group Annuity Contract -			
National Westminster Bank			
2.21% effective annual yield to			
October 31, 2005		23,887,085	23,887,085
Group Annuity Contract -			
New York Life Insurance Company			
6.08% effective annual yield to			
January 31, 2003		27,487,086	27,487,086
Fixed Income Contract -			

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Norwest Bank Minnesota variable annual yield with an indeterminate maturity date.	5,295,070	5,295,070
Group Annuity Contract - Ohio National Life Insurance Company 5.80% effective annual yield to October 7, 2002.	33,394,703	33,394,703
Group Annuity Contract - Pacific Mutual 6.32% effective annual yield to January 31, 2001	9,023,717	9,023,717
Group Annuity Contract - Principle Mutual Life 6.00% effective annual yield to October 31, 2003	39,985,654	39,985,654
Group Annuity Contract - Protective Life Insurance Company 5.95% effective annual yield to January 31, 2002	33,847,955	33,847,955

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE I

ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000 (Continued)

	NUMBER OF SHARES/UNITS	FAIR/CONTRACT VALUE	COST
THE FIXED INCOME FUND (Continued)			
Group Annuity Contract - Rabobank Nederland variable annual yield with an indeterminate maturity date.		55,934,118	55,934,118
Group Annuity Contract - Rabobank Nederland variable annual yield with an indeterminate maturity date.		55,940,894	55,940,894
Group Annuity Contract - Security Life of Denver Insurance Company 6.60% effective annual yield to August 3, 2004		27,364,047	27,364,047
Group Annuity Contract - Transamerica Life & Annuity variable annual yield with an indeterminate maturity date.		54,728,823	54,728,823
Group Annuity Contract - Transamerica 6.37% effective annual yield to April 30, 2003.		25,265,413	25,265,413
Subtotal.		503,673,194	503,673,194

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Fidelity Institutional Cash			
Portfolio Fund	16,460,689 Units	16,460,689	16,460,689
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TOTAL - THE FIXED INCOME FUND . . .		\$ 520,133,883	\$ 520,133,883
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THE AEP STOCK FUND:			
American Electric Power Company, Inc.			
Common Stock \$6.50 par value	10,876,493 Shares	\$ 505,756,925	\$ 332,419,056
Fidelity Institutional Cash			
Portfolio Fund	3,719,060 Units	3,719,060	3,719,060
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TOTAL - THE AEP STOCK FUND.		\$ 509,475,985	\$ 336,138,116
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REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY:			
The Fidelity Puritan Fund.	2,858,978 Units	\$ 53,834,559	\$ 52,527,118
The Fidelity OTC Portfolio	4,117,752 Units	169,033,714	205,711,434
The Fidelity Overseas Fund	900,865 Units	30,962,713	33,924,777
The Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund . .	4,541,092 Units	234,002,496	193,870,127
The Fidelity Equity Income Fund. . . .	72,791 Units	3,889,237	3,814,948
The Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Fund . .	181,672 Units	4,200,267	4,210,336
The Fidelity Freedom Income Fund . . .	1,004,870 Units	11,224,394	11,398,438
The Fidelity Freedom 2000 Fund	617,967 Units	7,298,190	7,974,878
The Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund	1,730,818 Units	23,954,521	25,581,291
The Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	1,484,978 Units	21,621,274	23,923,763
The Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	278,828 Units	4,182,420	4,668,066
The Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	7,029 Units	61,506	63,669
The Fidelity Spartan U.S. Equity Index			
Portfolio.	5,981,714 Units	280,004,061	184,536,746
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TOTAL - REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		\$ 844,269,352	\$ 752,205,591
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PARTICIPANT LOANS (interest rate ranging from 8.75%			
through 9.5% maturing through October 2003)		\$ 16,722,513	\$ 16,722,513
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$1,890,601,733	\$1,625,200,103
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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

American Electric Power Company, Inc.:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement No. 33-1052 of American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan (formerly the American Electric Power System Employees Saving Plan) on Form S-8 of our report dated June 15, 2001 appearing in this Annual Report on Form 11-K of American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan for the year ended December 31, 2000.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP
Columbus, Ohio
June 19, 2001