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AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC  
Form 8-K  
March 09, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) March 8, 2005  
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AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New York  
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-3525

13-4922640  
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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH  
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43215

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

614-716-1000  
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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

In February, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of common shares up to an aggregate purchase price of \$500 million. On March 8, 2005, the Company entered into a Purchase Agreement with Merrill Lynch International ("Merrill") pursuant to which the Company repurchased, in an accelerated share repurchase transaction, 12.5 million shares of common stock.

The initial price paid per share was \$34.63. The repurchase was funded from available cash on hand. The repurchased shares are subject to a future contingent-purchase price adjustment expected to be settled during the second quarter of 2005. The purchase price adjustment will be based upon the prices actually paid by Merrill during the repurchase period and certain other provisions. The common shares repurchased by AEP will be held as treasury stock.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas G. Berkemeyer  
Name: Thomas G. Berkemeyer  
Title: Assistant Secretary

March 9, 2005