

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC  
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**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(Rule 14a-101)**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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**American Electric Power Company, Inc.**

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**IMPORTANT ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING**

**INFORMATION YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
American Electric Power Company, Inc. Shareholder Meeting to be Held on April 27, 2010**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at:**

**Easy Online Access A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote**

**When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.**

**Step 1:** Go to [www.envisionreports.com/AEP](http://www.envisionreports.com/AEP) to view the materials.

**Step 2:** Click on **Cast Your Vote or Request Materials**.

**Step 3:** Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.

**Step 4:** Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and vote.

**When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.**

**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials** If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before April 17, 2010 to facilitate timely delivery.

**Shareholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket**

**The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of American Electric Power Company, Inc. will be held on Tuesday April 27, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time, Grand Theatre, 308 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.**

**Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following proposals:**

1. Election of the following Directors:

|                       |                     |                      |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| E. R. Brooks          | Donald M. Carlton   | James F. Cordes      |
| Ralph D. Crosby, Jr.  | Linda A. Goodspeed  | Thomas E. Hoaglin    |
| Lester A. Hudson, Jr. | Michael G. Morris   | Lionel L. Nowell III |
| Richard L. Sandor     | Kathryn D. Sullivan | Sara Martinez Tucker |
| John F. Turner        |                     |                      |

2. Approve amendments to the American Electric Power System Long-Term Incentive Plan.

3. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.

**Please note: This is not a proxy. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a set of printed proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice and identification with you.**

**Directions to the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of American Electric Power Company, Inc.**

Directions to the Grand Theatre

From I-64, eastbound or westbound:

Take Exit 53 (Frankfort/Lawrenceburg) - U S 127 North toward Frankfort. Stay on U S 127 for approximately four miles, crossing the Kentucky River. Go through the light and under the plaza structure to Ann Street. Turn right on Ann Street and proceed across West Broadway Street to West Main Street. Turn right on West Main Street and travel one block. Turn right on St. Clair Street. The Grand Theatre entrance is at 308 St. Clair St. under the Grand marquee.

Valet parking will be available in front of the theatre after 8 a.m. Eastern Time.

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à **Telephone** Call us free of charge at 1-866-641-4276 using a touch-tone phone and follow the instructions to log in and order a set of proxy materials.

à **Internet** Go to [www.envisionreports.com/AEP](http://www.envisionreports.com/AEP). Follow the instructions to log in and order a set of proxy materials.

à **Email** Send an email message with "Proxy Materials American Electric Power" in the subject line and, in the body of the message, your full name and address and the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse to [investorvote@computershare.com](mailto:investorvote@computershare.com).

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by April 17, 2010.