
**UNITED STATES
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) November 6, 2020

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New York
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-3525
(Commission
File Number)

13-4922640
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

43215
(Zip Code)

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

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$6.50 par value	AEP	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
6.125% Corporate Units	AEPL	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
6.125% Corporate Units	AEPPZ	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Section 8 - Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 6, 2020, American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a Distribution Agreement (the “Distribution Agreement”) with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., BofA Securities, Inc., BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., as sales agents (each, a “Sales Agent” and collectively, the “Sales Agents”) and Credit Suisse Capital LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, Bank of America, N.A. and Citibank, N.A., as Forward Purchasers (each, a “Forward Purchaser” and collectively, the “Forward Purchasers”), pursuant to which the Company may sell, from time to time, up to an aggregate sales price of \$1 billion of its common stock, par value \$6.50 per share (the “Common Stock”), through the Sales Agents. Sales of the Common Stock made pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, if any, may be made in “at the market offerings” as defined in Rule 415 of the Securities Act, including sales made directly on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, the existing trading market for shares of our common stock, or sales made to or through a market maker or through an electronic communications network or by such other methods, including privately negotiated transactions (including block transactions), as we and any Sales Agent agree to in writing. Actual sales will depend on a variety of factors to be determined by the Company from time to time, including (among others) market conditions, the trading price of the Common Stock, capital needs and determinations by the Company of the appropriate sources of funding for the Company. Any shares sold will be offered and sold pursuant to the Company’s registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-249918) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 6, 2020.

In addition to the issuance and sale of Common Stock by the Company through the Sales Agents, the Company also may enter into forward stock purchase transactions (each, a “Forward Transaction”) with the Forward Purchasers as set forth in a separate letter agreement (each, a “Forward Agreement”), a form of which is attached as Exhibit B to the Distribution Agreement. In connection with each Forward Agreement, the applicable Forward Purchaser will borrow from third parties and, through a Sales Agent, sell a number of shares of the Common Stock equal to the number of shares underlying such Forward Agreement to hedge such Forward Agreement.

The initial forward sale price per share under each Forward Agreement will equal the product of (1) an amount equal to one minus the applicable forward selling commission and (2) the volume weighted average price per share at which the shares of Common Stock are sold by the Sales Agents pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, subject to the price adjustment provisions of such Forward Agreement. If the Company elects to physically settle any Forward Agreement by delivering Common Stock, it will receive an amount of cash from the Forward Purchaser equal to the

product of the initial forward sale price per share under such Forward Agreement and the number of shares underlying such Forward Agreement, subject to the price adjustment and other provisions of the Forward Agreement. Each Forward Agreement will provide that the initial forward sale price, as well as the sales prices used to calculate the initial forward sale price, will be subject to adjustment based on a floating interest rate factor equal to the federal funds rate less a spread. In addition, the initial forward sale price will be subject to decrease on certain dates specified in such Forward Agreement by the amount per share of quarterly dividends the Company expects to declare during the term of such Forward Agreement. If the federal funds rate is less than the spread on any day, the interest rate factor will result in a daily reduction of the forward sale price.

Except under the circumstances described in the next sentence, the Company has the right, in lieu of physical settlement of any Forward Agreement, to elect cash or net share settlement of such Forward Agreement. Each Forward Purchaser will have the right to accelerate its Forward Agreement and require the Company to physically settle on a date specified by the Forward Purchaser under the terms described in the Forward Agreement.

A copy of the Distribution Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, an opinion of David C. House is filed as Exhibit 5.1 and the consent of David C. House is filed as Exhibit 23.1. This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

- 1.1 - [Distribution Agreement, dated November 6, 2020, by and among American Electric Power Company, Inc. and Credit Suisse Securities \(USA\) LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., BofA Securities, Inc., BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Scotia Capital \(USA\) Inc., Credit Suisse Capital LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, Bank of America, N.A. and Citibank, N.A.](#)
- 5.1 - [Opinion of David C. House, Esq.](#)
- 23.1 - [Consent of David C. House, Esq. \(included in Exhibit 5.1\).](#)
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File - The cover page iXBRL tags are embedded within the inline XBRL document.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ David C. House

David C. House
Associate General Counsel

Dated: November 6, 2020