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 2, 2020 | |
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| | AMERICAN I | ELECTRIC POWER | COMPAN | IY, INC. | |
| | (Exact] | Name of Registrant as Specified i | ı Its Charter) | | |
| New York | | 1-3525 | | 13-4922640 | |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of | | (Commission File Numb | er) | (IRS Employer Identification | |
| Incorporation) | | | | No. | |
| 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, | OH | | | 4321: | |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | | | | (Zip Code | |
| (Registrant's Telephone Number, Includi | ng Area Code) | <u>(614</u> | 716-1000 | | |
| | (Former Nam | e or Former Address, if Changed | Since Last Repo | ort) | |
| Check the appropriate box below if the provisions (see General Instruction A.2. t | | tended to simultaneously satisf | the filing obli | igation of the registrant under any of the following | |
| ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to | Rule 14a-12 under the | the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.42 Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12 e 14d-2(b) under the Exchange A | 2) | 4d-2(b)) | |
| ☐ Pre-commencement communic | ations pursuant to Rul | e 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Ac | t (17 CFR 240.1 | 3e-4(c)) | |
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| Securities registered pursuant to Section | 12(b) of the Act: | | | | |
| Title of each class | Tra | ding Symbol(s) | Nam | e of each exchange on which registered | |
| Common Stock, \$6.50 par value | AEP | The | NASDAQ Stoc | | |
| 6.125% Corporate Units | AEPPL | The | NASDAQ Stoc | k Market LLC | |
| 6.125% Corporate Units | AEPPZ | The | NASDAQ Stoc | k Market LLC | |
| Indicate by check mark whether the regis 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of I | strant is an emerging g 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this | rowth company as defined in Rus chapter). | le 405 of the Sec | curities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule Emerging growth company | |
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| If an emerging growth company, indicate financial accounting standards provided | | | he extended tra | nsition period for complying with any new or revised | |
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 2, 2020, American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the "Company") announced that Lisa M. Barton has been elected by the Company's Board of Directors as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company effective January 1, 2021. Ms. Barton has been Executive Vice President — Utilities of the Company since 2019, and served as Executive Vice President — Transmission of the Company from 2011 to 2018.

The Board of Directors also elected Brian X. Tierney as Executive Vice President — Strategy effective January 1, 2021. Mr. Tierney has been Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since 2009, served as Executive Vice President — AEP Utilities East in 2008 and 2009 and Senior Vice President — Commercial Operations of the Company from 2004 to 2007.

The Board of Directors also elected Julia A. Sloat as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer effective January 1, 2021. Ms Sloat has been Senior Vice President and Treasurer of the Company since 2019, served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Ohio Power Company from 2016 to 2018 and Senior Vice President and Treasurer the Company from 2013 to 2015.

A copy of the Company's press release dated November 2, 2020, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated November 2, 2020

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SIGNATURE

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

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ David C. House

Name: David C. House
Title: Assistant Secretary

November 2, 2020