

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO INC  
Form 8-K  
July 25, 2012

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) July 24, 2012

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

1-3525 New York 13-4922640  
(Commission File Number) (State or Other Jurisdiction of (IRS Employer Identification  
Incorporation) No.)

1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

None  
(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):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Items to be Included in this Report

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;  
Appointment of Principal Officers

On July 24, 2012, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “Company”) elected Sandra Beach Lin to serve as a director of the Company. Ms. Lin’s initial term as a director will continue until the 2013 annual meeting of shareholders. The Board appointed Ms. Lin to the Polity Committee.

Ms. Lin retired as the Chief Executive Officer of Calisolar, Inc. in 2011. She also served as Corporate Executive Vice President of Celanese Corporation. Ms. Lin is on the Board of Directors of WESCO International.

The Board has determined that Ms. Lin is an “independent” director under the Company’s Corporate Governance guidelines and the independence requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, as well as the applicable rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).

As a non-employee director, Ms. Lin will receive the same compensation paid to other non-employee directors of the Company in accordance with the policies and procedures previously approved by the Board for non-employee directors as disclosed in the Company’s 2012 Proxy Statement.

There are no arrangements between Ms. Lin and any other person pursuant to which Ms. Lin was elected to serve as a director, nor are there any transactions to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party and in which Ms. Lin has a material interest.

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/ Jeffrey D. Cross  
Name: Jeffrey D. Cross  
Title Assistant Secretary

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