

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

In accordance with the previously announced succession plan of the American Electric Power Company, Inc. (“Company”), Michael G. Morris will resign as Chief Executive Officer of the Company on November 11, 2011. Effective November 12, 2011, the Board elected Mr. Morris as Executive Chairman through December 31, 2011 and as Non-Executive Chairman effective January 1, 2012. The Board also elected Nicholas K. Akins as Chief Executive Officer, effective November 12, 2011. In addition, Carl L. English, currently Vice Chairman of the Company, will resign that position as of December 31, 2011.

Effective October 25, 2011, the size of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (“Company”) was increased from twelve (12) to thirteen (13) directors. Mr. Akins, President of the Company, was appointed by the Board to fill the newly created directorship and also was appointed to the Executive and Public Policy Committees of the Board. Mr. Akins, 51, was elected President of the Company in 2010. He has previously served as executive vice president of American Electric Power Service Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, from 2006 to 2010, and president and chief operating officer of Southwestern Electric Power Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, from 2004 to 2006.

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

October 26, 2011