Mail Stop 3561

January 7, 2008

By U.S. Mail and facsimile to (614) 716-1599

Michael G. Morris Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer American Electric Power Company, Inc. 1 Riverside Plaza Columbus, OH 43215

Re: American Electric Power Company, Inc. Definitive 14A Filed March 15, 2007 File No. 1-03525

Dear Mr. Morris:

We have completed our review of your executive compensation and related disclosure, and we have no further comments at this time.

Please note that the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in its filing. We are not approving any proposed disclosure you may have included in your response letter or any disclosure you include in your future filings in response to our comments.

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filing, please call me at (202) 551-3238.

Sincerely,

Ellie Quarles Special Counsel

cc: Thomas G. Berkemeyer (via facsimile) Associate General Counsel