UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 15

CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(G) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

			Commission File Num	ber:	1-1072
		_	LECTRIC POWER COMPANY registrant as specified in its charter)		
	(Address, including zip code, and tele	Was	01 Ninth St., N.W. shington, D.C. 20068 (202) 872-2000 mber, including area code, of registrant's princ	ipal exc	ecutive offices)
	(Title o	of each cla	Common Stock ass of securities covered by this Form)		
	7 3/8 % Trust Originated Preferr	ed Secu	mac Electric Power Company of the rities issued by Potomac Electric Powhich a duty to file reports under section 13(a)	ver Co	ompany Trust I d) remains)
	lace an X in the box(es) to design to file reports:	ate the a	ppropriate rule provision(s) relied up	on to	terminate or suspend
	Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(i) Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(ii) Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(i) Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(ii)		Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(Rule 15d-6	ii) i)	
Approxir	mate number of holders of record	as of th	e certification or notice record date:	_	Common Stock: 1
	•		change Act of 1934, Potomac Electric by the undersigned duly authorized p		1 .
DATE:	August 1, 2002	Ву	A.W. WILLIAMS Andrew W. Williams Senior Vice President and Chief Fire	nancia	ll Officer