



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3561

November 15, 2017

Nicholas K. Akins
Chief Executive Officer
American Electric Power Company, Inc.
1 Riverside Plaza
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Re: American Electric Power Company, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed November 13, 2017
File No. 333-221520**

Dear Mr. Akins:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Katherine Bagley at (202) 551-2545 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lisa M. Kohl for

Mara L. Ransom
Assistant Director
Office of Consumer Products