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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**AEP REPORTS 2018 FIRST-QUARTER EARNINGS**

- First-quarter 2018 earnings \$0.92 per share GAAP and \$0.96 per share operating
- Company reaffirms 2018 operating earnings guidance
- Strategic investments in regulated businesses support continued earnings growth

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER
Preliminary, unaudited results

	First Quarter ended March 31		
	2018	2017	Variance
Revenue (\$ in billions):	4.0	3.9	0.1
Earnings (\$ in millions):			
GAAP	454.4	592.2	(137.8)
Operating (non-GAAP)	473.2	474.3	(1.1)
EPS (\$):			
GAAP	0.92	1.20	(0.28)
Operating (non-GAAP)	0.96	0.96	—

EPS based on 492 mm shares in 1Q 2018, 492 mm shares in 1Q 2017

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 26, 2018 - American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) today reported first-quarter 2018 earnings, prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), of \$454 million or \$0.92 per share, compared with \$592 million or \$1.20 per share in first-quarter 2017. Operating earnings for first-quarter 2018 were \$473 million or \$0.96 per share, compared with first-quarter 2017 operating earnings of \$474 million or \$0.96 per share. Operating earnings is a non-GAAP measure representing GAAP earnings excluding special items. The

difference between first-quarter 2018 GAAP earnings and operating earnings was due to the mark-to-market impact of economic hedging activities.

A full reconciliation of GAAP earnings to operating earnings for the quarter is included in the tables at the end of this news release.

“Our performance in the first quarter demonstrates that we can continue to deliver solid earnings results through our focus on our regulated businesses and investments that enhance service for customers. The ongoing benefits of those investments, combined with strong economic signals, support our confidence in achieving our 2018 operating earnings guidance range of \$3.75 to \$3.95 per share,” said Nicholas K. Akins, AEP chairman, president and chief executive officer.

“We benefitted from more normal winter weather in the first quarter of 2018, compared with last year. We also are seeing positive economic indicators in the regions we serve. Retail sales increased for all customer segments in the first quarter, and industrial sales also were higher for the top 10 industrial sectors. Unemployment rates in the states where we operate are at the lowest levels in years.

“We resumed normal levels of operations and maintenance (O&M) expenditures this year after cutting expenses last year in response to very mild weather conditions. Our ability to adjust O&M spending allows us to manage the impact of weather and load on our performance,” Akins said.

“Investments to maintain a robust, reliable energy grid continue to support earnings growth. Earnings from AEP Transmission Holding Co. were 21 cents per share, an increase of 7 cents from the same period last year. Net plant for AEP Transmission Holding Co. grew \$1.7 billion from March 2017.

“Additionally, we are making progress in our efforts to bring clean, affordable wind generation to customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas through the 2,000-megawatt Wind Catcher project. We recently reached settlement agreements that are awaiting commission approvals in Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma and continue to move forward with discussions in Texas. Wind Catcher is a win for customers and the environment, lowering customer bills while producing clean, renewable energy,” Akins said.

“We’ve spent considerable time evaluating how federal tax reform can provide the most benefits for customers. The impact of federal tax reform is neutral for our regulated operating earnings performance, and benefits already are being passed through to customers in several states in the form of rate changes or other offsets. We are working closely with regulators to determine the best options for delivering the benefits of federal tax reform to all customers,” Akins said.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS BY SEGMENT

\$ in millions

GAAP Earnings	1Q 18	1Q 17	Variance
Vertically Integrated Utilities (a)	231.2	219.5	11.7
Transmission & Distribution Utilities (b)	125.4	119.1	6.3
AEP Transmission Holdco (c)	104.0	71.8	32.2
Generation & Marketing (d)	18.2	186.2	(168.0)
All Other	(24.4)	(4.4)	(20.0)
Total GAAP Earnings	454.4	592.2	(137.8)
Operating Earnings (non-GAAP)	1Q 18	1Q 17	Variance
Vertically Integrated Utilities (a)	231.2	219.5	11.7
Transmission & Distribution Utilities (b)	125.4	119.1	6.3
AEP Transmission Holdco (c)	104.0	71.8	32.2
Generation & Marketing (d)	37.0	68.3	(31.3)
All Other	(24.4)	(4.4)	(20.0)
Total Operating Earnings (non-GAAP)	473.2	474.3	(1.1)

A full reconciliation of GAAP earnings with operating earnings is included in tables at the end of this news release.

- (a) Includes AEP Generating Co., Appalachian Power, Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Kingsport Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power and Wheeling Power.
- (b) Includes Ohio Power and AEP Texas.
- (c) Includes wholly-owned transmission-only subsidiaries and transmission-only joint ventures.
- (d) Includes AEP OnSite Partners, AEP Renewables, nonregulated generation in ERCOT and PJM as well as marketing, risk management and retail activities in ERCOT, PJM and MISO.

EARNINGS GUIDANCE

Management reaffirmed its 2018 operating earnings guidance range of \$3.75 to \$3.95 per share. Operating earnings could differ from GAAP earnings for matters such as impairments, divestitures or changes in accounting principles. AEP management is not able to forecast if any of these items will occur or any amounts that may be reported for future periods. Therefore, AEP is not able to provide a corresponding GAAP equivalent for earnings guidance.

Reflecting special items recorded through the first quarter, the estimated earnings per share on a GAAP basis would be \$3.71 to \$3.91 per share. See the table below for a full reconciliation of 2018 earnings guidance.

2018 EPS Guidance Reconciliation

Estimated EPS on a GAAP basis	\$3.71	to	\$3.91
Mark-to-Market impact of commodity hedging activities			0.04
Operating EPS Guidance	\$3.75	to	\$3.95

WEBCAST

AEP's quarterly discussion with financial analysts and investors will be broadcast live over the internet at 9 a.m. EDT today at <http://www.aep.com/webcasts>. The webcast will include audio of the discussion and visuals of charts and graphics referred to by AEP management. The charts and graphics will be available for download at <http://www.aep.com/webcasts>.

American Electric Power, based in Columbus, Ohio, is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions to our customers. AEP's more than 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 224,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.4 million regulated customers in 11 states. AEP also is one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 33,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 4,200 megawatts of renewable energy. AEP's family of companies includes utilities AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP also owns AEP Energy, AEP Energy Partners, AEP OnSite Partners and AEP Renewables, which provide innovative competitive energy solutions nationwide.

AEP's earnings are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and represent the company's earnings as reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company's operating earnings, a non-GAAP measure representing GAAP earnings excluding special items as described in the news release and charts, provide another representation for investors to evaluate the performance of the company's ongoing business activities. AEP uses operating earnings as the primary performance measurement when communicating with analysts and investors regarding its earnings outlook and results. The company uses operating earnings data internally to measure performance against budget, to report to AEP's Board of Directors and also as an input in determining performance-based compensation under the company's employee incentive compensation plans.

This report made by American Electric Power and its Registrant Subsidiaries contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Although AEP and each of its Registrant Subsidiaries believe that their expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, any such statements may be influenced by factors that could cause actual outcomes and results to be materially different from those projected. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements are: economic growth or contraction within and changes in market demand and demographic patterns in AEP service territories; inflationary or deflationary interest rate trends; volatility in the financial markets, particularly developments affecting the availability or cost of capital to finance new capital projects and refinance existing debt; the availability and cost of funds to finance working capital and capital needs, particularly during periods when the time lag between incurring costs and recovery is long and the costs are material; electric load and customer growth; weather conditions, including storms and drought conditions, and AEP's ability to recover significant storm restoration costs; the cost of fuel and its transportation, the creditworthiness and performance of fuel suppliers and transporters and the cost of storing and disposing of used fuel, including coal ash and spent nuclear fuel; availability of necessary generating capacity, the performance of AEP's generating plants and the availability of fuel, including processed nuclear fuel, parts and service from reliable vendors; AEP's ability to recover fuel and other energy costs through regulated or competitive electric rates; AEP's ability to build transmission lines and facilities (including the ability to obtain any necessary regulatory approvals and permits) when needed at acceptable prices and terms and to recover those costs; new legislation, litigation and government regulation, including oversight of nuclear generation, energy commodity trading and new or heightened requirements for reduced emissions of sulfur,

nitrogen, mercury, carbon, soot or particulate matter and other substances that could impact the continued operation, cost recovery, and/or profitability of AEP's generation plants and related assets; evolving public perception of the risks associated with fuels used before, during and after the generation of electricity, including nuclear fuel; timing and resolution of pending and future rate cases, negotiations and other regulatory decisions, including rate or other recovery of new investments in generation, distribution and transmission service, environmental compliance and excess accumulated deferred income taxes; resolution of litigation; AEP's ability to constrain operation and maintenance costs; AEP's ability to develop and execute a strategy based on a view regarding prices of electricity and gas; prices and demand for power generated and sold at wholesale; changes in technology, particularly with respect to energy storage and new, developing, alternative or distributed sources of generation; AEP's ability to recover through rates any remaining unrecovered investment in generating units that may be retired before the end of their previously projected useful lives; volatility and changes in markets for capacity and electricity, coal, and other energy-related commodities, particularly changes in the price of natural gas; changes in utility regulation and the allocation of costs within regional transmission organizations, including ERCOT, PJM and SPP; AEP's ability to successfully and profitably manage competitive generation assets, including the evaluation and execution of strategic alternatives for these assets as some of the alternatives could result in a loss; changes in the creditworthiness of the counterparties with whom AEP has contractual arrangements, including participants in the energy trading market; actions of rating agencies, including changes in the ratings of AEP debt; the impact of volatility in the capital markets on the value of the investments held by AEP's pension, other postretirement benefit plans, captive insurance entity and nuclear decommissioning trust and the impact of such volatility on future funding requirements; accounting pronouncements periodically issued by accounting standard-setting bodies; the impact of federal tax reform on customer rates; and other risks and unforeseen events, including wars, the effects of terrorism (including increased security costs), embargoes, cyber security threats and other catastrophic events.

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Financial Results for Year-to-Date 2018 Reconciliation of GAAP to Operating Earnings (non-GAAP)

2018							
	Vertically Integrated Utilities	Transmission & Distribution Utilities	AEP Transmission Holdco	Generation & Marketing	Corporate and Other	Total	EPS
(\$ millions)							
GAAP Earnings (Loss)	231.2	125.4	104.0	18.2	(24.4)	454.4	\$ 0.92
Special Items							
Mark-to-Market Impact of Commodity Hedging Activities	(a) -	-	-	18.8	-	18.8	0.04
Total Special Items	-	-	-	18.8	-	18.8	\$ 0.04
Operating Earnings (Loss) (non-GAAP)	231.2	125.4	104.0	37.0	(24.4)	473.2	\$ 0.96

Financial Results for Year-to-Date 2017 Reconciliation of GAAP to Operating Earnings (non-GAAP)

2017							
	Vertically Integrated Utilities	Transmission & Distribution Utilities	AEP Transmission Holdco	Generation & Marketing	Corporate and Other	Total	EPS
(\$ millions)							
GAAP Earnings (Loss)	219.5	119.1	71.8	186.2	(4.4)	592.2	\$ 1.20
Special Items							
Mark-to-Market Impact of Commodity Hedging Activities	(a) -	-	-	2.0	-	2.0	-
Gain from Competitive Generation Asset Sale	(b) -	-	-	(127.1)	-	(127.1)	(0.26)
Impairment of Certain Merchant Generation Assets	(c) -	-	-	7.2	-	7.2	0.02
Operating Earnings (Loss) (non-GAAP)	-	-	-	(117.9)	-	(117.9)	\$ (0.24)
	219.5	119.1	71.8	68.3	(4.4)	474.3	\$ 0.96

- (a) Reflected in Revenues and Income Tax Expense
(b) Reflected in Gain on Sale of Assets and Income Tax Expense.
(c) Reflected in Other Operation Expenses and Income Tax Expense

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Summary of Selected Sales Data
Regulated Connected Load
(Data based on preliminary, unaudited results)

ENERGY & DELIVERY SUMMARY	Three Months Ending March 31		
	2018	2017	Change
Vertically Integrated Utilities			
Retail Electric (in millions of kWh):			
Residential	9,572	8,239	16.2%
Commercial	5,868	5,689	3.1%
Industrial	8,497	8,264	2.8%
Miscellaneous	553	536	3.2%
Total Retail	24,490	22,728	7.8%
 Wholesale Electric (in millions of kWh): (a)	5,738	6,507	(11.8%)
 Total KWHs (in millions)	30,228	29,235	3.4%
Transmission & Distribution Utilities			
Retail Electric (in millions of kWh):			
Residential	6,797	5,894	15.3%
Commercial	5,864	5,753	1.9%
Industrial	5,514	5,476	0.7%
Miscellaneous	153	160	(4.4%)
Total Retail (b)	18,328	17,283	6.0%
 Wholesale Electric (in millions of kWh): (a)	667	798	(16.4%)
 Total KWHs (in millions)	18,995	18,081	5.1%

(a) Includes Off-System Sales, Municipalities and Cooperatives, Unit Power, and Other Wholesale Customers.

(b) Represents energy delivered to distribution customers.