



Delisted from NYSE
Voluntary delisting from NYSE

Sep 15, 2020

Key Facts

Business address: **Columbus, Ohio, United States**
 Industry: **Electric Power Distribution** (NAICS 221122)
 SEC filer status: **Large Accelerated Filer** as of Sep 2020
 Index member: **S&P 500, Russell 1000**
 Market Cap: **\$38.3b** as of Feb 25, 2021
 Annual revenue: **\$14.9b** as of Dec 31, 2020

Corporate Governance

CEO: **Nicholas K. Akins** since 2011
 CFO: **Julia A. Sloat** since 2021

1st level

Board Chairman: **Nicholas K. Akins** since 2014
 Audit Committee Chair: **NOT AVAILABLE**

2nd level

Auditor: **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP** since 2016
 Outside Counsel (most recent): **Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP**

3rd level

SEC Reviewer: **Mara L Ransom**

4th level

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 Executive compensation data from [Shore Group and Intrinio](#).
 Data from [Sharadar](#).
[Data from Barchart via Quandl](#).
[Data from Exchange Data International via Quandl](#).

Feb 26, 2021 Jan 1, 2020 Jan 1, 2016

RECENT PERIOD

HISTORICAL PERIOD

10-Q filed on Oct 22, 2020 for period ending Sep 2020

Reporting Irregularities

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Financial Restatements	✓
✓	Revisions	✓
✓	Out of Period Adjustments	!
✓	Late Filings	✓
✓	Impairments	✓
!	Changes in Accounting Estimates	!
✓	Disclosure Controls	!
✓	Internal Controls	✓
!	Critical / Key Audit Matters	✓

Anomalies in the Numbers

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Benford's Law	✓
✓	Beneish M-Score	✓
!	Accounting Disclosure Complexity	!

Securities & Exchange Commission Concerns

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	SEC Oversight	✓
!	SEC Letters to Management	!
✓	Revenue Recognition	✓
✓	Non-GAAP Measures	✓

Litigation & External Pressures

RECENT		HISTORICAL
!	Significant Litigation	!
!	Class Actions	✓
!	Securities Law	✓
✓	Shareholder Activism	✓
✓	Cybersecurity	✓

Management Review

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	CEO Changes	✓
!	CFO Changes	✓
!	Insider Sales	!
✓	Mergers & Acquisitions	✓
✓	Sales of Assets	✓

Auditor Assessment

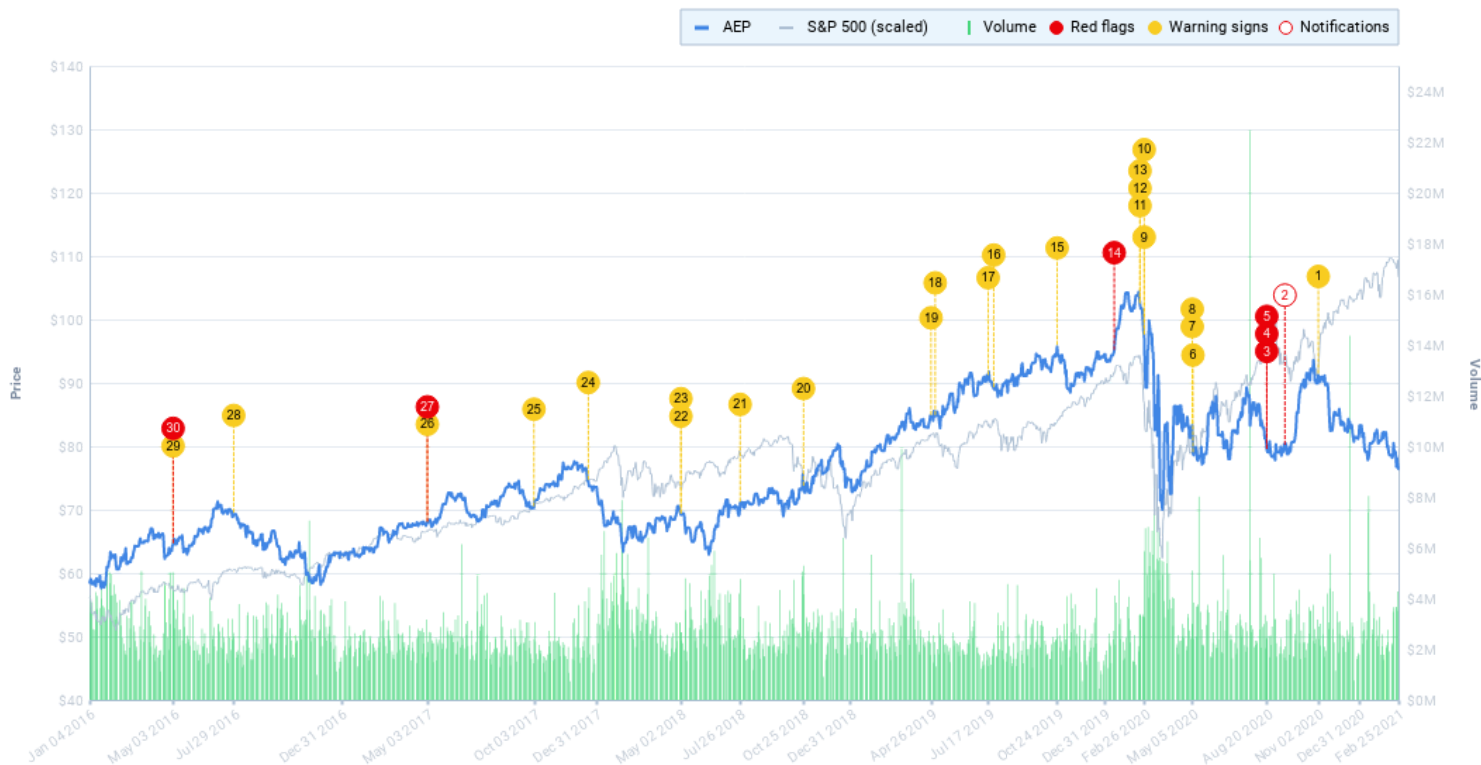
RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Auditor Changes	!
✓	Auditor Experience	✓
✓	Auditor Tenure	✓
✓	Audit Fees	✓
✓	Non-Audit Fees	✓



Overview

Price and Volume History

This graph shows the price and trading history for American Electric Power. Warning signs and red flags are marked on the graph according to their disclosure dates.



- 1 Nov 2, 2020 - Change in CFO
- 2 Sep 15, 2020 - Delisted from NYSE
- 3 Aug 20, 2020 - Lawsuit: Nickerson v. American Electric Power Company Inc et al
- 4 Aug 20, 2020 - Class Actions Lawsuit: Nickerson v. American Electric Power Company I...
- 5 Aug 20, 2020 - Securities Law Lawsuit: Nickerson v. American Electric Power Company ...
- 6 May 6, 2020 - Change in Accounting Estimates
- 7 May 5, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 8 May 5, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 9 Feb 26, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 10 Feb 26, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 11 Feb 20, 2020 - Critical / Key Audit Matters
- 12 Feb 20, 2020 - Critical / Key Audit Matters
- 13 Feb 20, 2020 - Critical / Key Audit Matters
- 14 Jan 14, 2020 - Lawsuit: Tulk v. The Democratic National Party et al
- 15 Oct 24, 2019 - Disclosure Controls
- 16 Jul 25, 2019 - Disclosure Controls
- 17 Jul 17, 2019 - Lawsuit: Midwest Energy Emissions Corp et al v. Vistra Energy Corp et al
- 18 May 2, 2019 - Insider Sale
- 19 Apr 26, 2019 - Change in Accounting Estimates
- 20 Oct 25, 2018 - Change in Accounting Estimates
- 21 Jul 26, 2018 - Out of Period Adjustments
- 22 May 2, 2018 - Insider Sale
- 23 May 2, 2018 - Insider Sale
- 24 Dec 20, 2017 - SEC letters to management
- 25 Oct 3, 2017 - SEC letters to management
- 26 May 3, 2017 - Insider Sale
- 27 May 3, 2017 - Insider Sale
- 28 Jul 29, 2016 - Auditor change
- 29 May 3, 2016 - Insider Sale
- 30 May 3, 2016 - Insider Sale



Notifications

Important notifications related to the company are listed here. Notifications may come from the SEC, exchanges such as the NYSE or NASDAQ, or Watchdog Research. Examples of notifications include announcements of bankruptcy proceedings, company name changes, and noncompliance with SEC regulations or exchange rules.

American Electric Power has one notification since 2016.

Event date	Type	Headline	Message	Source
09/15/2020	Suspension or Delisting	Delisted from NYSE	Voluntary delisting from NYSE	NYSE

Peer Group

Peer groups are used by companies to benchmark executive compensation and performance. Each company identifies its own peer group. Peer groups vary from company to company.

Peer Group

Company	Ticker	Market Cap
Nextera Energy Inc.	NEE	\$145b
Duke Energy Corp.	DUK	\$67b
Southern Co.	SO	\$61b
Dominion Energy Inc.	D	\$57.3b
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	AEP	\$38.3b
Exelon Corp.	EXC	\$38b
Sempra Energy	SRE	\$36b
Xcel Energy Inc.	XEL	\$32.2b
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.	PEG	\$28.3b
Eversource Energy	ES	\$27.6b

Companies Who Named American Electric Power as a Peer

Company	Ticker	Market Cap
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	BRKB	\$490b
Nextera Energy Inc.	NEE	\$145b
Duke Energy Corp.	DUK	\$67b
Southern Co.	SO	\$61b
Dominion Energy Inc.	D	\$57.3b
Waste Management Inc.	WM	\$47.5b
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	AEP	\$38.3b
Exelon Corp.	EXC	\$38b
Sempra Energy	SRE	\$36b
Xcel Energy Inc.	XEL	\$32.2b



Peer Flag Comparison

The return to a company's stock is not the only measure of executive performance. Ethics matter, and growth can quickly reverse and gains evaporate if a company's accounting and financial reporting processes are not fundamentally sound and trustworthy. How does American Electric Power's accounting quality compare to its peer group?

	AEP	PEER GROUP FLAGS		
Reporting Irregularities				
Financial Restatements	✓	9		
Revisions	✓	8	1	
Out of Period Adjustments	!	8	1	
Impairments	✓	3	6	
Changes in Accounting Estimates	!	2	7	
Disclosure Controls	!	2	7	
Internal Controls	✓	9		
Critical / Key Audit Matters	!		9	
Anomalies in the Numbers				
Benford's Law	✓	7		2
Beneish M-Score	✓	4	3	
Accounting Disclosure Complexity	!	1	3	5
Securities & Exchange Commission Concerns				
SEC Oversight	✓	9		
SEC Letters to Management	!			9
Revenue Recognition	✓	9		
Non-GAAP Measures	✓	9		

	AEP	PEER GROUP FLAGS		
Litigation & External Pressures				
Significant Litigation	!		1	8
Class Actions	!	2		7
Securities Law	!	5		4
Shareholder Activism	✓	9		
Cybersecurity	✓	7	2	
Management Review				
CEO Changes	✓	6	1	2
CFO Changes	!	2	4	3
Insider Sales	!	1	5	3
Mergers & Acquisitions	✓	4	5	
Sales of Assets	✓	9		
Auditor Assessment				
Auditor Changes	!	9		
Auditor Experience	✓	9		
Auditor Tenure	✓	5	4	
Audit Fees	✓	5	4	
Non-Audit Fees	✓	9		



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