Buy/Sell Rating: 3 - Neutral

American Electric Power Mea Culpa

	Price			Net							
	(\$/sh)		Market	Present	Debt/		EV/	EV/		Div'd	PV/
	8- Feb	Shares	Cap	Value	Present	McDep	Sales	Ebitda	P/E	NTM	Ebitda
Symbol	2002	(mm)	(\$mm)	(\$/sh)	Value	Ratio	NTM	NTM	NTM	(%)	NTM
AEP	40.31	324	13,070	42.10	0.64	0.98	0.7	9.8	14.3	6.0	10.0
McDep Ratio = Market cap and De bt to p resent value of oil and gas and other businesses											
EV = Enterprise Value = Market Cap and Debt:									\$mm	37,000	
Ebitda = Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization:									\$mm	3,760	
NTM = Next Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2003; P/E = Stock Price to Earnings											
PV = Present Value of energy businesses:									\$mm	37,600	

Summary and Recommendation

We revise our recommendation to Neutral from Buy for American Electric Power stock because it now ranks near the top by McDep Ratio in a redefined Large Cap Energy Infrastructure group. Its ratio of Debt/Present Value remains uncomfortably high. We take responsibility for a 13% negative total return since our recommendation last May. We made a mistake recommending a stock with a McDep Ratio above 1.2 even if it was among the lowest in its group. Our main reason for recommending the stock, low cost coal-fired generating capacity is still valid. Taxable investors may want to take the loss since our May 7, 2001 recommendation and reestablish energy representation in another recommended stock. Now here are the excuses and rationalization. Even ExxonMobil the world's largest energy company returned a negative 12% over the same time. On a risk adjusted basis the loss in AEP was less than in XOM. The most remarkable implication of the AEP experience is how well the McDep Ratio predicted stock price performance.

Stunning Correlation of McDep Ratio and Future Stock Performance

Last May was the time we first applied the McDep Ratio to power stocks. The results were far more dramatic than we anticipated. Performance lined up almost exactly with McDep Ratio. The highest ranked stock lost all its value. The lowest ranked stock was the only gainer. The second highest ranked stock lost more than 80%. The second lowest ranked stock lost a "modest" 17% and so on.

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Here is a guide to the tables attached. First, is Table L-1, our current valuation ranking. Next is Rank by McDep Ratio from May 2001. Finally we add a chart of stock price change and our current cash flow model for AEP.

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Table L-1
Mega Cap and Large Cap Energy Companies
Rank by McDep Ratio: Market Cap and Debt to Present Value

Rating 2002 (mm) (\$mm) (\$/sh) Value Ra	
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Mega Cap	
Exxon Mobil Corporation XOM 38.29 6,924 265,000 36.00 0.09 1.	.06
BP plc BP 46.20 3,738 173,000 47.00 0.16 0.	.99
TotalFinaElf S.A. TOT 71.34 1,382 99,000 80.00 0.15 0.	.91
Royal Dutch/Shell RD 3 49.13 3,520 173,000 55.00 0.04 0.	.90
ChevronTexaco Corporation CVX 81.85 1,062 86,900 110.00 0.14 0.	.78
<i>Total or Median</i> 797,000 0.14 0.	.91
Energy Infrastructure	
American Electric Power Co. Inc. AEP 3 40.31 322 13,000 42.10 0.64 0.	.98
63	.95
Southern Company SO 24.99 683 17,100 27.40 0.42 0.	.95
El Paso Corporation EPG 35.90 532 19,100 44.80 0.49 0.	.90
Williams Companies WMB 15.06 521 7,800 22.70 0.58 0.	.86
Dominion Resources D 57.51 247 14,200 79.40 0.45 0.	.85
Exelon Corporation EXC 2 50.61 323 16,400 84.00 0.40 0.	.76
<i>Total or Median</i> 101,000 0.44 0.	.88
Natural Gas and Oil	
Occidental Petroleum Corp. OXY 25.36 372 9,400 28.50 0.50 0.	.94
ENI S.p.A. E 65.80 789 51,900 71.40 0.19 0.	.94
Unocal Corporation UCL 34.65 257 8,900 38.90 0.35 0.	.93
Anadarko Petroleum Corp. APC 48.24 266 12,800 56.00 0.26 0.	.90
ConocoPhillips P 57.45 680 39,100 71.20 0.34 0.	.87
Encana Corporation PCX 2 28.75 490 14,100 35.00 0.19 0.	.86
OAO Lukoil LUKOY 57.51 299 17,200 69.10 0.09 0.	.85
Devon Energy DVN 37.05 165 6,100 54.60 0.48 0.	.83
Burlington Resources BR 1 34.34 201 6,900 52.00 0.32 0.	.77
Marathon Oil Corporation MRO 1 27.48 310 8,500 42.00 0.27 0.	.75
<i>Total or Median</i> 166,000 0.27 0.	.86
Service	
Baker Hughes Inc. BHI 33.15 338 11,200 24.50 0.13 1.	.31
Schlumberger Ltd. SLB 53.89 581 31,300 44.00 0.12 1.	.20
Halliburton Company HAL 13.95 429 6,000 24.90 0.12 0.	.61

Buy/Sell rating after symbol: 1-Strong Buy, 2-Buy, 3-Neutral, 4-Sell, 5-Strong Sell McDep Ratio = \mathbf{M} arket \mathbf{c} ap and \mathbf{D} ebt to \mathbf{p} resent value of oil and gas and other businesses

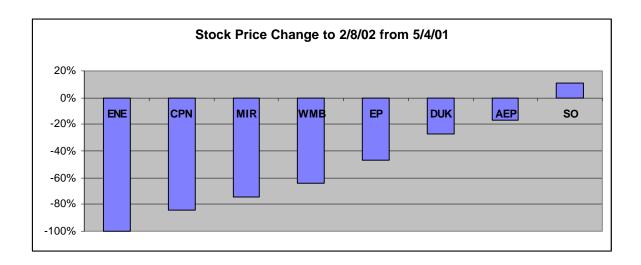
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		Price			Net		
Rank by McDep Ratio		(\$/sh)		Market	Present	Debt/	
	Symbol/	4-May	Shares	Cap	Value	Present	McDep
	Rating	2001	(mm)	(\$mm)	(\$/sh)	Value	Ratio
Mega Cap							
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM	87.55	3,520	308,000	72.10	0.16	1.18
BP PLC	BP	51.90	3,720	193,000	48.90	0.17	1.05
TOTAL Fina Elf S.A.	TOT	72.25	1,400	101,000	72.00	0.16	1.00
Royal Dutch/Shell	RD	58.75	3,580	210,000	60.80	0.09	0.97
Total or Median				812,000		0.16	1.03
Large Cap Natural Gas and Oil							
Chevron (incl. Texaco)	CHV	93.35	1,060	99,000	103.40	0.15	0.92
Burlington Resources, Inc	BR	44.28	216	9,600	60.50	0.17	0.78
ENI S.p.A.	E	66.60	800	53,300	91.90	0.10	0.75
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC	62.06	249	15,400	90.90	0.17	0.73
Conoco Inc.	COC.B	30.38	623	18,900	48.00	0.21	0.71
Phillips (incl. Tosco)	P	57.46	379	21,800	102.10	0.27	0.68
Total or Median				218,000		0.17	0.74
Large Cap Power							
Enron Corp.	ENE	59.48	795	47,300	14.50	0.70	1.93
Calpine Corporation	CPN	54.10	313	16,900	21.80	0.47	1.78
Mirant Corporation	MIR	39.08	353	13,800	9.70	0.78	1.67
Williams Companies	WMB	41.67	485	20,200	16.60	0.69	1.46
Duke Energy Corporation	DUK	45.84	752	34,500	20.90	0.62	1.46
El Paso Corporation	EPG	67.55	521	35,200	40.00	0.50	1.34
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	AEP 2	48.54	324	15,700	25.90	0.73	1.23
Southern Company	SO	22.46	683	15,300	16.90	0.54	1.15
Total or Median				199,000		0.66	1.46
Mid Cap							
Barrett Resources Corporation	BRR	67.30	34	2,300	53.80	0.21	1.20
PanCanadian Pete Ltd. (15%)	PCP.TO	44.26	38	1,700	49.10	0.07	0.91
Occidental Petroleum	OXY	28.97	370	10,700	35.60	0.46	0.90
PetroChina Company Ltd (10%)	PTR	21.55	176	3,800	28.40	0.24	0.82
Unocal Corporation	UCL	36.50	256	9,300	51.90	0.27	0.78
Valero Energy Corp.	VLO	45.47	64	2,900	65.00	0.25	0.77
USX-Marathon Group	MRO 1	30.69	360	11,100	47.00	0.30	0.76
Petro-Canada	PCZ	25.70	272	7,000	38.70	0.08	0.69
Norsk Hydro ASA	NHY	41.66	262	10,900	65.90	0.15	0.69
Devon Energy Corporation	DVN	56.00	135	7,600	89.70	0.15	0.68
Total or Median				63,300		0.22	0.78
Small Cap							
Cross Timbers Royalty Tr*	CRT	20.99	6.0	126	18.90	-	1.11
Dorchester Hugoton, Ltd.*	DHULZ	14.00	10.7	150	13.40	-	1.04
San Juan Basin Royalty Tr*	SJT	17.42	46.6	810	17.70	-	0.98
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust*	HGT	15.74	40.0	630	18.70	-	0.84
Encore Acquisition Corporation	EAC	13.47	30.0	400	16.70	0.12	0.83
Energy Partners Ltd.*	EPL 1	10.41	27.1	280	18.90	0.04	0.57
Total or Median				2,400		-	0.91

Buy/Sell rating after symbol: 1 - Strong Buy, 2 - Buy

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American Electric Power Next Twelve Months Financial Estimates

							Next Twelve
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4E	Year	Year	Months
	3/31/01	6/30/01	9/30/01	12/31/01	2001E	2002E	3/31/03
Revenue (\$mm)	13,542	14,528	18,385	14,200	60,655	56,800	56,800
Expense	12,598	13,492	17,084	13,435	56,609	53,040	53,040
Ebitda	944	1,036	1,301	765	4,046	3,760	3,760
Deprec., Deplet., &	336	354	340	340	1,370	1,360	1,360
Other non-cash item	ıs						
Ebit	608	682	961	425	2,676	2,400	2,400
Interest	269	241	252	252	1,014	1,008	1,008
Ebt	339	441	709	173	1,662	1,392	1,392
Income Tax	119	154	248	61	582	487	487
Net Income (\$mm)	221	287	461	113	1,081	905	905
Shares (millions)	324	322	322	322	323	322	322
Per share (\$)							
Wholesale	0.53	0.82	0.98	0.16	2.49		
Energy Delivery	0.47	0.55	0.80	0.43	2.25		
Other	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.06	0.17		
Capital Costs	(0.37)	(0.49)	(0.40)	(0.30)	(1.56)		
Total	0.68	0.89	1.43	0.35	3.35	2.81	2.81
Ebitda margin	7%	7%	7%	5%	7%	7%	7%
Tax rate	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%

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