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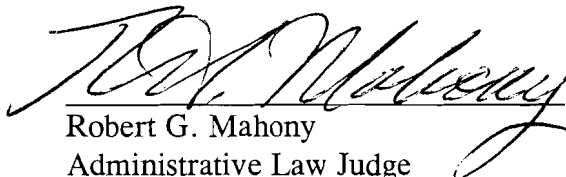
In the Matter of :
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 : PREHEARING ORDER
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 AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER :
 COMPANY, INC. :
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The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) issued its Notice and Order for a Hearing Pursuant to Section 19 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 on August 30, 2004 (Notice). An in-person prehearing conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m, Monday, October 4, 2004, at the Commission's Headquarters, Hearing Room 1C50, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

On September 10, 2004, the American Public Power Association (APPA) and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) filed a motion to intervene (Motion), pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Practice 210(b) and its Notice. APPA and NRECA state that because they represent publicly owned and non-profit utilities located in the same geographic region served by Respondent American Electronic Power Company, Inc., their participation serves the public interest and is necessary for the protection of those consumers served by the affected APPA and NRECA members. APPA and NRECA further state that their interest in this administrative matter is as substantial as it was over four years ago when they intervened in the initial merger proceeding and sought review of the Commission's initial order in the federal court case leading to this proceeding on remand.

Based on the foregoing, the Motion is GRANTED. APPA and NRECA are hereby authorized to intervene as parties in this administrative matter, pursuant to Rule 210(b)(1)(i) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.210(b)(1)(i).

SO ORDERED.


Robert G. Mahony
Administrative Law Judge