

AES CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 03, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): January 3, 2012**

**THE AES CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**DELAWARE**  
**(State of Incorporation)**

**001-12291**  
**(Commission**

**54-11263725**  
**(IRS Employer**

**File No.)**

**Identification No.)**

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4300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100

Arlington, Virginia 22203

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 522-1315

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 3, 2012, The AES Corporation ( AES or the Company ) issued a press release announcing that its subsidiary, AES Eastern Energy Limited Partnership ( AES Eastern Energy ), has filed for bankruptcy protection. AES Eastern Energy and its affiliates are indirect, wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. AES is not included in the bankruptcy filing.

The Company s guidance metrics were updated on November 4, 2011. The Company is not updating its guidance at this time other than to note that, while still under review, the bankruptcy filing described above does not impact the Company s diluted earnings per share, adjusted earnings per share or cash flow for the year ending December 31, 2011. The Company s review of its 2011 fourth quarter and full year financial results is not complete and the Company intends to report its results in February of 2012.

A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto and is incorporated by reference herein. Such information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for any purpose, including for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Safe Harbor Disclosure**

This Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those related to future earnings growth and financial and operating performance. Forward-looking statements are not intended to be a guarantee of future results, but instead constitute AES current expectations based on reasonable assumptions. Forecasted financial information is based on certain material assumptions. These assumptions include, but are not limited to accurate projections of future interest rates, commodity prices and foreign currency pricing, continued normal or better levels of operating performance and electricity demand at our distribution companies and operational performance at our generation businesses consistent with historical levels, as well as achievements of planned productivity improvements and incremental growth from investments at investment levels and rates of return consistent with prior experience.

Actual results could differ materially from those projected in our forward-looking statements due to risks, uncertainties and other factors. Important factors that could affect actual results are discussed in AES filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) including but not limited to the risks discussed under Item 1A Risk Factors in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, its Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2011 and September 30, 2011, as well as our other SEC filings. AES undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

| No.  | Description   |
|------|---|
| 99.1 | Press Release issued by The AES Corporation, dated January 3, 2012. |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE AES CORPORATION

Date: January 3, 2012

By: /s/ Victoria D. Harker

Name: Victoria D. Harker

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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