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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001 Commission File Number 333-82306

Full Title of the Plan:

EMPLOYEES' THRIFT PLAN OF
INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Name of Issuer of the Securities Held Pursuant to the Plan
and the Address of its Principal Executive Office:

THE AES CORPORATION

1001 North 19th Street
Arlington, VA 22209

INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

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o Schedules not filed herewith are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they are required by Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employees Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.	

Exhibits:

EXHIBIT 23.1 Independent Auditors' Consent

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Employees' Pension Committee of the Employees' Thrift Plan of Indianapolis Power & Light Company

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets available for benefits of the Employees' Thrift Plan of Indianapolis Power & Light Company as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the statement of changes in assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material

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respects, the assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the changes in assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the Table of Contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. These schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2001 financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP
Indianapolis, Indiana
June 25, 2002

INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
EMPLOYEES' THRIFT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

ASSETS	2001	2000
INVESTMENTS - at fair value:		
The AES Corporation		
Common Stock	\$36,309,430	\$ -
IPALCO Enterprises, Inc.		
Common Stock	-	199,266,393
Merrill Lynch Equity Index Trust		
Common/Collective Trust	5,752,509	11,466,340
Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust		
Common/Collective Trust	4,797,633	6,494,733
Aim Income Fund		
Mutual Fund	424,722	910,156
Alliance Technology Fund		
Mutual Fund	2,044,443	3,373,940
Ivy International Fund		
Mutual Fund	661,615	2,091,938

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Merrill Lynch Capital Fund Mutual Fund	2,782,731	5,438,763
Merrill Lynch Federal Securities Trust Mutual Fund	12,811,956	12,581,189
Oppenheimer Main Street Income & Growth Mutual Fund	8,296,472	17,603,828
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Total Investments	73,881,511	259,227,280
CASH	25,657	1,252,275
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE	150,125	393,998
ACCRUED INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	85,961	1,441,053
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ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$74,143,254	\$262,314,606
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See notes to financial statements.

INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
EMPLOYEES' THRIFT PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

INCREASES

Employee contributions	\$ 4,330,033
Company contributions, net	2,138,931
Interest and dividend income	3,228,532

Total	9,697,496

DECREASES

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	95,431,610
Withdrawals by participants or their beneficiaries	102,433,965
Administrative fees	3,273

Total	197,868,848

DECREASE IN ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS (188,171,352)

ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR 262,314,606

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ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR

\$ 74,143,254

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See notes to financial statements.

INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
EMPLOYEES' THRIFT PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Employees' Thrift Plan of Indianapolis Power & Light Company (the "Plan") have been prepared on the accrual basis.

Plan Assets

Assets of the Plan are maintained in trust. Once placed in trust, assets may be withdrawn only for the purpose of refunding employee contributions, payment of vested employer contributions to employees withdrawing from the Plan, to employees obtaining an in-service (suspension) withdrawal, to retiring employees, and to beneficiaries of deceased employees; or to pay expenses of the Plan. All payments made from the trust require the approval of the Employees' Pension Committee of the Employees' Thrift Plan of Indianapolis Power & Light Company (the "Pension Committee").

Merrill Lynch Trust Company of America ("Merrill Lynch") is the sole trustee and recordkeeper of the assets of the Plan.

Investments

Investments in securities are stated at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. Investment transactions are recorded as of the trade date. The cost of the securities sold is determined on a specific identification basis.

Use of Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires that management make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. The reported amounts of increases and decreases in assets during the reporting period may also be affected by the estimates and assumptions management is required to make. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Administrative Fees

The Trustee assesses each participant \$1.88 on a quarterly basis for the base service fee. Participants pay a commission of \$0.08 per share for open market transactions in AES Corporation common stock. The commission is

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reflected in the price per share for each transaction. There are no other transaction-based fees for the investment funds.

Expenses for postage and handling for participant statements, confirmations and distributions are charged directly to participants. It is estimated that these expenses will be approximately \$3.00 per participant per plan year.

Payment of Benefits

Upon severance of employment, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum payment for the full value of the participant's account, including vested employer contributions and related earnings. The participant also has the option of maintaining the account until reaching the age of 70 1/2 years. Benefits are recorded when paid.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The Plan is administered by the Pension Committee which is a committee of not less than five persons appointed by the Indianapolis Power & Light Company Board of Directors. The Plan is a defined contribution plan, and employees become eligible to participate in the Plan immediately upon date of employment.

All employees become fully vested in the Plan after five years of uninterrupted service. Termination of employment before the five-year requirement requires forfeiture of a prorated amount of allocated employer contributions. Forfeited amounts may be used to reduce employer matching contributions. As of December 31, 2001 there is currently \$36,486 in the forfeiture fund.

The Plan is valued on a daily "share" valuation.

Employee contributions are made through payroll deductions representing amounts equal to a specific percentage of the employee's base rate of compensation. Employees have the option of contributing anywhere from 1% to 21%, in increments of 1%, and direct their contributions into any of nine options. Employees can make such contributions under a "Before Tax" or "After Tax" option. Employer contributions are made in an amount equal to current employee contributions up to a maximum of 4% and are invested in the common stock of the AES Corporation. Employee contributions are not transferable to any of the other funds. Effective February 9, 2002, participants are allowed to transfer employer contributions to any of the available investment options in accordance with the Plan's procedures. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and the Company's matching contribution. Allocations of Plan earnings are based on individual account balances relative to total account balances as of the valuation dates.

Participant fund transfers are subject to certain restrictions as outlined in the Summary Plan Description. In the event of partial or total termination of the Plan, the funds in the Plan shall be valued as of the date of partial or total termination and, after payment of necessary expenses, shall be distributed as though all participants directly affected by the partial or total termination had retired as of that date.

The Plan is maintained with the intent of being a qualified trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its related trust is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Code. The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on February 7, 1995 in which the

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Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan, as amended, is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more detailed description of the Plan.

On March 27, 2001 The AES Corporation, a Delaware Corporation ("AES"), acquired IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. through an Agreement and Plan of Share Exchange.

On June 21, 2001, the Plan was amended to no longer allow non-union employees to make contributions to or participate in the Plan effective July 7, 2001.

3. NONPARTICIPANT-DIRECTED INVESTMENTS

The employer contribution portion of the AES Corporation common stock fund and IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. common stock fund is nonparticipant-directed. Information about the assets available for benefits and significant components of the changes in assets available for benefits relating to the these funds are as follows:

	2001	2000
Net assets:		
The AES Corporation common stock	\$ 36,309,430	\$ -
IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. common stock	-	199,266,393
Changes in assets:		
Contributions	\$ 4,550,564	
Dividends	2,459,416	
Net depreciation in fair value of investment	(89,953,824)	
Benefits paid to participants	(46,444,542)	
Transfers to participant-directed investments	(33,566,022)	
Administrative fees and other expenses	(2,555)	

	\$(162,956,963)	
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4. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various securities including U.S. Government securities, corporate debt instruments, corporate stocks, registered investment companies, and common/collective trusts. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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5. INVESTMENTS

The following presents investments that represent 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets.

	2001	2000
The AES Corporation common stock 2,220,760 and -0- shares, respectively	\$36,309,430*	\$ -
IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. common stock, -0- and 8,238,574 shares, respectively	\$ -	\$199,266,393*
Oppenheimer Main Street Income & Growth Mutual Fund, 255,276 and 483,223 shares, respectively	\$ 8,296,472	\$ 17,603,828
Merrill Lynch Federal Securities Trust 1,291,528 and 1,293,031 shares, respectively	\$12,811,956	\$ 12,581,189
Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust, 4,797,633 and 6,494,733 shares, respectively	\$ 4,797,633	\$ -
Merrill Lynch Equity Index Trust, 71,371 and 124,946 shares, respectively	\$ 5,752,509	\$ -

* Includes nonparticipant-directed investments

During 2001, the Plan's investments (including both realized and unrealized gains and losses) depreciated in value by \$95,431,610 as follows:

Mutual Funds	\$ 4,005,419
Common/Collective Trust	1,472,367
Common Stock	89,953,824

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	\$95,431,610
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6. MERRILL LYNCH RETIREMENT PRESERVATION TRUST

One of the investment funds is the Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust, which is a trust for the collective investment of Qualified Plans. The majority of the fund assets consist of investment contracts which are included in the financial statements at contract value, (which represents contributions made under the contracts, plus earnings, less withdrawals and administrative expenses) because they are fully benefit responsive. For example, participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The contract value of the investment contracts at December 31, 2001 and 2000 approximates market value. The average yield rates for 2001 and 2000 were approximately 6.50% and 6.65%, respectively.

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7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Merrill Lynch, the Plan Trustee, invests in AES common stock. Since AES is the parent company of IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. and IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. is the parent company of Indianapolis Power & Light, any investment transactions involving AES common stock qualify as related-party transactions. Merrill Lynch is also the Investment Manager for the Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust, the Merrill Lynch Equity Index Trust, the Merrill Lynch Capital Fund, and the Merrill Lynch Federal Securities Trust.

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 Schedule of Assets Held
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INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
 EMPLOYEES' THRIFT PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2001

Shares	Description	Cost	Fair Value
63,391	Aim Income Fund Mutual Fund	\$ 441,639	\$ 424,7
30,414	Alliance Technology Fund Mutual Fund	3,267,990	2,044,4
2,220,760	The AES Corporation Common Stock	61,030,812	36,309,4
31,978	Ivy International Fund Mutual Fund	949,142	661,6
4,797,633	Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust Common/Collective Trust	4,797,633	4,797,6
71,371	Merrill Lynch Equity Index Trust Common/Collective Trust	5,684,761	5,752,5
255,276	Oppenheimer Main Street Income & Growth Mutual Fund	9,220,640	8,296,4
1,291,528	Merrill Lynch Federal Securities Trust Mutual Fund	12,557,493	12,811,9

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104,105	Merrill Lynch Capital Fund Mutual Fund	3,208,690	2,782,7
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	Total Investments	\$101,158,800	\$73,881,5
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INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
EMPLOYEES THRIFT PLAN

SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

Description of Asset	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Net
Single transactions representing 5% or more of net assets available for benefits at beginning of year:			
No activity to report			
Series of transactions representing 5% or more of net assets available for benefits at beginning of the year:			
Purchased:			
IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. Common Stock	\$ 4,011,078		
The AES Corporation Common Stock	7,078,196		
Sold:			
IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. Common Stock	20,714,908	\$43,102,301	\$22,38
The AES Corporation Common Stock	6,983,056	8,634,519	1,65

SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned

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hereunto duly authorized.

EMPLOYEES' THRIFT PLAN OF
INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

DATE: June____, 2002

By: /s/ Edward J. Kunz

Edward J. Kunz
Title: Chairman