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Form 20-F

(Mark One)

- " REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR
- $\, \flat \,\,$ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from to

OR

[&]quot; SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date of event requiring this shell company report

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KOREA ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A (Translation of registrant s name into English)

The Republic of Korea (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

167 SAMSEONG-DONG, GANGNAM-GU, SEOUL 135-791, KOREA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Name, telephone, e-mail and/or facsimile number and address of company contact person)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class: Common stock, par value Won 5,000 per share American depositary shares, each representing one-half of share of common stock Name of each exchange on which registered: New York Stock Exchange* New York Stock Exchange

^{*} Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing of American depositary shares on the New York Stock Exchange, pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

73/4% Debentures due April 1, 2013

7.40% Amortizing Debentures, due April 1, 2016

7.95% Zero-to-Full Debentures, due April 1, 2096

6% Debentures due December 1, 2026

7% Debentures due February 1, 2027

6 3/4% Debentures due August 1, 2027

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer s classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the last full fiscal year

covered by the annual report:

641,964,077 shares of common stock, par value of Won 5,000 per share

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes | No "

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes "No b

Note Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days: Yes b No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files): Yes "No"

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer b Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer "

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP " International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board b Other "

If Other has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow. Item 17 " Item 18 "

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No b

(APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes " No "

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CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS AND CONVENTIONS

All references to Korea or the Republic in this annual report on Form 20-F, or this report, are references to The Republic of Korea. All references to the Government in this report are references to the government of the Republic. All references to we, us, our, ours, the Comp KEPCO in this report are references to Korea Electric Power Corporation and, as the context may require, its subsidiaries, and the possessive thereof, as applicable. All references to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy and the Ministry of Strategy and Finance include the respective predecessors thereof. All references to tons are to metric tons, equal to 1,000 kilograms, or 2,204.6 pounds. Any discrepancies in any table between totals and the sums of the amounts listed are due to rounding. All references to IFRS in this report are references to the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board. Unless otherwise stated, all of our financial information presented in this report has been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

In addition, in this report, all references to:

KHNP are to Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co., Ltd.,

EWP are to Korea East-West Power Co., Ltd.,

KOMIPO are to Korea Midland Power Co., Ltd.,

KOSEP are to Korea South-East Power Co., Ltd.,

KOSPO are to Korea Southern Power Co., Ltd., and

KOWEPO are to Korea Western Power Co., Ltd., each of which is our wholly-owned generation subsidiary.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report includes forward-looking statements (as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), including statements regarding our expectations and projections for future operating performance and business prospects. The words believe, expect, anticipate, estimate, project and similar words used in connection with any discussion of our future operating or financial performance identify forward-looking statements. In addition, all statements other than statements of historical facts included in this report are forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. We caution you not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report.

This report discloses, under the caption Item 3D. Risk Factors and elsewhere, important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations (Cautionary Statements). All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the Cautionary Statements.

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PART I

ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS Not applicable.

ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE Not applicable.

ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION Item 3A. Selected Financial Data

The selected consolidated financial data set forth below as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Prior to December 31, 2010, we prepared our consolidated financial information in accordance with the Korea Electric Power Corporation Act, the Accounting Regulations for Public Enterprise Associate Government Agency and the generally accepted accounting principles in Korea (Korean GAAP). A description of the principal differences between our previous accounting standards and IFRS and the impacts of transition to IFRS is provided in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements included in this report.

Our consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011 included in this report have been audited by Deloitte Anjin LLC, a member firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, a UK private company limited by guarantee. Deloitte Anjin LLC is a Korean independent registered public accounting firm and is our current independent registered public accounting firm.

You should read the following data with the more detailed information contained in Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects and our consolidated financial statements included in Item 18. Financial Statements. Historical results do not necessarily predict future results.

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Consolidated Statement of Earnings Data

	2010 2011 ⁽¹⁾ (in billions of Won and millions of US\$, except per share data)		
Sales	(Won) 39,507	(Won) 43,532	\$ 37,576
Cost of sales	36,188	43,082	37,188
Gross Profit	3,319	450	388
Other operating income (expense), net	467	451	389
Selling and administrative expenses	1,645	1,752	1,512
Other income (loss)	119	166	144
Operating income (loss)	2,260	(685)	(591)
Finance income (expense), net	(1,967)	(1,911)	(1,650)
Profits of affiliates and joint ventures using equity method	77	123	106
Income (loss) before income taxes	370	(2,473)	(2,135)
Income tax expenses	439	820	708
Net loss for the year	(69)	(3,293)	(2,843)
Other comprehensive loss	(43)	(262)	(226)
Total comprehensive loss	(112)	(3,555)	(3,069)
Net income (loss) attributable to:			
Owners of the Company	(120)	(3,370)	(2,909)
Non-controlling interests	51	77	66
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:			
Owners of the Company	(152)	(3,628)	(3,131)
Non-controlling interests	40	73	62
Earnings (loss) per share			
Basic ⁽²⁾	(193)	(5,411)	(4,671)
Diluted ⁽³⁾	(193)	(5,411)	(4,671)
Earnings (loss) per ADS	, ,	` ,	
Basic ⁽²⁾	(97)	(2,706)	(2,335)
Diluted ⁽³⁾	(97)	(2,706)	(2,335)
Dividends per share			
Other Data:			
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges ⁽⁴⁾ :	0.9		