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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): March 12, 2010

THE AES CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-12291 Commission **54-1163725** (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number Identification No.)

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4300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100

Arlington, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)

22203 (Zip code)

(703) 522-1315

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 15, 2010, The AES Corporation (the Company) completed the sale of 125,468,788 shares of common stock to Terrific Investment Corporation (Investor), a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Investment Corporation. The shares were sold for \$12.60 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$1.58 billion. Investor sownership in the Company sommon stock is now approximately 15% percent of the Company sound outstanding shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis.

On March 12, 2010, the Company and Investor entered into a stockholder agreement (the Stockholder Agreement). Under the Stockholder Agreement, as long as Investor holds more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company, Investor will have the right to designate one nominee, who must be reasonably acceptable to the Board, for election to the Board of Directors of the Company. In addition, until such time as Investor holds 5% or less of the outstanding shares of common stock, Investor has agreed to vote its shares in accordance with the recommendation of the Company on any matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Company relating to the election of directors and compensation matters. Otherwise, Investor may vote its shares in its discretion. Further, under the Stockholder Agreement, Investor will be subject to a standstill restriction which generally prohibits Investor from purchasing additional securities of the Company beyond the level acquired by it under the stock purchase agreement entered into between Investor and the Company on November 6, 2009. In addition, Investor has agreed to a lock-up restriction such that Investor would not sell its shares for a period of 12 months following the closing, subject to certain exceptions. The standstill and lock-up restrictions also terminate at such time as Investor holds 5% or less of the outstanding shares of common stock. Investor will have certain registration rights and preemptive rights under the Stockholder Agreement with respect to its shares of common stock of the Company.

A copy of the Stockholder Agreement is attached as <u>Exhibit 10.1</u> to this Report, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Stockholder Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Stockholder Agreement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

10.1 Stockholder Agreement dated March 12, 2010, between The AES Corporation and Terrific Investment Corporation.

SIGNATURE

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

THE AES CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ VICTORIA D. HARKER
Name: Victoria D. Harker

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 15, 2010