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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025

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

Commission File Number of issuing entity: 333-191392-01  
Central Index Key Number of issuing entity: 0001587650

APPALACHIAN CONSUMER RATE RELIEF FUNDING LLC

(Exact name of issuing entity as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio  
(Address of principal executive offices)

46-3706150  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

43215  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 716-3627

Commission File Number of depositor and sponsor: 1-03457  
Central Index Key Number of depositor and sponsor: 0000006879

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

(Exact name of depositor and sponsor as specified in its charter)

Virginia

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio

(Address of principal executive offices)

54-0124790

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

43215

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(614) 716-1000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes  No

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  No

Indicate by checkmark 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 (§232.405 of this chapter) 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, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Check One:

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The registrant does not have any voting or non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates.

Documents incorporated by reference: A portion of the proxy statement relating to the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of American Electric Power Company, Inc. is incorporated by reference in Item 11 of Part III of this report.

Auditor Firm Id: 238 Auditor Name: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Auditor Location: Columbus, Ohio

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## **PART I**

### **Item 1. Business.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

None.

### **Item 1C. Cybersecurity.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

### **Item 2. Properties.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

### **Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

Not applicable.

## **PART II**

### **Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

### **Item 6. [Reserved]**

### **Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

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**Item 9B. Other Information.**

None.

**Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections.**

Not applicable.

**PART III**

**Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant.**

Appalachian Consumer Rate Relief Funding LLC (the Company) has four managers. At least two managers must not be, and must not have been for at least five years prior to the date of his or her appointment: (i) a direct or indirect legal or beneficial owner of the Company or Appalachian Power Company (APCo) or any of their respective affiliates, (ii) a relative, supplier, employee, officer, director (other than as an independent director), manager (other than as an independent manager), contractor or material creditor of the Company or APCo or any of their respective affiliates or (iii) a person who controls (whether directly, indirectly or otherwise) APCo or its affiliates or any creditor, employee, officer, director, manager or material supplier or contractor of APCo or its affiliates.

The following are the managers of the Company as of March 25, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Background</u>
Trevor I. Mihalik	59	President and manager of the Company. Vice president and chief financial officer of Appalachian Power Company, executive vice president and chief financial officer of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP), and executive vice president, chief financial officer and director of American Electric Power Service Corporation, a subsidiary of AEP (Service Corporation) since January 2025.
Matthew D. Fransen	49	Manager of the Company. Vice president and treasurer of Appalachian Power Company, treasurer of AEP and senior vice president-treasury and finance of the Service Corporation since December 1, 2024. Joined the Service Corporation in January 2002 and was appointed as director-strategic initiatives in 2010, appointed managing director-strategic initiatives in 2013, became vice president-renewables in February 2016 and vice president-regulated infrastructure development in June 2021. Treasurer of certain other AEP System companies.
Sean Emerick	60	Manager of the Company. Lead project & program manager since October 2022 for CT Corporation Staffing, Inc., a subsidiary of CT Corporation System. Director, special services, CT Corporation, since 2014. From 2011 to 2014, regional service manager for CT Corporation and, prior to that, vice president and general manager of corporate services at National Registered Agents, Inc. from 2007 to 2011.
William Bleier	35	Manager of the Company. Associate Director, Customer Service for CT Corporation since 2020. From 2017 to 2020 served as Service Manager, Large Corporations and prior to that served as Account Manager, Mid-Market from 2014 to 2017.

**Code of Conduct**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of APCo which in turn is an indirect subsidiary of AEP. AEP has adopted a code of conduct and ethics which applies to all of its subsidiaries. AEP maintains a corporate governance page on its website which includes key information about its corporate governance initiatives, including AEP's Principles of Corporate Governance and AEP's Principles of Business Conduct. The corporate governance page can be found at [www.aep.com/investors/governance](http://www.aep.com/investors/governance).

**Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

Other than the annual independent manager fee of \$1,500 paid to CT Corporation System, the Company does not pay any compensation to its executive officers or managers.

The information required by this item with respect to APCo is incorporated herein by reference to the material under *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* of the definitive proxy statement of American Electric Power Company, Inc. for the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2026.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.**

None.

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**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.**

None.

**Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.**

**(a) Documents filed as a part of this report:**

1. Financial Statements.  
Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K as listed under Item 8 of this report.
  2. Financial Statement Schedules.  
Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K as listed under Item 8 of this report.
  3. Exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K (exhibits marked with an asterisk are filed herewith):  
See Exhibits listed below, which are incorporated herein by reference.
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**(b) Exhibits required by this Form and Item 601 of Regulation S-K (exhibits marked with an asterisk are filed herewith)**

[3.1 Certificate of Formation of the Issuing Entity filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on August 19, 2013 \(incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.1 included as an exhibit to the Sponsor's Registration Statement on Form S-3 dated September 26, 2013\).](#)

[3.2 Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Issuing Entity executed as of October 28, 2013 \(incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.2 included as an exhibit to the Sponsor's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 6, 2013\).](#)

[4.1 Indenture dated as of November 15, 2013 between the Issuing Entity and U.S. Bank National Association providing for the issuance of Senior Secured Consumer Rate Relief Bonds \(incorporated by reference to exhibit 4.1 included as an exhibit to the Sponsor's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 6, 2013\).](#)

[4.2 Form of Senior Secured Consumer Rate Relief Bonds \(included as Exhibit A to the Indenture filed as Exhibit 4.1\) \(incorporated by reference to exhibit 4.1 included as an exhibit to the Sponsor's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 6, 2013\).](#)

[10.1 Consumer Rate Relief Property Sale Agreement dated as of November 15, 2013 between the Issuing Entity and Appalachian Power Company, as seller \(incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.2 included as an exhibit to the Sponsor's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 6, 2013\).](#)

[10.2 Servicing Agreement dated as of November 15, 2013 between the Issuing Entity and Appalachian Power Company, as servicer \(incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.1 included as an exhibit to the Sponsor's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 6, 2013\).](#)

[10.3 Administration Agreement dated as of November 15, 2013 between the Issuing Entity and Appalachian Power Company, as servicer \(incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.3 included as an exhibit to the Sponsor's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 6, 2013\).](#)

[\\*31.1 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(d\)/15d-14\(d\).](#)

[\\*33.1 Report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed issuers for Appalachian Power Company, as servicer.](#)

[\\*33.2 Report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed issuers for U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee.](#)

[\\*34.1 Attestation report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on behalf of Appalachian Power Company, as servicer.](#)

[\\*34.2 Attestation report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities of Ernst & Young LLP for U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee.](#)

[\\*35.1 Servicer compliance statement of Appalachian Power Company, as servicer.](#)

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**(c) Not Applicable.**

**Item 1112(b). Significant Obligor of Pool Assets.**

None.

**Item 1114(b)(2). Credit Enhancement and Other Support, Except for Certain Derivatives Instruments.**

None.

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**Item 1115(b). Certain Derivatives Instruments.**

None.

**Item 1117. Legal Proceedings.**

None.

**Item 1119. Affiliations and Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.**

Appalachian Consumer Rate Relief Funding LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Appalachian Power Company.

**Item 1122 of Regulation AB. Compliance with Applicable Servicing Criteria.**

The Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria for Asset-Backed Securities and the related attestation report for Appalachian Power Company included as Exhibits 33.1 and 34.1, respectively, to this Form 10-K identified no material instances of noncompliance by Appalachian Power Company with the servicing criteria set forth in Item 1122 of Regulation AB.

The Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria for Asset-Backed Securities and the related attestation report for U.S. Bank National Association included as Exhibits 33.2 and 34.2, respectively, to this Form 10-K identified no material instances of noncompliance by U.S. Bank National Association with the servicing criteria set forth in Item 1122 of Regulation AB.

See Exhibits 33.1, 33.2, 34.1 and 34.2 to this Form 10-K.

**Item 1123 of Regulation AB. Servicer Compliance Statement.**

See Exhibit 35.1 to this Form 10-K.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, this 30th day of March, 2026.

Appalachian Consumer Rate Relief Funding LLC  
(Issuing Entity)

By: Appalachian Power Company, as Servicer  
/s/ Matthew D. Fransen  
Matthew D. Fransen  
Treasurer and Senior Officer in Charge of  
the Servicing Function

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED WITH REPORTS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE ACT BY REGISTRANTS WHICH HAVE NOT REGISTERED SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE ACT.

No such annual report, proxy statement, form of proxy or other soliciting material has been sent to Noteholders. The registrant will not be sending an annual report or proxy material to its Noteholders subsequent to the filing of this form.