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> Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D. C. 20549

Schedule 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

> AES Corporation Common Stock CUSIP Number 00130H105

Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement: December 31, 2001 CUSIP No. 00130H105

> 1) Name of reporting person: Legg Mason, Inc. Tax Identification No.: 52-1200960

Check the appropriate box if a member of a group: 2) n/a a) b) n/a

SEC use only 3)

Place of organization: 4) Maryland

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:

- 0 -5) Sole voting power: 34,912,104
- Shared voting power: 6) 7) Sole dispositive power: - 0 -
- 8) Shared dispositive power: 34,912,104
- 9) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person: 34,912,104
- 10) Check if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares: n/a
- 11) Percent of class represented by amount in row (9): 6.55%
- 12) Type of reporting person: HC, CO

Item 1a) Name of issuer: AES Corporation Address of issuer's principal executive offices: Item 1b) 1001 N. 19th Street Arlington, VA 22209 Name of person filing: Item 2a) Legg Mason, Inc.

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Item 2b) A	ddress of principal business office: 100 Light Street Baltimore, MD 21202
Item 2c) C	itizenship: Maryland Corporation
Item 2d) I	tile of class of securities: Common Stock
Item 2e) C	CUSIP number: 00130H105
Item 3) I	f this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a :
(a) []	Broker or dealer under Section 15 of the Act.
(b) [] (c) []	
(d) []	
(e) []	
(f) []	Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to ERISA of 1974 or Endowment Fund;
(g) [X]	see 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(F). Parent holding company, in accordance with
-	240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G).
(h) []	Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H).
<pre>Item 4) Ownership: (a) Amount beneficially owned: 34,912,104</pre>	
(b) Perce	ent of Class: 6.55%
(c) Numbe (i)	er of shares as to which such person has: sole power to vote or to direct the vote: - 0 -
(ii)	shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 34,912,104
(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: - 0 -
(iv)	
	34,912,104
Item 5) Ow	nership of Five Percent or less of a class: n/a
Item 6) Ow	mership of more than Five Percent on behalf of another person:
	Various accounts managed by the investment advisory subsidiaries described in Item 7 have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of shares of AES Corporation. No such account owns more than 5% of the shares outstanding.
Item 7) Id	lentification and classification of the subsidiary which acquired the security being reported on by the parent holding company:

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Legg Mason Funds Management, Inc., investment advisor Bartlett & Co., investment adviser Bingham Legg Advisers, LLC, investment adviser Brandywine Asset Management, LLC, investment adviser Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc., investment adviser Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., investment adviser and broker/dealer with discretion Perigee Investment Counsel, Inc., investment adviser

Item 8) Identification and classification of members of the group:

Item 9) Notice of dissolution of group: n/a

n/a

Item 10) Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date - February

Timothy C. Scheve, Sr. Ex. Vice President, Legg Mason, Inc.