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Ram Sastry is vice president – Innovation & Technology, reporting to Stephan Haynes, senior vice president - Strategy & Innovation. In this role, he is responsible for identifying new technologies and business models in the United States and internationally that will help position AEP for success. Promising technologies and/or business models are piloted or evaluated and then transitioned to AEP operating companies or business units for deployment.

Prior to this, from 2014 to 2018, he served as vice president - Enterprise Innovation and Resiliency, responsible for developing and implementing plans for creation of new AEP data centers and building a robust business continuity and crisis management organization to serve the enterprise.

Sastry joined AEP in 2002 as director - IT Audits. He was named director - Distribution Research & Technology in 2009 and became director - Utility Research, Processes and Systems in 2012. He was named director - Distribution Support in January 2013.

Prior to joining AEP, Sastry served as senior director at Covansys (now a CSC company in alliance with Hewlett Packard), a global consulting and technology services company. He holds a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute.

Sastry is a Project Management Professional, a Certified Internal Auditor, a Certified Information Systems Auditor, a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Information Security Professional.

He and his wife, Pallavi, have two sons and reside in Dublin, Ohio.