

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/

Form 3

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Sanders Gary D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

123 W. MILLS AVE.

(Street)

EL PASO,Â TXÂ 79901

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/02/2006

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

General Counsel

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

0

D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)Date
ExercisableExpiration
Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)Title
Amount or
Number of4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sanders Gary D 123 W. MILLS AVE. EL PASO, TX 79901	Â	Â	Â General Counsel	Â

Signatures

Norma J. Ayoub as Attorney in Fact for Gary D. Sanders	02/02/2006
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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