

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
August 05, 2009

**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):**

**August 4, 2009**

**El Paso Electric Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-296**  
(Commission File Number)

**74-0607870**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Stanton Tower, 100 North Stanton, El Paso, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(915) 543-5711**

**79901**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

El Paso Electric Company (the Company) announced today that David G. Carpenter has been appointed to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Carpenter, age 54, has served as interim principal financial officer of the Company since April 2009. From September 2008 to April 2009, Mr. Carpenter served as the Company's Vice President of Regulatory Services and Controller and was the Company's Vice President of Corporate Planning and Controller from August 2005 to September 2008. Previously, he served as Director - Texas Regulatory Services for American Electric Power Services Corporation from June 2000 to August 2005.

***SIGNATURE***

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

**El Paso Electric Company**

Dated: August 4, 2009

By: /s/ GARY D. SANDERS

Name: Gary D. Sanders

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel