STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

Common

Stock

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Stevens David W Issuer Symbol EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 100 N STANTON 12/05/2008 below) below) **CEO** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting EL PASO, TX 79901 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer de la companya de la compan	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Stevens David W							
100 N STANTON			CEO				
EL PASO TX 79901							

Signatures

Norma J. Ayoub as Attorney in Fact for David W.
Stevens 12/05/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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