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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE] SOZA HENRY WAYNE (Month/Day/Year) 04/02/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 N. STANTON STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person EL PASO. TXÂ 79901 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One VP-COMPLIANCE, RISK Reporting Person MGMT & HR (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) **COMMON STOCK** 500 (1) D Â 645 (2) Â **COMMON STOCK** D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security 3. Title and Amount of 2. Date Exercisable and 4. 5. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Direct (D) Amount or Security Exercisable Date Number of or Indirect Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SOZA HENRY WAYNE

Â Â 100 N. STANTON STREET VP-COMPLIANCE, RISK MGMT & HR EL PASO, TXÂ 79901

Signatures

NORMA J. AYOUB AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR HENRY WAYNE **SOZA**

04/09/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock awarded on 01/26/11 and vests on 12/31/13. Mr. Soza was not Section 16 reportable until 04/02/12.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded on 01/26/12 and vests on 12/31/14. Mr. Soza was not Section 16 reportable until 04/02/12.

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