EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

DUENTE HECTOD D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (N	Middle) 3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction								
6620 ISLA DEL REY			(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2006					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP-Transmission & Distribution			
	4.	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
EL PASO, 7	Fi (Zip)	Filed(Month/Day/Year) Table L. Non-Derivative Securities Acquired					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person puired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A Daamad		3.			_	5. Amount of	6. Ownership		
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution D any (Month/Day	Pate, if	Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi r(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/31/2006			F	344	D	\$ 24.37	3,495	D		

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	t of ying es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PUENTE HECTOR R 6620 ISLA DEL REY EL PASO, TX 79912

VP-Transmission & Distribution

Signatures

Norma J. Ayoub as Attorney in Fact for Hector Puente

01/05/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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