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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): February 1, 2012

El Paso Electric Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 001-14206 74-0607870

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

79901

Stanton Tower, 100 North Stanton,

El Paso, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(915) 543-5711

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

El Paso Electric Company (the "Company") announced on February 1, 2012 that it filed a rate case with the City of El Paso. To maintain uniform rates throughout its West Texas system, the Company filed the same rate case with all other cities in its Texas service territory and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated February 1, 2012

SIGNATURE

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

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: /s/ DAVID G. CARPENTER

Name: David Carpenter

Title: Senior Vice President - Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 1, 2012