ORTENSTONE SUSAN B

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ORTENSTONE SUSAN B Issuer Symbol EL PASO CORP/DE [EP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify EL PASO CORPORATION, 1001 01/18/2006 below) below) LOUISIANA STREET SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (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 HOUSTON, TX 77002-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 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned

01/18/2006 F 1,364 D \$0 84,306 D Stock

Common 27,970 I 401 (K) Stock

Code V Amount

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

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Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

or

(D)

Price

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

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

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transacti | 5. onNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title Amount | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month Day/Tear) | (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of | (Month/Day/ e | (Month/Day/Year) | | ring es and 4) | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title N | Number | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ORTENSTONE SUSAN B EL PASO CORPORATION 1001 LOUISIANA STREET HOUSTON, TX 77002-

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

David L Siddall (POA) 01/20/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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