

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
March 02, 2010

**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):**

**March 1, 2010**

**El Paso Electric Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other

jurisdiction of

incorporation)

**0-296**  
(Commission File Number)

**74-0607870**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

**Stanton Tower, 100 North Stanton, El Paso, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(915) 543-5711**

**79901**  
(Zip Code)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

El Paso Electric Company (the Company) announced today that Nathan T. Hirschi has been appointed to the position of Vice President and Controller. Mr. Hirschi, age 46, has served as the Company's Vice President-Special Projects since December 2009. From January 2005 to April 2009, he served as a Partner-Assurance for KPMG LLP.

***SIGNATURE***

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, 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/ MARY E. KIPP  
Name: Mary E. Kipp  
Title: Vice President - Legal and  
Chief Compliance Officer

Dated: March 2, 2010