

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
February 23, 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):**

February 23, 2010

**El Paso Electric Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas  
(State or other jurisdiction)

0-296  
(Commission)

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

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(State of incorporation)

(File Number)

(Identification No.)

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

**(915) 543-5711**

**79901**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On February 23, 2010, the Company announced its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. A copy of the press release containing the announcement is included as Exhibit 99.01 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company does not intend for this exhibit to be incorporated by reference into future filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

99.01 Earnings Press Release, dated February 23, 2010

**SIGNATURES**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: /s/ **DAVID G. CARPENTER**  
**David G. Carpenter**  
**Senior Vice President and**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**(Duly Authorized Officer and**  
**Principal Financial Officer)**

Dated: February 23, 2010