HEITZ KENNETH Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEITZ KENNETH			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				0	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE]				/ [EE]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				•				
			(Month/Da	(Month/Day/Year)				_X Director	10%	Owner	
			12/16/2011					Officer (give tit elow)	r (specify		
(Street) 4. If			4. If Amen	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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EL PASO, TX 79901			_				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqui	red, Disposed of, o	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	ite 2A. De	emed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security (Month/Day/Year) Execut		ion Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D)				Securities Ownership Indirect					
(Instr. 3)		any		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5)	Beneficially		Beneficial		
		(Month	/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership	
								Following Reported	or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)	
						(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(
COMMON STOCK	12/16/2011			S	2,353	D	\$ 32.8552	18,304	D		

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

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	8		Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer Othe				
HEITZ KENNETH							
100 N. STANTON	X						
EL PASO, TX 79901							

Signatures

NORMA J. AYOUB AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR KENNETH R. HEITZ

12/16/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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