

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
April 30, 2009

**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):**

**April 29, 2009**

**El Paso Electric Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction)

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

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

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of incorporation)

Identification No.)

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

**79901**  
(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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- .. 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 Scott D. Wilson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, will be retiring from the Company as early as the end of May 2009 for personal reasons having to do with the health of a family member. The Company and Mr. Wilson are presently discussing the timing of his retirement as well as a consulting arrangement under which he would be available to assure a smooth transition of his duties and to consult with the Company on financial and regulatory matters.

The Company will appoint David G. Carpenter, Vice President of Regulatory Services and Controller, to serve as principal financial officer while the Company conducts a search for Mr. Wilson's successor. Mr. Carpenter, age 53, has served in his current position since September 2008 and was the Company's Vice President of Corporate Planning and Controller from August 2005 to September 2008. Previously, he served as Director - Texas Regulatory Services for American Electric Power Services Corporation from June 2000 to August 2005.

***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**

Dated: April 29, 2009

By: /s/ GARY D. SANDERS  
Name: Gary D. Sanders  
Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel