

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
February 12, 2008

**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 12, 2008**

**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))

**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

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

On February 12, 2008, El Paso Electric Company (the Company) announced the departure of Ershel C. Redd, Jr. from the positions of President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Company's Board of Directors, effective immediately. Mr. Redd will be entitled to certain severance payments pursuant to the terms and conditions of the employment agreement dated May 15, 2007 between the Company and Mr. Redd.

On February 12, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company appointed J. Frank Bates as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Bates, age 57, has 35 years of experience with the Company in various positions. Since May 2005, he has served as the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. From November 2001 to May 2005, Mr. Bates served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of the Company.

**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: February 12, 2008

By: /s/ Gary D. Sanders  
Name: Gary D. Sanders  
Title: General Counsel