

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
May 17, 2005

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**El Paso Electric Company**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**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)

**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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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

El Paso Electric Company (the "**Company**") announced on May 17, 2005 the results for holders of its 8.90% Series D First Mortgage Bonds due February 1, 2006 and its 9.40% Series E First Mortgage Bonds due May 1, 2011 (collectively, the "**Bonds**"), who tendered pursuant to a previously announced tender offer for its outstanding first mortgage bonds and did not withdraw their Bonds by the Early Tender Date. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued by the Company dated May 17, 2005

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

May 17, 2005

By: /s/ Raul A. Carrillo, Jr.

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Name: Raul A. Carrillo, Jr.  
Title: Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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