BATES JULIUS F JR

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BATES JULIUS F JR Issuer Symbol EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 149 FEATHER MOON LOOP 12/31/2009 below) PRESIDENT & COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SANTA TERESA, NM 88008 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **COMMON** 12/31/2009 F 800 D 60,372 D 20.28 **STOCK**

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)	Code (Instr. 8)	onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title N of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BATES JULIUS F JR 149 FEATHER MOON LOOP SANTA TERESA, NM 88008

PRESIDENT & COO

Signatures

NORMA J. AYOUB AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR J. FRANK BATES

01/04/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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