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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Fleager Richard			Symbol EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE]					Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 100 N. STANTON			(Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2011					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
EL PASO, T	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I) (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
COMMON STOCK (1)	06/30/2011			P	35	A	\$ 31.65	23,172	D	
COMMON STOCK	06/30/2011			P	20	A	\$ 31.64	23,192	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/30/2011			P	34	A	\$ 32.48	23,226	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/30/2011			P	20	A	\$ 32.48	23,246	D	
COMMON STOCK	12/31/2011			P	31	A	\$ 35.44	23,277	D	

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COMMON STOCK 12/31/2011 P 19 A \$ 23,296

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

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date** Amount of Derivative or Exercise Underlying Security Code of (Month/Day/Year) Security Price of (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities (Instr. 5) Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Amount or Date Expiration Title Number Exercisable Date οf Code V (A) (D) Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fleager Richard 100 N. STANTON EL PASO, TX 79901

Sr VP-Cust Care & Extrnal Aff

Signatures

NORMA J. AYOUB AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR RICHARD G. FLEAGER

02/16/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The transactions reported on this Form 4 represent the reinvesment by Mr. Fleager's broker of dividends paid on EE shares owned by Mr.

(1) Fleager in additional shares of EE stock, which transactions were not reported by the broker to the issuer. The amounts reported in Column 5 reflect the other transactions through January 26, 2012 previously reported on Form 4s.

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