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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 25, 2014

El Paso Electric Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 001-14206 74-0607870

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Stanton Tower, 100 North Stanton,

El Paso, Texas

79901

(Address of principal executive offices) (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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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

The Environmental Protection Agency's previously issued greenhouse gas permit for El Paso Electric's ("EPE") four-unit natural gas burning Montana Power Station became effective on April 25, 2014 when no appeals were filed prior to the expiration of the appeals period. EPE may now commence construction of the first two units, which it expects to bring on line by the summer peak of 2015.

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: April 28, 2014

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY (Registrant)

By: /s/ Mary E. Kipp Name: Mary E. Kipp

Title: Senior Vice President - General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer