

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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 17, 2004

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**El Paso Electric Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Texas</b> (State or other	<b>0-296</b> (Commission	<b>74-0607870</b> (I.R.S. Employer
jurisdiction of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
<b>Stanton Tower, 100 North Stanton,</b>		
<b>El Paso, Texas</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>79901</b> (Zip Code)

(915) 543-5711

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

99.01 Earnings Press Release, dated February 17, 2004

**ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On February 17, 2004, the Company announced its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release containing the announcement is included as Exhibit 99.01 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company does not intend for this exhibit to be incorporated by reference into future filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The foregoing information is provided pursuant to Item 12 (Results of Operations and Financial Condition) of Form 8-K.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: /s/ Terry Bassham

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Terry Bassham

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and

Administrative Officer (Duly Authorized Officer

and Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: February 17, 2004