

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
January 17, 2006

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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):**

January 17, 2006

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**El Paso Electric Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On January 16, 2006, the Company issued a press release regarding certain operations at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.01 to this Current Report and is incorporated 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.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.01 Press Release dated January 16, 2006

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: /s/ GARY D. SANDERS

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Gary D. Sanders  
Interim General Counsel and Assistant  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: January 17, 2006