

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
May 05, 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):**

May 5, 2004

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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

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

El Paso Electric Company (the Company) issued a news release stating that Wilson K. Cadman and James A. Cardwell retired from its Board of Directors effective May 5, 2004, pursuant to mandatory retirement age provisions under the Company's corporate governance guidelines. The Board of Directors adopted a resolution reducing the number of directors from fourteen (14) to twelve (12), concurrent with the retirement of Messrs. Cadman and Cardwell. A copy of the news release as issued by the Company is attached hereto as an Exhibit.

**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

99.01 News Release, dated May 5, 2004.

**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/ Terry Bassham

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Terry Bassham  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial and  
Administrative Officer  
(Duly Authorized Officer and  
Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: May 5, 2004