

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
May 05, 2005

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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, 2005

**El Paso Electric Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**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)**

**N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

El Paso Electric Company ("the **Company**") announced on May 5, 2005 that it is commencing a cash tender offer for any and all of its 8.90% Series D First Mortgage Bonds due February 1, 2006 (CUSIP No. 283677AT9) and its 9.40% Series E First Mortgage Bonds due May 1, 2011 (CUSIP No. 283677AU6), which are callable by the Company beginning on February 1, 2006 (collectively, the "**Bonds**") on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Company's Offer to Purchase dated May 5, 2005. The tender offer will be conditioned, among other things, on the Company receiving proceeds from a planned offering of unsecured debt securities, which would be used to fund the purchase of the Bonds. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued by the Company dated May 5, 2005

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

Date: May 5, 2005

By: /s/ Scott D. Wilson

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Name: Scott D. Wilson  
Title: Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**Description**

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