

YARDLEY JAMES C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
YARDLEY JAMES C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
EL PASO CORPORATION, 1001 LOUISIANA STREET  
(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002-

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EL PASO CORP/DE [EP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/01/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & PRES., PIPELINE GROUP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/01/2010		A <sup>(1)</sup>	45,938 A \$ 0 <sub>(1)</sub>	310,522 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	04/01/2010		F	8,581 D \$ 0	301,941 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	04/02/2010		F	6,278 D \$ 0	295,663 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					9,810	I	401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 11.07	04/01/2010		A	147,059	04/01/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/01/2020			Common Stock	147,059

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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HOUSTON, TX 77002-

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## Signatures

s/ Marguerite Woung-Chapman  
(POA)

04/06/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Employee award of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2005 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. Shares of stock are required to be withheld for tax purposes when, and if, these shares vest.
- (2) Includes 1,145 shares acquired since August 16, 2009 under the El Paso Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 125 shares acquired since August 16, 2009 under the Company Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) The nonqualified stock options permit the exercise price and/or tax obligation to be satisfied by withholding shares issuable thereunder.
- (4) One third of this grant vests each year on the anniversary date of the grant.

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