UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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):

March 4, 2005

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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N/A

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

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) On March 4, 2005, Terry Bassham, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, announced his resignation from El Paso Electric Company, effective as of March 18, 2005, to accept a similar position with another public utility company. Mr. Bassham s resignation did not involve any disagreement with the Company relating to the Company s operations, policies or practices. The Company has not yet appointed a new principal financial officer.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

El Paso Electric Company

Dated: March 7, 2005

 By:
 /s/ GARY R. HEDRICK

 Name:
 Gary R. Hedrick

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer