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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): April 2, 2012

El Paso Electric Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 001-14206 74-0607870

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (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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5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

El Paso Electric Company (the "Company") announces the resignation of Richard G. Fleager, Senior Vice President-Customer Care and External Affairs, effective April 2, 2012. The Company expects to provide separation payments to Mr. Fleager under a separation and release agreement.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY (Registrant)

By: /s/ MARY E. KIPP Name: Mary E. Kipp

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer

Dated: April 4, 2012