GIREUD FERNANDO J

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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	Address of Reporting I ERNANDO J	Symbol	r Name and			_	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (M		EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(LEE)	(Check all applicable)				
548 SPRIN		(Month/I	(Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2006				DirectorX Officer (give below) VP-Safty E		Owner or (specify & Int'l		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
EL PASO,	ГХ 79912						Form filed by M Person	Iore than One Re	porting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securin(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D) 5) Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/23/2006		A	700	A	\$ 20.48	4,004	D			

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ite Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr	
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GIREUD FERNANDO J 548 SPRING CREST EL PASO, TX 79912

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Signatures

Norma J. Ayoub as Attorney in Fact for Fernando Gireud

02/24/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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