EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ Form 8-K April 30, 2008

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 30, 2008

El Paso Electric Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction

0-296 (Commission File Number) 74-0607870 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(915) 543-5711

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On April 30, 2008, El Paso Electric Company (the Company) announced the departure of Hector Gutierrez, Jr., Executive Vice President of External Affairs, effective immediately.

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: April 30, 2008 By: /s/ GARY D. SANDERS

Name: Gary D. Sanders Title: General Counsel

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