EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> HOLLAND BRANCH PATRICIA Z			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
5203 WIMBLEDON WAY			(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2009					Officer (give below)		er (specify	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
EL PASO,	ГХ 79932		Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C Form filed by M Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)) Execution any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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	01/01/2009			A	760	A	\$ 18.09	29,328	D		

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5.	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Exercise be of vivative	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/) e		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amoun or Numbe of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOLLAND BRANCH PATRICIA Z

5203 WIMBLEDON WAY

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EL PASO, TX 79932

Signatures

Norma J. Ayoub as Attorney in Fact for Patricia Z. Holland-Branch

01/05/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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