

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
August 12, 2002

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**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):**  
**August 12, 2002**

**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)

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): (915) 543-5711**

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**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On August 12, 2002, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of El Paso Electric Company submitted the required certification covering the quarterly report on Form 10-Q (the Form 10-Q ) for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 of El Paso Electric Company.

**SIGNATURES**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

**EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY**

By:                    /s/ TERRY BASSHAM

**Terry Bassham  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial and  
Administrative Officer  
(Duly Authorized Officer  
and Principal Financial  
Officer)**

Dated: August 12, 2002