

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
April 03, 2012

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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):  
March 29, 2012

El Paso Electric Company  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-14206 (Commission File Number)	74-0607870 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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Stanton Tower, 100 North Stanton, El Paso, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	79901 (Zip Code)
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(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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.. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 29, 2012, El Paso Electric Company (the “Company”) and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee of the Rio Grande Resources Trust II, entered into the Incremental Facility Assumption Agreement (the “Assumption Agreement”) related to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of November 15, 2011 (the “Credit Agreement”) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and issuing bank, Union Bank, N.A., as syndication agent, and various lending banks party thereto. The Assumption Agreement provides for the Company's exercise in full of the accordion feature provided for under the Credit Agreement, increasing the aggregate unsecured borrowing available thereunder from \$200 million to \$300 million. In addition, the Assumption Agreement reflects the addition of a new lender under the Credit Agreement. No other material modifications have been made to the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 is incorporated herein by reference.

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/ DAVID G. CARPENTER  
Name: David G. Carpenter  
Title: Senior Vice President - Chief Financial Officer  
Dated: April 3, 2012