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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE] KIPP MARY E (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 460 TRAILS END COURT (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person EL PASO, Â TXÂ 79932 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One **VP-LEGAL & CHIEF** Reporting Person **COMPLIANCE** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) COMMON STOCK 0 D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Experiment Expiration (Month/Day/You		ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. 6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

KIPP MARY E 460 TRAILS END COURT

EL PASO, TXÂ 79932

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} VP-LEGAL & CHIEF COMPLIANCE \hat{A}

Signatures

NORMA J. AYOUB AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR MARY E. KIPP

12/11/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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