EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/

Form 4

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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHOCKLEY THOMAS V III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE]				(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle) 3. Da	e of Earliest T	ransaction			,	• •	,
•			(Month/Day/Year)				_X_ Director		Owner
100 N. STANTON			12/15/2015				Officer (give below)	below)	er (specify
(Street) 4. If Amo			Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
Filed(Month/Da			Month/Day/Yea	h/Day/Year)			Applicable Line)		
EL PASO, TX 79901							_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	able I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	e 2A. Deemed	3.	4. Secur	ities A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)			on(A) or D	_		Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Ye	Code ar) (Instr. 8)	(, ,,		Beneficially Owned	(D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership	
		(Wondin Day) 10	ii) (III3ti. 0)				Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					or		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V		(D)	Price	(23.23.27.3 41.14.1)		
Common Stock	12/15/2015		F	6,934 (1)	D	\$ 36.59	46,445	D	

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

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/ Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Yea e	ar)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Ex Exercisable Da	•	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SHOCKLEY THOMAS V III 100 N. STANTON EL PASO, TX 79901	X						

Signatures

/s/Norma J. Ayoub, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Shockley 12/17/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares withheld by the issuer to pay taxes relating to the 12/15/15 vesting of restricted stock.

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