EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ Form 8-K December 14, 2017

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): December 14, 2017

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

Texas	001-14206	74-0607870
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

79901

(Zip Code)

Stanton Tower, 100 North Stanton, El Paso, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

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

N/A (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

"Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act "

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 14, 2017, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the "Commission) approved a Final Order (the "Order") approving the uncontested settlement agreement that was filed with the Commission on November 2, 2017 in El Paso Electric Company's (the "Company") rate case pending before the Commission. The Company will record the impacts of the Order for financial reporting purposes in the fourth quarter of 2017.

A copy of the Press Release issued by the Company on December 14, 2017 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. The Order is expected to be signed soon and will be filed on the Commission's website under docket number 46831. Documents appearing on the Commission's website are not incorporated by reference into this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits
Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit
99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated December 14, 2017

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

By: /s/ Nathan T. HirschiName: Nathan T. HirschiTitle: Senior Vice President- Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 14, 2017