Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan; or
- [X] a single-employer plan;
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report;
- [ ] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [X]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY EMPLOYEE WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 510

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2004

2a Plan sponsor's name and address, including room or suite number (Employer, if for single-employer plan)

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

NATHAN HIRSCHI AS CHAIRMAN OF BENEFITS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

P.O. BOX 982 - LOCATION 118
EL PASO, TX 79960

100 N. STANTON - LOCATION 118
EL PASO, TX 79901

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-0607870

2c Sponsor's telephone number
915-521-4456

2d Business code (see instructions)
221100

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/05/2012	NATHAN HIRSCHI
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same")
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY
NATHAN HIRSCHI AS CHAIRMAN OF BENEFITS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 982 - LOCATION 118
EL PASO, TX 79960

3b Administrator's EIN
74-0607870

3c Administrator's telephone number
915-521-4456

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:
a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

4c PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	970
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines **6a, 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a	Active participants	**6a**	940
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	12
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	0
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	952
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	952
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
4A 4B 4D 4E 4H 4Q

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	X	Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)		Trust
(4)	X	General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	X	Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)		Trust
(4)	X	General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)		**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)		**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)		**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)			**H** (Financial Information)
(2)			**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)	X	3	**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)			**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)			**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)			**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

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Insurance Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 510

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-0607870

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions

Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
39-0493780	66583	29003	1746	01/01/2011	12/31/2011

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in item 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	**4**	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	**5**	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	**6d**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below)	**7c(5)**			
	▶				
	(6) Total additions			**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add **b** and **c(6)**).			**7d**	
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below)	**7e(4)**			
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract **e(5)** from **d**)			**7f**	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a [ ] Health (other than dental or vision) **b** [ ] Dental **c** [X] Vision **d** [ ] Life insurance
e [ ] Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** [ ] Long-term disability **g** [ ] Supplemental unemployment **h** [ ] Prescription drug
i [ ] Stop loss (large deductible) **j** [ ] HMO contract **k** [ ] PPO contract **l** [ ] Indemnity contract
m [ ] Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were [ ] paid in cash, or [ ] credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in **c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	108626
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, item 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? [ ] Yes [X] No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 510

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-0607870

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions

Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	**(c)** NAIC code	**(d)** Contract or identification number	**(e)** Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	**(g)** To
93-0242990	69019	152213	940	01/01/2011	12/31/2011

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in item 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	**(b)** Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	**4**	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	**5**	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	**6d**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below)	**7c(5)**			
	▶				
	(6) Total additions			**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add **b** and **c(6)**).			**7d**	
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below)	**7e(4)**			
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract **e(5)** from **d**)			**7f**	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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- **b** [ ] Dental
- **c** [ ] Vision
- **d** [ ] Life insurance
- **e** [ ] Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- **f** [X] Long-term disability
- **g** [ ] Supplemental unemployment
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9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**	263694		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**	20955		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	284649
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**	22652		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**	212412		
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	235064
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	235064
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**	35790		
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**	24882		
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**	4981		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**	37004		
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	102657
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were [ ] paid in cash, or [ ] credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	212412
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in **c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, item 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? [ ] Yes [X] No

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STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

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				(f) From	**(g)** To
93-0242990	69019	152213	1676	01/01/2011	12/31/2011

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in item 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

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a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	**6d**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below)	**7c(5)**			
	▶				
	(6) Total additions			**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add **b** and **c(6)**).			**7d**	
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below)	**7e(4)**			
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract **e(5)** from **d**)			**7f**	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- **a** [ ] Health (other than dental or vision)
- **b** [ ] Dental
- **c** [ ] Vision
- **d** [X] Life insurance
- **e** [ ] Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- **f** [ ] Long-term disability
- **g** [ ] Supplemental unemployment
- **h** [ ] Prescription drug
- **i** [ ] Stop loss (large deductible)
- **j** [ ] HMO contract
- **k** [ ] PPO contract
- **l** [ ] Indemnity contract
- **m** [X] Other (specify) ▶ ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**	510345		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**	38707		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	549052
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**	654500		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**	180705		
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	835205
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	835205
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**	83503		
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**	25533		
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**	13553		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**	61954		
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	184543
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were [ ] paid in cash, or [ ] credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	180705
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in **c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, item 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? [ ] Yes [X] No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

The Electric Company
El Paso Electric

P.O. Box 982
El Paso, Texas
79960-0982
(915) 543-5711

July 9, 2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service Center
Ogden, UT 84201-0045

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is Form 5558 for El Paso Electric Company for the year ended December 31, 2011. We request an extension from July 31, 2012 to October 15, 2012 for filling Form 5500 for the following plans:

Plan Name/Filer	Type of Plan	Plan Number	Plan Year Ending
Retirement Income Plan for Employees of El Paso Electric Company / El Paso Electric Company	Pension	001	12/31/2011
El Paso Electric Company Savings Plan / El Paso Electric Company	Pension	003	12/31/2011
El Paso Electric Company Savings Plan for Collective Bargaining Employees / El Paso Electric Company	Pension	004	12/31/2011
El Paso Electric Company Employee Welfare Benefits Plan / El Paso Electric Company	Welfare	510	12/31/2011
El Paso Electric Company Retiree Welfare Benefits Plan / El Paso Electric Company	Welfare	511	12/31/2011

In addition, we request an extension from July 31, 2012 to October 15, 2012 for filling Form 8955-SSA for the following plans:

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If you have any questions, please contact Pat Masters at (915) 543-4385.

Sincerely,

Nathan Hirschi
Vice President - Controller

Attachment (2)

Form **5558**
(Rev. June 2011)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Application for Extension of Time To File Certain Employee Plan Returns

► For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0212

File With IRS Only

Part I Identification

A Name of filer, plan administrator, or plan sponsor (see instructions)
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

Number, street, and room or suite no. (If a P.O. box, see instructions)
P.O. BOX 982-LOCATION 115

City or town, state, and ZIP code
EL PASO,TX 79960

B Filer's identifying number (see instructions)
Employer identification number (EIN)
740607870

Social security number (SSN) (see instructions)

C Plan name	Plan number	Plan year ending— MM	DD	YYYY
1 Retirement Income Plan for Employees of El Paso Electric Company	001	12	31	2011
2 El Paso Electric Company Savings Plan	003	12	31	2011
3 El Paso Electric Company Savings Plan for Collective Bargaining Em	004	12	31	2011

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Part III Extension of Time To File Form 5330 *(see instructions)*

3 I request an extension of time until ____/____/____ to file Form 5330.
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a Enter the Code section(s) imposing the tax . . . . . ► a

b Enter the payment amount attached . . . . . ► b

c For excise taxes under section 4980 or 4980F of the Code, enter the reversion/amendment date . . . ► c

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on this form are true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this application.

Signature ► [signature] **Date** ► 7-09-2012

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