

TALBERT J MICHAEL  
Form 4  
January 05, 2009

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TALBERT J MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

EL PASO CORPORATION, 1001  
LOUISIANA STREET

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002-

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
EL PASO CORP/DE [EP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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)**

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price<br>of Deriv<br>Secur |
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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)       | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |       |     |                     |                    |                 |                                        |      | (Instr. 8) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|------|------------|
|                                      |                                    |                  | Code             | V                                                                   | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |      |            |
| Deferred<br>Common<br>Stock<br>Units | \$ 0                               | 12/31/2008       | A <sup>(2)</sup> |                                                                     | 3,500 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 3,500                                  | \$ 0 |            |
| Deferred<br>Common<br>Stock<br>Units | \$ 0                               | 01/02/2009       | A <sup>(3)</sup> |                                                                     | 314   |     | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 314                                    | \$ 0 |            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TALBERT J MICHAEL<br>EL PASO CORPORATION<br>1001 LOUISIANA STREET<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002- | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

s/ Marguerite Woung-Chapman  
(POA) 01/05/2009

\_\_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).

Each stock unit represents one share of common stock and is held in the Benefits Protection Trust, a grantor trust, of which the reporting

(1) person is a beneficiary, and of which the shares are subject to the general creditors of the Company. The stock units are payable in common stock following the date the reporting person ceases to be a director.

(2) The stock units were allocated to the reporting person's account at a market price of \$7.50.

(3) The stock units were allocated to the reporting person's account at a market price of \$8.075.

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