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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Miracle Rocky R (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
100 N. STANTON			12/31/2017					X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP CorpDev & Chief Complianc				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative s	Secur	ities Acqı	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea		n Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	12/31/2017			F	477 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 55.35	27,372	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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Miracle Rocky R 100 N. STANTON EL PASO, TX 79901

SVP CorpDev & Chief Complianc

Signatures

/s/ Norma J. Ayoub, attorney in fact for Rocky R.

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01/02/2018

**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) Reporting tax shares withheld from 12/31/17 vesting of restricted stock awarded in 2015.

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