

EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/  
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## PRICING TERM SHEET

Issuer: El Paso Electric Company  
Designation: Senior Notes due 2022  
Principal Amount: \$150,000,000  
Maturity: December 15, 2022  
Coupon: 3.30%  
Interest Payment Dates: June 15 and December 15  
First Interest Payment Date: June 15, 2013  
Treasury Benchmark: 1.625% due November 15, 2022  
Treasury Yield: 1.625%  
Reoffer Spread: T+170 basis points  
Yield to Maturity: 3.325%  
Price to Public: 99.788% of the principal amount thereof  
Transaction Date: December 3, 2012  
Settlement Date: December 6, 2012 (T+3)  
Redemption Terms:

### Make-whole call:

Before September 15, 2022, callable at any time at a make-whole premium of the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount and (ii) discounted present value at Treasury Rate plus 25 basis points

On or after September 15, 2022, callable at any time at par

### Par call:

Minimum Denomination: \$1,000  
CUSIP/ISIN: 283677 AY8/US283677AY87  
Underwriters: J.P. Morgan Securities LLC  
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.  
Baa2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

### Ratings\*:

BBB by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

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