

EL PASO CORP/DE  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2005

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**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:  
**December 20, 2005**

(Date of Earliest Event Reported: December 20, 2005)

**EL PASO CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

1-14365  
(Commission File  
Number)

76-0568816  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

El Paso Building  
1001 Louisiana Street  
Houston, Texas 77002

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (713) 420-2600

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Information.**

El Paso Corporation announces that its Board of Directors, based upon a recommendation of its Governance & Nominating Committee, appointed Mr. Tom Hix as the Chairman of the Audit Committee, effective January 1, 2006. Mr. Hix, a designated audit committee financial expert, has been a member of the Audit Committee and will continue the strong leadership of the Audit Committee following Mr. Braniff's long and productive three-year tenure as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Mr. Braniff will continue to serve as a member of the Audit Committee.

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**SIGNATURES**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

**EL PASO CORPORATION**

**By:**

***/s/ John R. Sult  
John R. Sult  
Senior Vice President and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)***

**Dated: December 20, 2005**

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