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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BARBAS PAUL M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			EL PASO ELECTRIC CO /TX/ [EE]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (1	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction								
(Mont			(Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Director		6 Owner	
100 N STANTON 0:			05/24/2018					Officer (gives)	er (specify		
(Street) 4. If Amer			ndment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
Filed(Mont				nth/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
EL PASO, TX 79901				, ,							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Dat	e 2A. Deem	ed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution			on Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or					Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial			
(Instr. 3) any		Code Disposed of (D)									
		(Month/D	ay/Year)	r) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
								Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
						(A)		Reported Transaction(s)			
				~		or		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	,			
Common Stock	05/24/2018			A	3,500	A	\$0	7,000	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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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/ Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Yea e	ar)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Ex Exercisable Da	•	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
BARBAS PAUL M							
100 N STANTON	X						
EL PASO, TX 79901							

Signatures

/s/ Norma J. Ayoub, attorney-in-fact for Paul M.
Barbas 05/25/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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