



NEWS RELEASE

El Paso Electric Announces Quarterly Dividend

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EL PASO, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Board of Directors of El Paso Electric (NYSE:EE) has declared a regular quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of \$0.335 per share. The dividend was declared on February 1, 2018 and is payable on March 30, 2018 to shareholders of record as of March 16, 2018.

El Paso Electric is a regional electric utility providing generation, transmission and distribution service to approximately 418,000 retail and wholesale customers in a 10,000 square mile area of the Rio Grande valley in west Texas and southern New Mexico.

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