



## El Paso Electric Fourth Quarter Earnings Release Date and Conference Call Notification

El Paso Electric expects to release fourth quarter earnings on February 25, 2009. El Paso Electric will host a conference call about the Fourth Quarter Earnings Release:

**Date:** February 25, 2009

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. MT (10:30 a.m. ET)

**Dial in #:** 866-835-8906

**Conference Call ID:** 1328563

**Moderator:** Scott Wilson, EPE Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

The conference call and presentation slides will be webcast live on El Paso Electric's website and through the following site:

**Webcast Address:** [http:// www.epelectric.com](http://www.epelectric.com)

A replay of the conference call and webcast will be available after the call ends. Please provide conference ID to access the replay.

**Replay #:** 866-837-8032

**Conference ID#:** 1328563

**Replay end date:** March 11, 2009

El Paso Electric is a regional electric utility providing generation, transmission and distribution service to approximately 363,000 retail and wholesale customers in a 10,000 square mile area of the Rio Grande valley in west Texas and southern New Mexico. El Paso Electric has a net dependable generating capability of 1,503 MW. El Paso Electric's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EE.

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