



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

El Paso Electric expects to release fourth quarter earnings on February 23, 2010. A conference call and presentation will be webcast on El Paso Electric's website, www.epelectric.com. Please use the following information to access the conference call by phone:

Date: February 23, 2010

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

Dial in #: 866-282-0773

Conference ID: 1426437

Moderator: Steven P. Busser, EPE Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Risk Officer

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

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

Replay #: 866-837-8032

Conference ID: 1426437

End Date: March 9, 2010

El Paso Electric is a regional electric utility providing generation, transmission and distribution service to approximately 367,000 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 1,643 MW. El Paso Electric's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EE.

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