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El Paso Electric Announces New Chief Operations Officer

EL PASO, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Hector R. Puente, El Paso Electric's (NYSE:EE) Senior Vice President of Operations and Distribution, has been promoted to Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for EPE. In his new position, Puente will oversee power generation, transmission and distribution, system operations, power marketing, fuels and generation planning for EPE.

Puente, who has worked at EPE for more than 30 years, has served in various capacities, including Vice President of Transmission and Distribution, Vice President of Distribution Operations and Vice President of Generation, as well as other executive, management and engineering positions. Puente holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso and is a licensed professional engineer.

"Hector brings a wealth of experience in both transmission and generation operations," said Thomas V. Shockley, El Paso Electric Chief Executive Officer. "His extensive experience as well as his knowledge of the communities El Paso Electric serves will be an asset to us as we plan for the future."

El Paso Electric is a regional electric utility providing generation, transmission and distribution service to approximately 380,000 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 1,785 MW. El Paso Electric's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EE.

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