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El Paso Electric Announces Quarterly Dividend

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 \$0.295 per share. The dividend was declared on December 4, 2015 and is payable on December 30, 2015, to shareholders of record as of December 15, 2015.

El Paso Electric is a regional electric utility providing generation, transmission and distribution service to approximately 400,000 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 2,010 MW.

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