CRANE DAVID W Form 3 December 11, 2009 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number:

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> CRANE DAVID W		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EL PASO CORP/DE [EP]				
(Last) (Fi	rst) (Middl	e) 12/04/2009	4. Relationship of Person(s) to Issu		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
EL PASO CORPORATION, 1001 LOUISIANA STREET (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77002			(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director Officer (give title below) (specify below		6. Individual or Joint/Group		
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(City) (Sta	ate) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivativ	e Securiti	es Beneficially Owned		
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Table	II - Derivative	Securities Beneficially Owned (e	e.g., puts, calls, w	arrants, opti	ions, convertible securities)		

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise For	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of		Security: Direct (D)	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	SS	Relationships					
1 8		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CRANE DAVID W EL PASO CORPORATION 1001 LOUISIANA STREET HOUSTON, TX 77002	AX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
Alan Bishop (POA)	2/11/2009						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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