

EL PASO CORP/DE  
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March 17, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A**

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**El Paso Corporation**

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EL PASO CORPORATION Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 6, 2009\*\*  
IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\* Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials Proxy Materials Available You  
are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy  
Statement above company, and the materials you should review before you cast your Annual Report on  
Form 10-K vote are now available. 2008 Summary Report This communication presents only an overview  
of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to  
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for Meeting Information and Instructions on How to Vote

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Meeting Information How To Vote Meeting Type: Annual Meeting of Stockholders Vote In Person  
Meeting Date: May 6, 2009 Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m., Central Time You may choose to attend and vote in person at the Record Date: Close of business on March 11, 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.  
Instructions for attending and voting at the Annual Meeting of Meeting Location: Stockholders are included in the Notice of Annual Meeting and the Proxy Statement. Please check these Doubletree Hotel Houston Downtown instructions for requirements for meeting attendance 400 Dallas Street and voting in person. Houston, Texas 77002 Meeting Directions: Vote By Internet Traveling South on I-45, from Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) Take I-45 South from the airport. Follow the signs To vote now by Internet, go to WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM. to downtown. Take the McKinney Street exit which is to Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and the left. Turn right on Bagby Street and then turn left for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. onto Dallas Street. The Hotel will be on the right. Eastern Time on May 5, 2009. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions. Traveling South on Hwy 59, from Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) Take Hwy 59 South towards downtown. Exit I-10 West. Take I-10 West to I-45 South. Take the McKinney Vote By Mail Street exit which is to the left. Turn right on Bagby Street and then turn left onto Dallas Street. The Hotel will be You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the on the right. materials, which will include a proxy card. Traveling North on I-45, from South Houston Take I-45 North and take the Houston Ave exit. Turn right onto Rusk Street. Turn right onto Bagby Street and then turn left onto Dallas Street. The Hotel will be on the right.

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Voting Proposals THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RECOMMENDS VOTE FOR EACH DIRECTOR UNDER A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 2. PROPOSAL  
1.1. Election of Directors 2. Approval of the El Paso Corporation 2005 Omnibus Incentive Compensation  
Plan, as Nominees: amended and restated, to increase the number of shares available for issuance 1a. Juan  
Carlos Braniff by 12.5 million. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS 1b. James L. Dunlap A  
VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 3. 1c. Douglas L. Foshee 3. Approval of the El Paso Corporation Employee  
Stock Purchase Plan, as amended and restated, to extend the term 1d. Robert W. Goldman of the plan  
until such time as no additional shares remain available for purchase. 1e. Anthony W. Hall, Jr. THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS 1f. Thomas R. Hix A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 4. 1g. Ferrell  
P. McClean 4. Ratification of the Appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our Independent Registered  
Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year 1h. Steven J. Shapiro ending December 31, 2009. 1i. J. Michael  
Talbert 1j. Robert F. Vagt 1k. John L. Whitmire R1ELP3 PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A PROXY  
CARD To Vote These Shares, You Must Follow the Instructions Contained In This Notice

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