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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Whitehead Dane E

(Last) (First) (Middle) 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/14/2009

EL PASO CORP/DE [EP] 4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

EL PASO

CORPORATION, 1001 LOUISIANA STREET

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

(give title below) (specify below) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT 6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TXÂ 77002

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5) Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

 $78,219 \frac{(1)}{2}$

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, 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)

4. 5. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Form of Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	05/01/2007	05/01/2016	Common Stock	30,134	\$ 13.1	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	04/02/2008(3)	04/02/2017	Common Stock	34,380	\$ 14.58	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	04/01/2009(3)	04/01/2018	Common Stock	35,095	\$ 16.705	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	04/01/2010(3)	04/01/2019	Common Stock	56,407	\$ 6.335	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Whitehead Dane E EL PASO CORPORATION 1001 LOUISIANA STREET HOUSTON, TX 77002	Â	Â	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Â		

Signatures

s/ Marguerite Woung-Chapman (POA) 10/21/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes shares of restricted stock which require shares to be withheld to satisfy tax obligations in the event these shares vest.
- (2) The nonqualified stock options permit the exercise price and/or tax obligation to be satisfied by withholding shares issuable thereunder.
- (3) One third of this grant vests each year on the anniversary date of the grant.

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