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May 20, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: May 20, 2004  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported: May 20, 2004)

EL PASO CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 1-14365                     | 76-0568816                              |
| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or<br>organization) | (Commission File<br>Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

El Paso Building  
1001 Louisiana Street  
Houston, Texas 77002  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (713) 420-2600

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure  
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On May 20, 2004, we announced that Thomas R. Hix, former senior vice president, finance, and chief financial officer of Cooper Cameron Corporation and William H. Joyce, current chairman and chief executive officer of Nalco Company and former chairman, president and chief executive officer of Union Carbide Corporation, will join the El Paso Board of Directors effective as of May 20, 2004. We also have named our slate of nominees for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. A copy of our press release is attached as Exhibit 99.A and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit<br>Number<br>----- | Description                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.A                       | Press Release dated May 20, 2004. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

EL PASO CORPORATION

By: /s/Jeffrey I. Beason  
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Jeffrey I. Beason  
Senior Vice President  
and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: May 20, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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