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December 21, 2004

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

FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: December 21, 2004  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported: September 30, 2004)

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

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-14365  
(Commission File Number)

76-0568816  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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

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

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Item 2.01. COMPLETION OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

On September 30, 2004, we completed the sale of our ownership interests in GulfTerra Energy Partners, L.P. ("GulfTerra") and nine processing plants in South Texas to affiliates of Enterprise Products Partners, L.P. ("Enterprise"). The sales were completed in connection with the closing of the merger between GulfTerra and Enterprise. On October 7, 2004, we filed a Current Report on Form 8-K to provide the proforma financial impacts of the sales on our historical financial statements. The periods included in that filing were based on the most recent financial information available on that date. This Current Report on Form 8-K/A is being filed to provide updated financial information on the proforma impacts of these sales.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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### b. Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Statements

The accompanying unaudited pro forma financial statements are based on our historical consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2004, and for the year ended December 31, 2003, adjusted for the effects of the sales of our interests in GulfTerra and the processing plants described above. The unaudited pro forma balance sheet as of June 30, 2004, assumes these dispositions occurred on the balance sheet date. The unaudited pro forma statements of income for the six months ended June 30, 2004, and for the year ended December 31, 2003, assume these dispositions occurred on January 1, 2003. The unaudited pro forma financial statements should be read in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements included in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the six months ended June 30, 2004, and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and should not be construed to be indicative of future results or results that actually would have occurred had the transactions occurred at the dates presented. In addition, these pro forma financial statements were prepared in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, we have not made any assumptions or adjustments for possible increases or decreases in distributions to us from Enterprise or assumed any cost savings or synergies that might occur related to these transactions.

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EL PASO CORPORATION  
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2004  
 (In millions)

	EL PASO HISTORICAL -----	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS -----
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,411	\$ 1,022 (a)
Accounts and notes receivable, net	1,881	
Assets held for sale and from discontinued operations	1,281	(143) (a)
Other	1,544	(12) (a) (8) (a)
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Total current assets	6,117	859
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Property, plant and equipment, net	18,349	(14) (a)
Other assets		
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	3,517	81 (a) (411) (a)
Other	4,744	(661) (a)
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Total assets	\$ 32,727	\$ (146)
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<b>LIABILITIES &amp; STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,506	
Short-term financing obligations, including current maturities	1,574	

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Liabilities related to assets held for sale	268	(10) (a)
Other	1,797	5 (a)
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Total current liabilities	5,145	(5)
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Long-term debt	18,259	
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Other liabilities		
Deferred income taxes	1,335	148 (a)
Other	3,234	(84) (a)
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	4,569	64
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Commitments and contingencies		
Securities of subsidiaries	448	(84) (a)
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	448	(84)
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Stockholders' equity		
Common stock	1,950	
Additional paid-in capital	4,580	
Retained earnings	(1,975)	(121) (a)
Other	(249)	
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Total stockholders' equity	4,306	(121)
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Total liabilities & stockholders' equity	\$ 32,727	\$ (146)
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See accompanying notes

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EL PASO CORPORATION  
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME  
 FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004  
 (In millions)

	EL PASO HISTORICAL	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS
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Operating revenues	\$ 3,081	\$ (397) (b)
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Operating expenses		
Cost of products and services	825	(279) (b)
Operation and maintenance	774	(7) (b)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	538	(6) (b)
Loss on long-lived assets	239	(2) (b)
Taxes, other than income taxes	130	(1) (b)
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	2,506	(295)
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Operating income	575	(102)
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Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates	198	(50) (b)
Other income, net	67	

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Interest and debt expense	(833)	
Distributions on preferred interests of consolidated subsidiaries	(12)	
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Loss before income taxes	(5)	(152)
Income taxes	(47)	53 (c)
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Loss from continuing operations	\$ (52)	\$ (99)
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Basic and diluted loss per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.08)	
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Basic and diluted average common shares outstanding	639	
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EL PASO CORPORATION  
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003  
 (In millions)

	EL PASO HISTORICAL	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS
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Operating revenues	\$ 6,711	\$ (782) (b)
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Operating expenses		
Cost of products and services	1,787	(617) (b)
Operation and maintenance	2,121	(17) (b)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,207	(12) (b)
Ceiling test charges	76	
Loss on long-lived assets	949	(166) (b)
Taxes, other than income taxes	296	
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	6,436	(812)
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Operating income	275	30
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Earnings (losses) from unconsolidated affiliates	363	(378) (b)
Other income, net	1	
Interest and debt expense	(1,787)	
Distributions on preferred interests of consolidated subsidiaries	(52)	
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Loss before income taxes	(1,200)	(348)
Income taxes	584	122 (c)
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Loss from continuing operations	\$ (616)	\$ (226)
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Basic and diluted loss per common share from continuing operations	\$ (1.03)	
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Basic and diluted average common  
shares outstanding

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EL PASO CORPORATION  
NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED  
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EL PASO HISTORICAL

These amounts represent our condensed historical consolidated balance sheet and income statement information. Amounts as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2004 were derived from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the six months ended June 30, 2004. Amounts for the year ended December 31, 2003 were derived from our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS

These amounts represent the historical results and balances related to certain of our interests in GulfTerra which were accounted for as equity investments and the nine processing plants sold to Enterprise as of and for the periods presented. The pro forma adjusting entries reflect the following transactions:

- o The sale of all of our interest in the general partner of GulfTerra, which includes the elimination of a minority ownership in the general partner that arose from the interest previously sold to Enterprise in December 2003;
- o The redemption of our Series B units of GulfTerra which occurred in October 2003;
- o The elimination of all effects of our common units and Series C units of GulfTerra, with the exception of the amounts related to the units retained by us; and
- o The elimination of all non-affiliated effects of the nine processing plants sold.

PRO FORMA ADJUSTING ENTRIES

- (a) To reflect the pro forma effects of the sale of our GulfTerra interests and South Texas processing assets on our consolidated balance sheet. The pro forma effects include the following:
  - (1) Receipt of net proceeds of \$1.02 billion from the sale of all of our interest in the general partner of GulfTerra, 10.9 million Series C units, 2.9 million common units, nine processing plants in South Texas, and the receipt of 9.9 percent interest in the general partner of the combined organization that has an estimated fair value of \$81 million.
  - (2) Elimination of our net investment in GulfTerra of \$411 million.
  - (3) Elimination of goodwill included in our Field Services segment of \$480 million as a result of the completion of the sale and \$181 million of intangible assets associated with the assets sold.
  - (4) Elimination of a portion of the previously deferred gains on prior

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transactions with GulfTerra of \$88 million (\$84 million of which was included in non-current liabilities).

- (5) Elimination of minority interest of \$84 million related to the previous sale of an effective 50 percent general partner interest in GulfTerra to Enterprise in December 2003.
- (6) Elimination of the carrying value as of June 30, 2004 of the nine South Texas processing plants which were classified as assets held for sale of \$143 million, \$12 million of inventory, \$10 million of related liabilities and \$8 million of other current assets, in addition to an accrual of \$1 million of selling costs.
- (7) Recording a \$121 million net loss associated with the sale transaction. The amount consists of a \$27 million pretax gain on the sale and income taxes of \$148 million related to the non-deductibility for tax purposes of goodwill eliminated in the sale transaction.
- (8) Sale of property, plant and equipment in the amount of \$14 million used by general and administrative staff in support of GulfTerra operations, and accrual of \$8 million in selling costs.

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(b) To reflect the pro forma effects of the sale of our GulfTerra interests and South Texas processing assets on our consolidated income statements. The pro forma effects include the following:

- (1) Adjustment for the historical results of operations for our South Texas Processing Plants, including impairment charges recorded during 2003 and 2004 on these assets;
- (2) Reduction of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates for (i) our general partner interests, (ii) all Series C units, (iii) all Series B units redeemed by GulfTerra during 2003, and (iv) the proportional share of income on GulfTerra common units sold; and
- (3) Elimination of gains (losses) recorded in earnings from unconsolidated affiliates during 2003 and 2004 on sales of our GulfTerra interests, including the gain on the sale of an effective 50 percent general partner interest to Enterprise; realized gains in 2003 on our sale of GulfTerra common units; and a realized loss on GulfTerra's redemption of our Series B units in 2003.

(c) To reflect income taxes related to income statement adjustments at a statutory tax rate of 35 percent, which is different from our effective tax rate.

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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 hereunto 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)

Date: December 21, 2004

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