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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SMOLIK BRENT J Issuer Symbol EL PASO CORP/DE [EP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify EL PASO CORPORATION, 1001 04/01/2012 below) LOUISIANA STREET EVP & PRES., EXPL & PROD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77002-Person (City) (State) (Zin)

	(City)	(State) (2	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1	.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	ies Acq	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
S	Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial			
			(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership				
								Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
						(4)		Reported					
						(A)		Transaction(s)					
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
	Common Stock	04/01/2012		F	28,690	D	\$0	308,061	D				

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMOLIK BRENT J EL PASO CORPORATION 1001 LOUISIANA STREET HOUSTON, TX 77002-

EVP & PRES., EXPL & PROD

Signatures

s/ Marguerite Woung-Chapman (POA) 04/03/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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