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Form 8-K  
December 14, 2001

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: December 14, 2001  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported: December 12, 2001)

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

Delaware	1-14365	76-0568816
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer 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

On December 12, 2001, we announced a plan to enhance our balance sheet through a combination of asset sales, capital spending reductions, retained earnings, equity financings and the elimination or renegotiation of ratings triggers on certain of our financing transactions. A copy of our press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
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99.1

Press release dated December 12, 2001

SIGNATURES  
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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  
(Chief Accounting Office)

Date: December 14, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press release dated December 12, 2001