

EL PASO CORP/DE
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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 (Date of earliest event reported): December 5, 2011

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)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Other Events

As previously disclosed, on October 16, 2011, El Paso Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“El Paso”), together with Sirius Holdings Merger Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“Sirius Holdings”), and a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of El Paso and Sirius Merger Corporation, a Delaware corporation and a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Sirius Holdings, entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with Kinder Morgan, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“KMI”), Sherpa Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of KMI, and Sherpa Acquisition, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of KMI.

The combination of El Paso and Kinder Morgan (the “Transaction”) remains subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain closing conditions, including the expiration or termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the “HSR Act”).

Both El Paso and KMI filed notification and report forms with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”) pursuant to the HSR Act on November 4, 2011.

On December 5, 2011, El Paso and KMI each received a request for additional information and documentary material (a “second request”) from the FTC in connection with the FTC’s review of the Transaction.

Issuance of the second request extends the waiting period under the HSR Act until 30 days after both parties have substantially complied with the second request, unless the waiting period is terminated earlier by the FTC. Both El Paso and KMI are cooperating with the FTC staff in the review of the Transaction. El Paso and KMI continue to anticipate the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement will close in the second quarter of 2012, as previously announced.

Completion of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement remains subject to approval by the stockholders of El Paso, as well as the satisfaction or waiver of the other closing conditions specified in the Merger Agreement.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC

Kinder Morgan, Inc. (“KMI”) has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 in connection with the proposed transaction including a preliminary Information Statement/Prospectus of KMI and a preliminary Proxy Statement of El Paso Corporation (“EP”). The Registration Statement has not yet become effective. Following the Registration Statement having been declared effective by the SEC, KMI and EP plan to file with the SEC and mail to their respective stockholders a definitive Information Statement/Proxy Statement/Prospectus in connection with the proposed transaction. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION STATEMENT/PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED BY KMI OR EP, INCLUDING THE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION STATEMENT/PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders are able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the preliminary Information Statement/Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by KMI and EP through the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov or by phone, e-mail or written request by contacting the investor relations department of KMI or EP at the following:

Address: Kinder Morgan, Inc.
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El Paso Corporation
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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

KMI and EP, and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Information regarding KMI's directors and executive officers is contained in KMI's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, which has been filed with the SEC. Information regarding EP's directors and executive officers is contained in EP's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 and its proxy statement dated March 29, 2011, which are filed with the SEC. A more complete description will be available in the Registration Statement and the Information Statement/Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

SAFE HARBOR FOR FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this document regarding the proposed transaction between KMI and EP, the expected timetable for completing the proposed transaction, future financial and operating results, benefits and synergies of the proposed transaction, future opportunities for the combined company, the sale of EP's exploration and production assets, the possible drop-down of assets and any other statements about KMI or EP managements' future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans or prospects constitute forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements that are not statements of historical fact (including statements containing the words "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," "estimates" and similar expressions) should also be considered to be forward looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward looking statements, including: the ability to consummate the proposed transaction; the ability to obtain the requisite regulatory, shareholder approvals and the satisfaction of other conditions to consummation of the transaction; the possibility that financing might not be available on the terms committed; the ability to consummate contemplated asset sales; the ability of KMI to successfully integrate EP's operations and employees; the ability to realize anticipated synergies and cost savings; the potential impact of announcement of the transaction or consummation of the transaction on relationships, including with employees, suppliers, customers and competitors; the ability to achieve revenue growth; national, international, regional and local economic, competitive and regulatory conditions and developments; technological developments; capital and credit markets conditions; inflation rates; interest rates; the political and economic stability of oil producing nations; energy markets, including changes in the price of certain commodities; weather conditions; environmental conditions; business and regulatory or legal decisions; the pace of deregulation of retail natural gas and electricity and certain agricultural products; the timing and success of business development efforts; terrorism; and the other factors described in KMI's and EP's Annual Reports on Form 10 K for the year ended December 31, 2010 and their most recent quarterly reports filed with the SEC. KMI and EP disclaim any intention or obligation to update any forward looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this document.

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/ John R. Sult*
John R. Sult
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: December 7, 2011.
