

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Outage Report Information**

**INITIAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rules, Section 25.52 (e)(1)

Each utility must send the following information to the Public Utility Commission as soon as reasonably possible after a significant interruption of service has occurred.

**Utility name:** El Paso Electric Company

**Utility contact person:** Joe Nevarez Phone: (915)543-5719

**Date and time of significant interruption:** June 5, 2009 05:15 PM MDT

**Estimated date and time of full restoration:** Estimated: June 5, 2009 11:00 PM MDT

**Suspected cause of the interruption:** EPE experienced a fault on the Felipe to Alamo 69 kV transmission line at 05:15 PM MDT. Initial reports indicate that severe weather in the Fabens area caused a transmission structure to fail approximately 1.7 miles from Felipe substation, located in Fabens, Texas. This caused a sustained three phase fault on the radial transmission line that provides electric service to the towns of Sierra Blanca, Tornillo, Fort Hancock, and Van Horn, Texas. EPE crews are in the process of replacing the broken structure and estimate restoration of service to all customers by 11:00 PM MDT.

**Location, substation and feeder identifiers of all affected facilities (if known at time of report):** Alamo Substation, Feeders: Alamo-20, Alamo-21. Sierra Blanca Substation, Feeders: SB-1, SB-20. Van Horn Substation, Feeders Van Horn-1, Van Horn-2. Farmer Substation, Feeders: Farmer-20.

**Estimated total number of customers affected:** Approximately 2,000 customers were affected in the towns of Sierra Blanca, Tornillo, Fort Hancock, and Van Horn. One retail customer – Rio Grande Electric Cooperative.

**Local authorities that have been notified of the interruption:** The mayor of Van Horn was notified of the interruption.

**Local media that are aware of the interruption:** None at this time.