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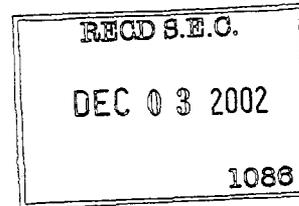


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY, Common Stock; no par value and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on December 3, 2002. Tentative listing date - December 4, 2002.

Sincerely,

