

# President of gas firm to retire

William V. Holik Jr. announced Friday he will retire as president of El Paso Natural Gas Co. Aug. 1.

Holik, 57, will be succeeded by Richard S. Morris, an executive vice president of the El Paso Co., the gas company's parent.

"The company has always offered voluntary retirement and after 34 years with the company I've decided to take advantage of it," Holik said. "I am going to pursue personal interests."



Holik

Holik joined the gas company in El Paso in 1949 as a junior engineer. In 1956, he was appointed administrative assistant to the company's then-president Hugh Steen. He was elected assistant vice president of the gas company March 1966.

Then in May 1966, Holik was transferred to the company's Northwest division in Salt Lake City as assistant to the vice president in charge. He later became vice president of that division.

Holik returned to El Paso in 1972 when he joined the company's gas exploration department in operating and engineering.

Holik was elected executive vice president of the company in 1973 and in 1974 was named a director of the El Paso Co. In April 1978, Holik was appointed president of the gas company.

He received his chemical engineering degree from Texas A & M.

Morris, 50, joined the El Paso Natural Gas Co. in 1973 in the office of general counsel. He was in private law practice in Santa Fe, N.M., prior to joining the gas company.

In 1976, Morris became vice president and associate general counsel at the gas company. In 1978, he became vice president and associate general counsel for the El Paso Co.

Morris became executive vice president and general counsel in May 1980 and was elected to the company's board of directors in February 1981.

Morris received his law degree from the University of New Mexico. He also attended Rice University and served in the U.S. Air Force. He is a member of the New Mexico Bar Association and the American Bar Association.