

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
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April 06, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE  
AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS  
FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
MAY 17, 2011**

Under the Securities and Exchange Commission rules, the proxy materials that you receive by mail for the annual meeting are now available on the Internet. When you go online, you can view the proxy materials or cast your vote. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are shown below. Your vote is important!

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Meeting Type:	Annual Meeting
For holders as of:	March 25, 2011
Date:	May 17, 2011
Time:	11:00 AM CDT
Location:	Hilton North Houston (Greenspoint) Hotel 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, TX 77060

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in Southwestern Energy Company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote your shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that have been sent to you or are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.envisionreports.com/swn](http://www.envisionreports.com/swn) or easily request a paper copy. A request for an e-mail or a physical copy of the proxy materials must be received no later than May 3, 2011.

[www.envisionreports.com/swn](http://www.envisionreports.com/swn)

**Easy Online Access A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote!**

When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.

- Step 1: Go to [www.envisionreports.com/swn](http://www.envisionreports.com/swn) to view the proxy statement, which contains details of the proposals to be voted on, and the annual report.
  - Step 2: Click the **Vote** Section.
  - Step 3: Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.
  - Step 4: Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and Vote.
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The proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations. The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** the following:

1. Election of Directors

Nominees:

Lewis E. Epley, Jr.

Robert L. Howard

Greg D. Kerley

Harold M. Korell

Vello A. Kuuskraa

Kenneth R. Mourton

Steven L. Mueller

Charles E. Scharlau

Alan H. Stevens

2. The ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

3. Advisory vote on Executive Compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote **1 YEAR** on the following proposal:

4. Advisory vote on frequency of say-on-pay votes.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** the following proposal:

5. Amendment to the Company's amended and restated by-laws to reduce the ownership threshold for Stockholders to call special meeting of the stockholders.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **AGAINST** the following proposal:

6. Stockholder proposal for a political contributions and expenditures report.

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right to Vote* \*\*\***

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 17, 2011**

***SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY***

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** March 25, 2011

**Date:** May 17, 2011      **Time:** 11:00 AM CDT

**Location:** Hilton North Houston  
(Greenspoint) Hotel  
12400 Greenspoint Drive  
Houston, Texas 77060

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

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**Before You Vote**

How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. Annual Report
2. Notice & Proxy Statement

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow ® XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

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**How To Vote**

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a *legal proxy*. To do so, please follow the instructions at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow ® XXXX XXXX XXXX available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a voting instruction form.

**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following:**

- 1. Election of Directors

**Nominees**

- 01 Lewis E. Epley, Jr.    02 Robert L. Howard    03 Greg D. Kerley    04 Harold M. Korell    05 Vello A. Kuuskraa
- 06 Kenneth R. Mourton    07 Steven L. Mueller    08 Charles E. Scharlau    09 Alan H. Stevens

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal (s):**

- 2 The ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.
- 3 Advisory vote on Executive Compensation.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 YEAR on the following proposal:**

- 4 Advisory vote on frequency of say-on-pay votes.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal (s):**

- 5 Amendment to the Company's amended and restated by-laws to reduce the ownership threshold for Stockholders to call special meeting of stockholders.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal (s):**

- 6 Stockholder Proposal for a political contributions and expenditures report.

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**Voting Instructions**

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