

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO
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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

To the Stockholders of Pioneer Natural Resources Company:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Pioneer Natural Resources Company (the Company) will be held at 5205 North O Connor Boulevard, Irving, Texas 75039, Suite 250, on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., Central Time. The Annual Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

1. To elect four Class III Directors, each for a term of three years.
2. To approve an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for the annual election of directors.
3. To approve an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan to extend the term, increase the number of issuable shares and reduce the period of time for eligibility.
4. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for 2012.
5. To hold an advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation.
6. To consider a stockholder proposal relating to independent chairman.
7. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that stockholders vote FOR Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; and AGAINST Item 6.

This Notice also constitutes notice of the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 22, 2012 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

This Notice is being mailed to stockholders on or about April 5, 2012. Stockholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Directions to attend the Annual Meeting can be found at www.cstproxy.com/pioneer/2012.

You may vote your proxy when you view the materials on the internet. You will be asked to follow the prompts to vote your shares.

The Proxy Materials are available for review at:
www.cstproxy.com/pioneer/2012

Vote Your Proxy on the Internet

Go to www.cstproxyvote.com

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This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. A complete set of proxy materials, which includes Notice of Meeting, Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Proxy Card, is available to you on the internet.

The Company s Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:

www.cstproxy.com/pioneer/2012

If you want to receive a paper or email copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before May 9, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

You can request a copy of the proxy materials for all meetings and for the particular meeting to which this notice relates in one of three ways:

1. By calling toll-free 1-888-221-0690
2. By sending an email to proxy@continentalstock.com (Please type Pioneer and your account number in the subject line.)
3. By logging onto www.cstproxy.com/pioneer/2012

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