

EQUITABLE RESOURCES INC /PA/
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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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225 North Shore Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5861

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

Johanna G. O Loughlin and Jean F. Marks are each hereby appointed as proxies of the undersigned to vote all shares which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. local time, in the SpringHill Suites North Shore, 223 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and at any adjournment of such meeting. Where a vote is not specified, the proxies will vote the shares represented by this Proxy FOR the election of all nominees for director, FOR the ratification of Ernst & Young, LLP as independent registered public accountants, FOR the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and AGAINST the shareholder proposal and will vote in their discretion on such other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

A vote FOR the election of nominees listed on the reverse side includes discretionary authority to cumulate votes selectively among the nominees as to whom authority to vote has not been withheld and to vote for a substitute nominee if any nominee becomes unavailable for election for any reason.

This Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company and may be revoked prior to its exercise. The Board of Directors recommends votes FOR the election of all nominees for director, FOR ratification of Ernst & Young, LLP as independent registered public accountants, FOR the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and AGAINST the shareholder proposal.

Please sign and date on the reverse side and return the proxy card promptly using the enclosed envelope.

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EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

10:30 A.M.

SPRINGHILL SUITES NORTH SHORE

223 Federal Street

Pittsburgh, PA

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

You can vote by Internet, telephone or mail.

See the instructions on the other side of this proxy card.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Item 1, FOR Item 2, FOR Item 3 and AGAINST Item 4

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| <p>1) Election of Directors Term expiring 2010
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 0 0</p> <p>Nominees: Vicky A. Bailey, Murry S. Gerber, George L. Miles, Jr. and James W. Whalen</p> <p>(INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for a particular nominee, write that nominee's name in the space provided here.)</p> | <p>2) Ratify Appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accountants
 FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN
 0 0 0</p> | <p>3) Approve amendments to the Articles of Incorporation
 FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN
 0 0 0</p> |
| | <p>4) Shareholder proposal regarding pay for superior performance
 FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN
 0 0 0</p> | |

By checking the box below, I consent to view Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Proxy Statements electronically via the Internet. I understand that the Company may no longer distribute printed materials to me for any future shareowner meetings until my consent is revoked. I understand that I may revoke my consent at any time by contacting the Company's transfer agent, Mellon Investor Services LLC, 480 Washington Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07310 and that costs normally associated with electronic delivery such as usage and telephone charges as well as any costs I may incur in printing documents, will be my responsibility.

This proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no direction is made, this Proxy will be voted FOR the election of the nominees in Item 1 above, FOR the ratification of the independent registered public accountants in Item 2 above, FOR the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation in Item 3 above, and AGAINST the adoption of the shareholder proposal in Item 4 above. The proxies are authorized, in accordance with their judgment, to vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments thereof.

THIS PROXY SHOULD BE SIGNED EXACTLY

AS NAME APPEARS HEREON.

Signature _____ Signature _____ Date _____, 2007

Executors, administrators, trustees, etc. should give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by a duly authorized officer.

Mark here if you plan to attend the meeting. Please send Admittance Card.

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 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week**

**Internet and telephone voting is available through 11:59 PM Eastern Time
 the day prior to annual meeting day.**

Your telephone or Internet vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

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<http://www.proxyvoting.com/eqt>

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1-866-540-5760

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MAIL

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