

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
Form DEFA14A  
April 05, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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**SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE  
AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS  
FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
MAY 22, 2012**

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 30, 2012
Date:	May 22, 2012
Time:	11:00 AM CDT
Location:	Hilton Houston North (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 Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Proxy Statement and Annual Report online at [www.envisionreports.com/swn](http://www.envisionreports.com/swn) or easily request a paper or e-mail copy. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. A request for an e-mail or a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received no later than May 10, 2012.

[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.

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

Catherine A. Kehr

Greg D. Kerley

Harold M. Korell

Vello A. Kuuskraa

Kenneth R. Mourton

Steven L. Mueller

Charles E. Scharlau

Alan H. Stevens

2. Proposal to ratify independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.

3. Advisory vote to approve our executive compensation.

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

4. Stockholder proposal for an executive equity retention policy.

Directions:

**Local Directions to Hilton Houston North**

Traveling on I-45 North or South: Take the Greens Road exit and go East on Greens Road to Greenspoint Drive. (2nd Stop light) Traveling East or West on Beltway 8 also known as Sam Houston Parkway, take the Greenspoint Drive exit and head North on Greenspoint Drive approximately 2 blocks to the hotel on the right.

**From Houston Intercontinental Airport**

Take Airport exit to Beltway 8. Take right on the west service road and merge onto entrance. Go to the Greenspoint Drive exit and turn right on Greenspoint Drive. Go .25 miles and the hotel will be on your right.

**From William P. Hobby Airport**

Take exit to Broadway to I-45 North. Exit Greens Road. Go right on Greens Road to Greenspoint Drive (2nd stop light) and take a right. Hotel is one block down on the left.

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

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the**

**Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 22, 2012**

**Meeting Information**

**SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** March 30, 2012

**Date:** May 22, 2012      **Time:** 11:00 AM CDT

**Location:** Hilton Houston North

(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 (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

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:

- 1) *BY INTERNET*: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL*\*: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 08, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

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## How To Vote

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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 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.

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**Voting items**

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

**1.** Election of Directors

**Nominees**

01 Lewis E. Epley, Jr.

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03 Catherine A. Kehr

04 Greg D. Kerley

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

**2** Proposal to ratify independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.

**3** Advisory vote to approve our executive compensation.

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

**4** Stockholder proposal for an executive equity retention policy.



Voting items Continued

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**NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

**Voting Instructions**

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