

RELIANT ENERGY INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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RELIANT ENERGY, INC.

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**Important Notice  
Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for  
the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 20, 2008**

You are receiving notice that the proxy materials for Reliant Energy, Inc.'s 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are available on the Internet. This is not a proxy card. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy of the materials by mail or e-mail.

**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.**

**The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders are available at:  
[www.eproxyaccess.com/rri](http://www.eproxyaccess.com/rri)**

If you have access to the Internet, you can view the proxy materials and vote online:

**Step 1: Go to [www.eproxyaccess.com/rri](http://www.eproxyaccess.com/rri)**

**Step 2: Enter your Control Number (on the reverse side of this notice)**

**Step 3: Click on the links to view our proxy materials**

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The following materials are available at [www.eproxyaccess.com/rri](http://www.eproxyaccess.com/rri)

Letter from Reliant's President and Chief Executive Officer

Reliant's 2008 Proxy Statement (including Notice of the 2008 Annual Meeting)

Reliant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007

**If you want to receive a paper or e-mail 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 8, 2008 to facilitate timely delivery.**

You may request a paper or e-mail copy of the materials for this meeting or for all future meetings by: calling toll-free 1-888-216-1288, making a request online at [www.eproxyaccess.com/rri](http://www.eproxyaccess.com/rri) or sending an e-mail to [reliant@eproxyaccess.com](mailto:reliant@eproxyaccess.com). In each case, you will need your Control Number (on the reverse side of this notice). If requesting by e-mail, use your Control Number as the subject line and state whether you wish to receive a paper or e-mail copy and whether your request is for this meeting only or for all future meetings.

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The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Central Time, at the Magnolia Hotel, 1100 Texas Avenue, Houston, Texas. Directions to attend the Meeting and vote in person are available on [www.eproxyaccess.com/rri](http://www.eproxyaccess.com/rri).

CONTROL NUMBER:

Elect nine directors to Reliant's Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders:

E. William Barnett

Mark M. Jacobs

Evan J. Silverstein

Donald J. Breeding

Steven L. Miller

Joel V. Staff

Kirbyjon H. Caldwell

Laree E. Perez

William L. Transier

Ratify the Audit Committee's selection of KPMG LLP as Reliant's independent auditors for fiscal year 2008. Reliant's Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** each nominee for director and **FOR** ratification of KPMG's appointment.