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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 11-K

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X ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

OR

O TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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## **OGE ENERGY CORP.**

# **EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP AND RETIREMENT**

## SAVINGS PLAN

#### OGE ENERGY CORP.

321 North Harvey

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(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the Plan and the address

of its principal executive office)

## OGE ENERGY CORP.

## EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP AND

## **RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the OGE Energy Corp.

#### **Benefits Committee:**

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the OGE Energy Corp. Employees' Stock Ownership and Retirement Savings Plan as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2007, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2007, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma June 24, 2008

#### OGE ENERGY CORP.

## EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

#### STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

## DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

	2007	2006
INVESTMENTS (AT FAIR VALUE) Investments in common stock	\$ 181,812,152	\$ 213,891,026
Investments in mutual funds Investments in common collective trust	186,110,284 33,805,851	165,873,729 40,101,998
Participant loans	10,268,496	40,101,998
Interest-bearing cash	2,099,604	2,297,310
Net assets available for benefits, at fair value	414,096,387	432,707,462
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for		
fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	367,386	403,053
held in common collective trust		
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 414,463,773	\$ 433,110,515

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part hereof.

## OGE ENERGY CORP.

## EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

ADDITIONS	
Contributions	
Company	\$ 7,597,476
Participants	18,039,344
Rollovers	793,244
Unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments Mutual funds	964 226
Mutual lunds	864,326
Realized gains on investments	
Mutual funds	2,880,772
	2,000,772
Interest and dividend income	
Common stock	4,586,548
Mutual funds	15,520,824
Common collective trust	1,631,266
Interest on participant loans	795,665
Interest-bearing cash	113,510
Total additions	52,822,975
DEDICTIONS	
DEDUCTIONS	
Realized losses on investments Common stock	4,759,852
Common stock	4,759,652
Unrealized depreciation in fair value of investments	
Common stock	14,671,430
Distributions to participants	51,976,351
Administrative expenses	62,084
Total deductions	71,469,717
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	(18,646,742)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	422 110 515
Beginning of year	433,110,515

End of year

\$ 414,463,773

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#### OGE ENERGY CORP.

## EMPLOYEES' STOCK OWNERSHIP AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Plan Description

The OGE Energy Corp. Employees' Stock Ownership and Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), originally the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company Employees' Thrift Plan, was adopted in 1981 and became effective January 1, 1982. The Plan is a defined contribution trusteed plan. Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Fidelity") serves as the Trustee of the Plan and is responsible for the safekeeping and investment of all contributions made to the trust in accordance with the Trust agreement between OGE Energy Corp. (the "Company") and the Trustee. The following description of the Plan provides only general information of the Plan's provisions. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

By action of OGE Energy Corp.'s Board of Directors taken on July 15, 1998, the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company Employees' Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP") was merged into the Plan effective October 1, 1998. The ESOP had been frozen since 1986. Therefore, since it was frozen, no contributions have been made to the ESOP and no new participants have entered the ESOP. All participants of the ESOP are fully vested in the amounts allocated to their ESOP accounts under the Plan. The name of the surviving plan was changed to the OGE Energy Corp. Employees' Stock Ownership and Retirement Savings Plan. The merged Plan implements a dividend pass-through program in which dividends allocable to shares of the Company common stock held in the ESOP accounts are paid in cash to participants by the Trustee. Such dividends of \$300,018 are included in distributions to participants on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. Dividend pass-through is optional for other shares of the Company common stock held in participant accounts under the Plan and, effective January 1, 2008, for shares held in the ESOP accounts as well.

#### General

Participation in the Plan is voluntary. The Plan is administered by a committee (the "Benefits Committee") appointed by the Benefits Oversight Committee. The Benefits Oversight Committee consists of at least two members appointed by the Company's Board of Directors. The Benefits Committee is responsible for the general administration of the Plan, including, among other things, appointing the Plan administrator, establishing Plan procedures and governmental reporting and disclosures for the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

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#### Eligibility

Each regular full-time employee of the Company or a participating affiliate is eligible to participate in the Plan immediately. All other employees of the Company or a participating affiliate are eligible to become participants in the Plan after completing one year of service, as defined in the Plan.

#### **Participant Contributions**

Each pay period participants may contribute any whole percentage between two percent and 19 percent of their compensation, as defined in the Plan, for that pay period. Participants may change contribution percentages in advance of any pay period. Contributions of the first six percent of compensation are defined in the Plan as "Regular Contributions" and any contributions over six percent of compensation are defined in the Plan as "Supplemental Contributions." Participants may designate, at their discretion, all or any portion of their Regular and Supplemental Contributions to the Plan as: (i) a salary reduction contribution under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") subject to the limitations thereof; or (ii) a contribution made on an after-tax basis. The portion of the participant's contribution that is designated as a salary reduction contribution is defined in the Plan as a "Tax-Deferred Contribution" and is not subject to federal income tax until such portion is withdrawn or distributed from the Plan.

Participants who have attained age 50 before the close of a year are allowed to make additional contributions, defined in the Plan as "Catch-Up Contributions," for the year in accordance with and subject to the limitations of Section 414(v) of the Code. Similar to Tax-Deferred Contributions, Catch-Up Contributions are salary reduction contributions under Section 401(k) of the Code and are not subject to federal income tax until such contributions are withdrawn or distributed from the Plan.

Participants can direct that their contributions be invested in multiples of one percent in any one or all of the investment options available, including the OGE Energy Corp. Common Stock Fund which invests exclusively in the Company's common stock except for a portion invested in short-term investments for liquidity purposes to accommodate daily cash flow needs. Effective July 18, 2007, the Investment Committee appointed by the Company's Board of Directors replaced the Benefits Committee as the Plan Committee responsible for selecting the investment options available under the Plan (other than the OGE Energy Corp. Common Stock Fund which is a permanent feature of the Plan). Participants may change investment allocations of contributions on any business day. In 2006, a new managed account option was offered under the Plan which provides participants an option, for a fee, to have funds in their account invested by an investment manager among the investment options available under the Plan (excluding the OGE Energy Corp. Common Stock Fund). Under the managed account option, the amounts invested by an investment manager exclude amounts participants elect to be retained in the OGE Energy Corp. Common Stock Fund. The investment manager appointed for this purpose is Strategic Advisers, Inc., an affiliate of the Trustee.

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Effective January 18, 2008, the Plan was amended so that eligible employees, whose employment commencement date occurred on or after December 17, 2007 and who have not affirmatively elected to either participate or not participate in the Plan, will automatically be enrolled in the Plan to contribute three percent of their compensation per pay period as a Tax-Deferred Contribution, which enrollment is effective as of the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date the eligible employee has satisfied the eligibility requirements of the Plan. In the absence of an investment election, the participant's Tax-Deferred Contributions will be invested in the applicable Fidelity Freedom Fund based upon the participant's date of birth. If an eligible employee ceases to be an eligible employee by reason of termination of employment or otherwise, the automatic enrollment will not apply to such eligible employee on any subsequent re-employment with the Company or on otherwise again becoming an eligible employee.

Effective January 18, 2008, the Plan was amended so that a participant may elect in accordance with the Plan's procedures to have his or her rate of Tax-Deferred Contributions to be made in the future automatically increased annually on a date and in an amount as specified by the participant in such election, which amount will be one percent, two percent or three percent of their compensation per pay period. Such election will remain in effect until cancelled by the participant in accordance with the Plan's procedures.

The Plan also allows rollovers from other eligible retirement plans, defined in the Plan as "Rollover Contributions." Participants may invest their Rollover Contributions into the OGE Energy Corp. Common Stock Fund or any of the other investment options available under the Plan. Amounts rolled over cannot be withdrawn during employment.

#### **Employer Contributions**

For each pay period, the Company contributes to the Plan, on behalf of each participant, 50 percent of the participant's Regular Contributions for participants whose employment or most recent re-employment date, as defined in the Plan, occurred before February 1, 2000 and who have less than 20 years of service, as defined in the Plan, and 75 percent of the participant's Regular Contributions for participants whose employment or most recent re-employment date occurred before February 1, 2000 and who have 20 or more years of service. For participants whose employment or most recent re-employment date occurred on or after February 1, 2000, the Company contributes to the Plan, on behalf of each participant, 100 percent of the participant's Regular Contributions deposited during each pay period. No Company contributions are made with respect to a participant's Supplemental Contributions, Catch-Up Contributions, Rollover Contributions, or with respect to a participant's Regular Contributions for exempt personnel, special lump-sum recognition awards and lump-sum merit awards included in compensation for determining the amount of participant contributions. The Company's contribution, which is initially allocated for investment to the OGE Energy Corp. Common Stock Fund, may be made in shares of the Company's common stock or in cash which is used to invest in the Company's common stock. During 2007, there were no non-cash Company contributions made to the Plan. Once made, the Company's contribution may be reallocated, on any business day, by participants to other available investment options. In 2006, the Plan was amended and restated, effective January 1, 2007, to

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allow participants on any business day also to transfer funds allocated to the OGE Energy Corp. Common Stock Fund in their ESOP account to other investment options.

#### Vesting

Participants' Regular, Supplemental, Rollover and Catch-Up Contributions are fully vested and non-forfeitable. Employees participating in the Plan on or after January 1, 2002 vest in their allocated share of Company contributions over a six-year period. After two years of service, participants become 20 percent vested in their Company contribution account and vest an additional 20 percent for each subsequent year of service. Effective March 1, 2008, the Plan was amended so that all employees participating in the Plan completing an hour of service on or after March 1, 2008, as defined in the Plan, vest in their allocated share of Company contributions over a three-year period. After two years of service, participants become 20 percent vested in their Company contribution account and become fully vested after three years of service. In addition, participants fully vest when they are eligible for normal or early retirement under the Company's Retirement Plan, in the event of their termination due to death or permanent disability, or upon attainment of age 65 while employed by the Company or its affiliates.

Forfeitures of non-vested Company contributions resulting from termination of employment are used to reduce the Company's contributions. During 2007, there were no material forfeitures of non-vested Company contributions. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, there were no material forfeited and unallocated assets. Forfeitures are reinstated if the participant is re-employed by the Company or an affiliate thereof within five years.

#### Withdrawals

During employment, participants may not withdraw Tax-Deferred Contributions or Catch-Up Contributions and income earned thereon until attainment of age 59 ½, except in the event of financial hardship where a participant may withdraw their Tax-Deferred Contributions and Catch-Up Contributions exclusive of earnings after 1988. Withdrawals are made in cash. Participants can generally make one withdrawal per calendar year for no less than either \$300 or 100 percent of the participant's after-tax contribution account, whichever is less. Subject to the

foregoing, a withdrawal can be comprised of after-tax contributions, vested Company contributions, Catch-Up Contributions and Tax-Deferred Contributions and any income earned thereon. Hardship withdrawals must be approved by the Benefits Committee.

Effective January 18, 2008, the Plan was amended so that elgible employees who are automatically enrolled in the Plan may no later than 90 days after the first Tax-Deferred Contribution is deducted from their compensation elect to make a "permissible withdrawal" from the Plan of all of his or her Tax-Deferred Contributions (and any earnings (or losses) attributable thereto). Any Company matching contributions (as adjusted for earnings (or losses) attributable thereto) that are attributable to amounts distributed to a participant by reason of a permissible withdrawal will be forfeited and be considered a forfeiture as of the date the distribution is made. Also, at that time, the participant's automatic enrollment agreement will terminate upon electing

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to make a permissible withdrawal and no further Tax-Deferred Contributions will be made on the participant's behalf unless and until the participant makes an election to resume making Tax-Deferred Contributions.

#### Distributions

Participants may request distribution of their vested accounts upon termination of employment with the Company and its affiliates for any reason. If a participant's vested account balance is less than or equal to \$1,000, it will automatically be distributed in a lump-sum payment to the participant as soon as administratively possible following termination. If a participant's vested account balance is greater than \$1,000, it may be distributed in a lump-sum payment, installment payments or a combination thereof at the participant's election, and participants who are under age  $70\frac{1}{2}$  at termination may defer commencement of their distributions to not later than April 1 of the year after the year in which they reach age  $70\frac{1}{2}$ .

All distributions are made in cash or in kind as the participant elects. All amounts invested in the OGE Energy Corp. Common Stock Fund, whether purchased with participant or Company contributions, may be paid in cash, in full shares of the Company's common stock with fractional shares being paid in cash or a combination thereof at the participant's election. The Plan implements a dividend pass-through program in which all dividends allocable to shares of the Company common stock in participants' accounts are automatically paid in cash to participants based on the number of shares allocated to their accounts as of the ex-dividend date for such dividend unless otherwise requested for dividends allocable to accounts other than ESOP accounts and, effective January 1, 2008, for dividends allocable to the ESOP accounts as well. Any dividends not distributed in cash are used to purchase additional shares of the Company's common stock, which are allocated to the respective participants' accounts in the form of additional units. Participants receiving distributions or withdrawals which are eligible rollover distributions, as defined in the Plan, may elect to make rollovers to an eligible retirement plan provided that such eligible retirement plan accepts direct rollovers.

#### **Participant Loans**

The maximum amount that a participant may borrow is the lesser of either \$50,000 or 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance. No amounts may be borrowed from a participant's ESOP account. A participant may have no more than two loans outstanding at one time. The loans are secured by the participant's vested account balance. All loans granted must be repaid pursuant to a written repayment schedule not to exceed five years and evidenced by a written promissory note signed by the borrower. Borrowed amounts do not share in the earnings and losses of the investment funds. Rather, interest payments on the loan are credited to the participant's account in the Plan. If a participant should terminate from the Plan, any outstanding loan balance is converted to a distribution when distribution payments commence or, if earlier, when the participant defaults in the payment of principal or interest under the terms of the loan.

The interest rate for loans, as established by the Benefits Committee, is equal to the "prime rate," as published in the *Wall Street Journal* on the first business day of the month on or

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next preceding the date the loan is made, plus one percent. The range for interest rates was 8.5 percent to 9.25 percent for loans initiated during 2007. Interest incurred on loans during 2007 was \$795,665.

#### Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of administering the Plan are expected to be paid by the participants. Participants obtaining a loan are charged \$35.00 to initiate the loan and \$15.00 annually for maintenance. Investment management fees for participants electing to participate in the managed account option are also paid by electing participants. All other administrative expenses of the Plan, including legal, accounting and trustee fees, are paid by the Plan except to the extent paid by the Company.

Investment fees are generally assessed by an investment option and are deducted from the option's investment returns. Any transaction-based fees charged by an investment option will be charged directly by the investment option to applicable participant accounts.

#### **Plan Termination**

The Company intends to continue the Plan indefinitely, but reserves the right to alter, amend, modify, revoke or terminate the Plan at any time upon the direction of the Company's Board of Directors or the Company's Benefits Oversight Committee, as provided in the Plan. If the Plan is terminated for any reason, the interests of all affected participants will be fully vested and the Benefits Committee will direct that the participants' account balances be distributed as provided in the Plan. The Company has no continuing liability under the Plan after the final disposition of the assets of the Plan.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Distributions to participants are recorded when paid.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements," which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting prinicples and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 expands disclosures about the use of fair value to measure assets and liabilities in periods subsequent to initial recognition. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The provisions of SFAS No. 157 generally are to be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which it is initially applied. The Plan adopted this new standard effective January

on or after such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or a  $\cdot$  special meeting of the stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least  $66^2/3\%$  of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

In general, Section 203 of the DGCL defines "business combination" to include the following:

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any merger or consolidation involving the corporation or any direct or indirect majority owned subsidiary of the corporation and the interested stockholder or any other corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, or other entity if the merger or consolidation is caused by the interested stockholder and as a result of such merger or consolidation the transaction is not excepted as described above;

any sale, transfer, pledge, or other disposition (in one transaction or a series) of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation involving the interested stockholder;

subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;

any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock or any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or

the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loss, advances, guarantees, pledges, or other financial benefits by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 of the DGCL defines an "interested stockholder" as an entity or a person who, together with the person's affiliates and associates, beneficially owns, or within three years prior to the time of determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

A Delaware corporation may "opt out" of these provisions with an express provision in its original certificate of incorporation or an express provision in its certificate of incorporation or bylaws resulting from a stockholders' amendment approved by at least a majority of the outstanding voting shares. We have not opted out of these provisions. As a result, mergers or other takeover or change in control attempts of us may be discouraged or

prevented.

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## Anti-Takeover Effects Under Certain Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

Our Certificate of Incorporation and our Amended and Restated Bylaws, or the Bylaws, include a number of provisions that may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers or delaying or preventing changes in control of the management of the Company.

First, our Certificate of Incorporation provides that all stockholder actions must be effected at a duly called meeting of holders and not by a consent in writing.

Second, our Bylaws provide that special meetings of the holders may be called only by the chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer or our Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the total number of authorized directors.

Third, our Certificate of Incorporation provides that our Board of Directors can issue up to 15,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock without further action by our stockholders, as described under "—Preferred Stock" above.

Fourth, our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide for a classified Board of Directors in which approximately one-third of the directors are elected each year. Consequently, any potential acquirer would need to successfully complete two proxy contests in order to take control of our Board of Directors. As a result of the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and Delaware law, stockholders will not be able to cumulate votes for directors.

Fifth, our Certificate of Incorporation prohibits a business combination with an interested stockholder without the approval of the holders of 75% of all voting shares and the vote of a majority of the voting shares held by disinterested stockholders, unless it has been approved by a majority of the disinterested directors.

Finally, our Bylaws establish procedures, including advance notice procedures, with regard to the nomination of candidates for election as directors and stockholder proposals. These provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws could discourage potential acquisition proposals and could delay or prevent a change in control of the management of our company.

## Warrants

In addition to the Warrants to purchase 1,844,536 of the shares of Common Stock we are registering hereunder, as of July 7, 2015, warrants to purchase 2,947,670 shares of Common Stock with a weighted-average exercise price of \$7.45 per share were outstanding, and warrants to purchase 1,293,102 shares of Series A Preferred with an average exercise price of \$2.32 per share were outstanding. The exercisability of each of the Series A Warrants and the Series B Warrants is subject to the Warrant Blocker. The Warrant Blocker will automatically expire 61 calendar days prior to January 7, 2021, the expiration date of the Warrants. The Series A Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,177,372 shares of Common Stock are not exercisable until January 7, 2016, and the Series B Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 667,164 shares of Common Stock are currently exercisable, except to the extent such exercise is restricted by the Warrant Blocker, for which we are registering all of the underlying shares of Common Stock pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. All of our other outstanding warrants are currently exercisable, and all outstanding warrants contain provisions for the adjustment of the exercise price in the event of stock dividends, stock splits, reorganizations, reclassifications or mergers. In addition, certain of the warrants contain a "cashless exercise" feature that allows the holders thereof to exercise the warrants without a cash payment to us under certain circumstances.

## **Unsecured Convertible Promissory Notes**

Pursuant to the terms of an Unsecured Convertible Promissory Note Purchase Agreement, or the Note Purchase Agreement, dated December 31, 2014, by and among the Company and certain accredited investors, the Company issued and sold, in a private placement, unsecured convertible promissory notes, or the Notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,675,000. In accordance with the terms of the Notes, the outstanding principal and unpaid interest accrued under each Note is convertible into shares of Common Stock as follows: (i) commencing upon the date of issuance of the Note (but no earlier than January 1, 2015), the investor holding such Note became entitled to convert, on a one-time basis, up to 50% of the outstanding principal and unpaid interest accrued under the Note, into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to the lesser of (a) the average closing price of the Common Stock on the principal securities exchange or securities market on which the Common Stock is then traded, or the Market, for the 20 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date of conversion, and (b) \$2.20 (subject to adjustment for stock splits, stock dividends, other distributions, recapitalizations and the like); and (ii) commencing February 15, 2015, the investor holding such Note became entitled to convert, on a one-time basis, any or all of the remaining outstanding principal and unpaid interest accrued under the Note, into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to stock on the like); and (ii) commencing February 15, 2015, the investor holding such Note became entitled to convert, on a one-time basis, any or all of the remaining outstanding principal and unpaid interest accrued under the Note, into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to 85% of the average closing price of the Common Stock on the Market for the 15 consecutive trading days immediately preceding.

Pursuant to the terms of the Note Purchase Agreement, the Company is obligated to use its best efforts to file with the SEC by January 31, 2016 a registration statement to register for resale all of the shares of Common Stock issued on or prior to November 30, 2015 pursuant to the conversion of any portion of the Notes, or the Initial Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Initial Registration Statement declared effective by the SEC by March 31, 2016. In addition, the Company is obligated to use its best efforts to file with the SEC by January 31, 2017 an additional registration statement to register for resale all of the shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the conversion of the Notes that have not previously been registered for resale, or the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the Additional Registration Statement declared effective by the SEC by March 31, 2017. Under the Note Purchase Agreement, the Company may be required to effect one or more other registrations to register for resale the shares of Common Stock issued or issuable under the Notes in connection with certain "piggy-back" registration rights granted to the investors in the private placement.

The Company sold the Notes to "accredited investors", as that term is defined in the Securities Act and in reliance on the exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506 of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act and corresponding provisions of state securities or "blue sky" laws. Accordingly, the Notes and the shares of Common Stock issued or issuable under the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and such securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws.

## Listing

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "TBIO".

## **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Wells Fargo Shareowner Services. Its address is 1110 Centre Pointe Curve, Suite 101, Mendota Heights, MN 55120 and its telephone number is 1-855-217-6361.

## LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the Common Stock offered by this prospectus, and any supplement thereto, will be passed upon for us by Paul Hastings LLP, Palo Alto, California.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated balance sheets of Transgenomic, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2014 included in Transgenomic, Inc.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2014, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements are incorporated herein in reliance upon the report of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The audited consolidated financial statements of Transgenomic, Inc. and subsidiary for the year ended December 31, 2012 included in Transgenomic, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 have been audited by McGladrey LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report dated March 14, 2013, which is incorporated by reference herein. Such financial statements are incorporated herein in reliance upon the report of McGladrey LLP pertaining to such financial statements given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are a reporting company and file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the Common Stock being offered under this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and the exhibits to the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and the shares of Common Stock being offered under this prospectus, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules filed as a part of the registration statement. You may read and copy the registration statement, as well as our reports, proxy statements and other information, at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information about the operation of the Public Reference Room. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC, including Transgenomic, Inc. The SEC's Internet site can be found at *http://www.sec.gov*.

# DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION POSITION ON INDEMNIFICATION FOR SECURITIES ACT LIABILITIES

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers, and persons controlling us pursuant to the provisions described in Item 15 of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than our payment of expenses incurred or paid by our directors, officers, or controlling persons in the successful defense of any action, suit, or proceeding) is asserted by our directors, officers, or controlling persons in connection with the common stock being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of the issue.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain important information that you should read about us.

The following documents are incorporated by reference into this prospectus:

- (a) April 15, 2015;
- (b) The Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 30, 2015;
- (c) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, filed with the SEC on May 14, 2015;

The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on (i) January 7, 2015, (ii) January 14, 2015,

- (d)(iii) January 20, 2015, (iv) February 19, 2015, (v) February 27, 2015, (vi) April 2, 2015, (vii) June 3, 2015, (viii) June 9, 2015, (ix) June 22, 2015, and (x) July 1, 2015;
- (e) The Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on July 7, 2015; and The description of the Registrant's common stock set forth in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A
- (f) (File No. 001-36439), filed with the SEC on May 5, 2014, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings (other than current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary) made with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, including those made after the date of the initial filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and prior to effectiveness of such registration statement, until we file a post-effective amendment that indicates the termination of the offering of the Common Stock made by this prospectus and will become a part of this prospectus from the respective dates that such documents are filed with the SEC. Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes hereof or of the related prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

Documents incorporated by reference are available from us, without charge. You may obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone at the following address:

## Transgenomic, Inc.

Attn: Investor Relations

12325 Emmet Street

Omaha, NE 68164

Phone: (402) 452-5400

Fax: (402) 452-5461

E-mail: investorrelations@transgenomic.com

TRANSGENOMIC, INC.

3,318,048 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK

PROSPECTUS

\_\_\_\_\_, 2015

Neither we nor the Selling Stockholders have authorized any dealer, salesperson or other person to give any information or to make any representations not contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. You must not rely on any unauthorized information. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where an offer or sale is not permitted. The information in this prospectus is current as of the date of this prospectus. You should not assume that this prospectus is accurate as of any other date.

## PART II

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth all expenses payable by the Registrant in connection with the sale of the common stock being registered. The security holders will not bear any portion of such expenses. All the amounts shown are estimates except for the registration fee.

SEC registration fee	\$611
Legal fees and expenses	50,000
Accounting fees and expenses	5,000
Printing, transfer agent fees and miscellaneous expenses	5,000
Total	\$60,611

## Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or the DGCL, authorizes a court to award, or a corporation to grant, indemnity to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement of expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

As permitted by the DGCL, the Registrant's Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended from time to time, or the Certificate of Incorporation, eliminates the personal liability of its directors for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Registrant or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL (regarding unlawful dividends and stock purchases), or (iv) for any transaction from which the directors' personal liability, then the Certificate of Incorporation provides that the personal liability of directors will be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent provided under the DGCL.

As permitted by the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation and the Registrant's Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that (i) the Registrant is required to indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, subject to certain very limited exceptions, (ii) the Registrant may indemnify its other employees and agents as set forth in the DGCL, (iii) the Registrant is required to advance expenses, as incurred, to its directors and executive officers in connection with a legal proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, subject to certain conditions, and (iv) the rights conferred by the Certificate of Incorporation and the Registrant's Amended and Restated Bylaws are not exclusive.

The DGCL authorizes a corporation to indemnify its directors and officers provided that the corporation shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director as follows:

(a) for any action brought by or in the right of a corporation where the director or officer is adjudged to be liable to the corporation, except where a court determines the director or officer is entitled to indemnity;

(b) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve conduct that the director or officer believes is not in the best interests of the corporation;

(c) for knowing violations of the law;

(d) for any transaction from which the directors derived an improper personal benefit; and

(e) for payment of dividends or approval of stock repurchases or redemptions leading to liability under Section 174 of the DGCL.

The DGCL requires a corporation to indemnify a director or officer to the extent that the director or officer has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding for which indemnification is lawful.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

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The Registrant maintains a director and officer insurance policy which insures the directors and officers of the Registrant against damages, judgments, settlements and costs incurred by reason of certain wrongful acts committed by such persons in their capacities as directors and officers.

## Item 16. Exhibits

**Exhibit** 

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Form of Warrant issued by the Registrant to the Investors on January 30, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on January 31, 2013).

4.10 Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 5, 2014, by and among the Registrant, Third Security Senior Staff 2008 LLC, Third Security Staff 2014 LLC and Third Security Incentive 2010 LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 6, 2014).

Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2014, by and among Transgenomic, Inc. and the
Investors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 22, 2014).

Form of Warrant issued by Transgenomic, Inc. to the Investors and the advisor on October 22, 2014
4.12 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 22, 2014).

Unsecured Convertible Promissory Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2014, by and
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4.14 Form of Unsecured Convertible Promissory Note issued by Transgenomic, Inc. to the Investor pursuant to the Unsecured Convertible Promissory Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2015)

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Registration Rights Agreement, dated June 30, 2015, by and among Transgenomic, Inc. and the Investors 4.16 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on July 7, 2015).

Form of Series A Warrant to Purchase Common Stock issued by Transgenomic, Inc. to the Investors on July 7, 4.17 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on July 7, 2015).

Form of Series B Warrant to Purchase Common Stock issued by Transgenomic, Inc. to an Investor on July 7, 4.18 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on July 7, 2015).

Form of Warrant to Purchase Common Stock issued by Transgenomic, Inc. to the Placement Agent on July 7, 4.19 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on July 7, 2015).

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- 23.2 Consent of McGladrey LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 23.3 Consent of Paul Hastings LLP is contained in Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney is contained on the signature page.

Pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K, the schedules to this agreement have been omitted. The Registrant agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

## Item 17. Undertakings

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that:

Paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

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(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(6) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(7) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has

been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Omaha, State of Nebraska, on July 22, 2015.

## TRANSGENOMIC, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Kinnon Paul Kinnon

President, Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know All Persons By These Presents, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Paul Kinnon and Leon Richards, and each or any one of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Paul Kinnon Paul Kinnon	President, Chief Executive Officer, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer)	July 22, 2015
/s/ Leon Richards	Chief Accounting Officer	July 22, 2015

Leon Richards	(Principal Accounting Officer)	
/s/ Robert M. Patzig Robert M. Patzig	Director	July 22, 2015
/s/ Doit L. Koppler II Doit L. Koppler II	Director	July 22, 2015
/s/ Michael A. Luther Michael A. Luther	Director	July 22, 2015
/s/ Mya Thomae Mya Thomae	Director	July 22, 2015
/s/ John D. Thompson John D. Thompson	Director	July 22, 2015

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