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This filing relates to the proposed merger of Noble Energy with Rosetta pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 10, 2015 (the Merger Agreement), by and among Noble Energy, Rosetta and Merger Sub. The Merger Agreement is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Noble Energy on May 11, 2015, and is incorporated by reference into this filing.

Forward Looking Statements

This information contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws. Words such as anticipates, believes, expects, intends, will, should, may, and similar expressions may be used to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical fact and reflect Noble Energy's and Rosetta's current views about future events. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of the proposed merger involving Noble Energy and Rosetta, including future financial and operating results, Noble Energy's and Rosetta's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, the expected timing of completion of the transaction, and other statements that are not historical facts, including estimates of oil and natural gas reserves and resources, estimates of future production, assumptions regarding future oil and natural gas pricing, planned drilling activity, future results of operations, projected cash flow and liquidity, business strategy and other plans and objectives for future operations. No assurances can be given that the forward-looking statements contained in this information will occur as projected and actual results may differ materially from those projected. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates and assumptions that involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, the ability to obtain the requisite Rosetta shareholder approval; the risk that Rosetta or Noble Energy may be unable to obtain governmental and regulatory approvals required for the merger, or required governmental and regulatory approvals may delay the merger or result in the imposition of conditions that could cause the parties to abandon the merger, the risk that a condition to closing of the merger may not be satisfied, the timing to consummate the proposed merger, the risk that the businesses will not be integrated successfully, the risk that the cost savings and any other synergies from the transaction may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected, disruption from the transaction making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers, the diversion of management time on merger-related issues, the volatility in commodity prices for crude oil and natural gas, the presence or recoverability of estimated reserves, the ability to replace reserves, environmental risks, drilling and operating risks, exploration and development risks, competition, government regulation or other actions, the ability of management to execute its plans to meet its goals and other risks inherent in Noble Energy's and Rosetta's businesses that are discussed in Noble Energy's and Rosetta's most recent annual reports on Form 10-K, respectively, and in other Noble Energy and Rosetta reports on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These reports are also available from the sources described above. Forward-looking statements are based on the estimates and opinions of management at the time the statements are made. Noble Energy undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. In connection with the proposed merger between Noble Energy and Rosetta, on June 1, 2015 Noble Energy filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes a preliminary proxy statement of Rosetta and that also constitutes a preliminary prospectus of Noble Energy. These materials are not yet final and will be amended. Rosetta will mail the final proxy statement/prospectus to its shareholders. This document is not a substitute for any prospectus, proxy statement or any other document which Noble Energy or Rosetta may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. **Noble Energy and Rosetta urge Rosetta investors and shareholders to read the registration statement, and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, including the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus that is a part of the registration statement, and the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, when available, because they contain or will contain important information.** You may obtain copies of all documents filed with the SEC regarding this transaction, free of charge, at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). You may also obtain these documents, free of charge, from Noble Energy's website (www.nobleenergyinc.com) under the tab "Investors" and then under the heading "SEC Filings." You may also obtain these documents, free of charge, from Rosetta's website (www.rosettaresources.com) under the tab "Investors" and then under the heading "SEC Filings."

Participants In The Merger Solicitation

Rosetta, Noble Energy and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be soliciting proxies from Rosetta shareholders in favor of the merger and related matters. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of Rosetta shareholders in connection with the proposed merger is contained in the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus and will be contained in the definitive proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available. You can find information about Noble Energy's executive officers and directors in its definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 27, 2015. You can find information about Rosetta's executive officers and directors in its definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 26, 2015. You can obtain free copies of these documents from Rosetta and Noble Energy using the contact information above.