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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held On June 8, 2007

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

The 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the Company), will be held at The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport, Sunnyside Room, 4545 West John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas, on Friday, June 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., local time, to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. To elect three directors, each for a three-year term;
2. To approve an amendment to our Long Term Incentive Plan;
3. To approve an amendment to our 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Holders of record of the Company's common stock at the close of business on April 16, 2007 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. A complete list of shareholders of record entitled to vote at the meeting will be available for examination by any shareholder at the meeting and at the Company's executive offices during ordinary business hours for a period of at least ten days prior to the meeting.

To attend the meeting you will need a form of photo identification. If your shares are held in street name you will also need to bring proof of your ownership of our common stock, such as your most recent brokerage statement.

The accompanying proxy statement contains information regarding the matters to be considered at the meeting. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the matters being voted upon.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. YOU MAY VOTE IN ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

Use the toll-free telephone number 1-800-690-6903 from the U.S. or Canada;

Use the Internet web site www.proxyvote.com; or

Mark, sign, date and promptly return the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope.

SHAREHOLDERS WHO ATTEND THE MEETING MAY REVOKE THEIR PROXIES AND VOTE IN PERSON IF THEY DESIRE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU MAY LISTEN TO A LIVE AUDIOCAST OF THE MEETING ON OUR WEBSITE AT www.chkenergy.com.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jennifer M. Grigsby

Secretary

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

April 30, 2007

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CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held On June 8, 2007

GENERAL INFORMATION

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held on the date, at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and any adjournment of the meeting.

This proxy statement, the accompanying form of proxy and our Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2006 are being mailed on or about April 30, 2007 to shareholders of record as of April 16, 2007. Shareholders are referred to the Annual Report for information concerning the activities of the Company.

Who Can Vote

Only shareholders of record as of April 16, 2007, the record date for the meeting, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. At the close of business on April 16, 2007, there were 461,441,659 shares of our common stock outstanding and 451,849,045 shares entitled to vote at the meeting. Each outstanding share of common stock is entitled to one vote, except unvested shares of restricted stock issued to our directors and employees do not have voting rights.

Establishing a Quorum

The holders of a majority of the outstanding common stock, present in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting.

How to Vote

Most shareholders can vote their shares one of three ways:

placing a toll-free telephone call from the U.S. or Canada to 1-800-690-6903;

using the Internet at www.proxyvote.com; or

mailing the signed proxy card.

The telephone and Internet voting procedures are designed to authenticate shareholders' identities, to allow you to vote your shares and to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. Please refer to your proxy card or the information forwarded by your bank, broker or other nominee to see which options are available to you.

If you are a Chesapeake employee and also a shareholder directly, or through the Chesapeake Energy Corporation Savings and Incentive Stock Bonus Plan (the "Plan"), you will receive one proxy for your Plan shares and shares in accounts that are registered in the same name. This single proxy, which will be sent to you electronically via email, will allow you to simultaneously vote all of your Plan and directly-held shares as one block and will serve as your voting instruction for the trustee of the Plan to vote your Plan shares. **To allow sufficient time for the trustee to vote the Plan shares, your voting instructions must be received by 11:00 p.m. (CDT) on June 5, 2007.** Please note, however, that since you only vote one time for all shares you own directly and in the Plan, your vote on each proposal will be identical across all of those shares. If you do not vote your proxy, the trustee will not vote the Plan shares credited to your Plan account.

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Votes Needed

The election of the director nominees will be by plurality vote (that is, the three nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected). You may not cast more than one vote per share for each nominee. The affirmative vote of holders of a majority of shares of common stock present at the meeting in person or by proxy will be required to approve the amendments to our Long Term Incentive Plan and to our Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

How Votes Can Be Revoked

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by:

executing and submitting a revised proxy;

providing a written revocation to the Secretary of the Company; or

voting in person at the meeting.

In the absence of a revocation, shares represented by the proxies will be voted at the meeting. Your attendance at the meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy. If you do not hold your shares directly, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker, bank or nominee to revoke your previously voted proxy.

How Votes Are Counted

Each proxy properly completed and returned to the Company in time for the meeting, and not revoked, will be voted in accordance with the instructions given. If there are no contrary instructions, proxies will be voted **FOR** the election of the nominees as directors, **FOR** the approval of the amendment to our Long Term Incentive Plan and **FOR** the approval of the amendment to the 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The Company will appoint an inspector of election to tabulate all votes and to certify the results of all matters voted upon at the meeting.

It is the Company's policy (i) to count abstentions and broker non-votes for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at the meeting; (ii) to treat abstentions as shares represented at the meeting and voting against a proposal and to disregard broker non-votes in determining results on proposals requiring a majority or higher vote; and (iii) to consider neither abstentions nor broker non-votes in determining results of plurality votes.

Under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, brokers who hold shares on behalf of their customers have the authority to vote on certain proposals when they have not received instructions from beneficial owners. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the broker does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner. Your broker has discretionary authority to vote your shares in the election of directors. Your broker is not empowered to vote your shares on the proposals to approve the amendments to our Long Term Incentive Plan and 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors in the absence of specific instructions from you.

When the Voting Results Will Be Announced

We will announce preliminary voting results at the meeting and publish final results in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of 2007.

Cost of Proxy Solicitation

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We will pay the cost of soliciting proxies. We have retained The Proxy Advisory Group, LLC to assist in the solicitation of proxies for a fee of \$7,500, plus out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, employees of the Company

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may solicit proxies by mail, personally, or by telephone, facsimile transmission or email communication. We will request banks and brokers or other similar agents or fiduciaries to transmit the proxy material to the beneficial owners for their voting instructions and will reimburse their expenses in so doing.

Electronic Access to Proxy Materials and Annual Report

This proxy statement and our 2006 Annual Report are available on our website at www.chkenergy.com. If you are interested in receiving all future shareholder communications electronically, including proxy statements and annual reports, please visit www.icsdelivery.com/chk and register for electronic distribution. Once you register, any time we distribute materials or communications to our shareholders, you will receive an email notification containing an internet address which will direct you to these documents. Once you have registered for electronic distribution, you will continue to receive all shareholder communications electronically until you change this election at www.icsdelivery.com/chk. Electronic distribution saves the Company the cost of printing and mailing the documents to you, reduces the amount of mail you receive and is environmentally friendly by helping to conserve natural resources consumed in the printing process.

Householding

Based on Securities and Exchange Commission rules, we are permitted to send a single set of proxy materials to shareholders who share the same last name and address. This procedure is called "householding" and is designed to reduce our printing and postage costs. If you would like to receive a separate copy of a proxy statement or annual report, either now or in the future, please email us at investorinfo@chkenergy.com or write to us at the following address: Attn: Investor Relations, 6100 N. Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73118.

If you hold your shares in street name and would like additional copies of the proxy materials, or if you are currently receiving multiple copies of the proxy materials and would like to request householding, please contact your broker.

VOTING ITEM 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to provisions of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Board of Directors has fixed the number of directors at eight, subject to the rights of the holders of our preferred stock to nominate and elect two additional directors on the occurrence of a voting rights triggering event as defined in the preferred stock certificates of designation. Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide for three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms, with each class to be as nearly equal in number as possible. The terms of three directors expire at the meeting.

The Board of Directors has nominated Frank A. Keating and Frederick B. Whittemore for re-election as directors. The Board of Directors has also nominated Merrill A. Pete Miller, Jr. for election as a director. Mr. Miller was initially recommended to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee by Aubrey K. McClendon, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and was appointed to the Board of Directors effective January 16, 2007. Mr. Miller's nomination as a director fills the vacancy created by Tom L. Ward, who resigned as a director effective February 10, 2006. Upon election, Governor Keating and Messrs. Whittemore and Miller will serve for terms expiring at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and, in each case, until their successors are elected and qualified. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named. Other directors will continue in office until the expiration of their terms at the 2008 or 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, as the case may be.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR EACH OF THE NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

It is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy to vote such proxies for the election of the three nominees. The Board of Directors expects that each of the nominees will be available for election but, in the event that any of the nominees is not available, proxies received will be voted for substitute nominees to be designated by the Board or, in the event no such designation is made, proxies will be voted for a lesser number of nominees.

The following information is furnished for each person who is a director nominee or who is continuing to serve as a director of the Company after the meeting.

Nominees for Terms Expiring in 2010

Frank Keating, 63, has been a director of the Company since June 2003. Governor Keating has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Council of Life Insurers, a large trade organization based in Washington, D.C., since January 2003. Governor Keating became a special agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1969 and then served as Assistant District Attorney in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. In 1972, Governor Keating was elected to the Oklahoma State House of Representatives and two years later was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate. In 1981 Governor Keating was appointed as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma and in 1985 he began seven years of service in the Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations serving as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Associate Attorney General in the Justice Department and as General Counsel and Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1994, Governor Keating was elected as Oklahoma's 25th Governor and served two consecutive four-year terms. Governor Keating is an advisory director of Stewart Information Services Corp (STC), a real estate information and transaction management company located in Houston, Texas. Governor Keating graduated from Georgetown University in 1966 and from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1969.

Frederick B. Whittemore, 76, has been a director of the Company since 1993. Mr. Whittemore has been an advisory director of Morgan Stanley since 1989 and was a managing director or partner of the predecessor firms of Morgan Stanley from 1967 to 1989. He was Vice-Chairman of the American Stock Exchange from 1982 to 1984. Mr. Whittemore graduated from Dartmouth College in 1953 and from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration in 1954.

Merrill A. Pete Miller, Jr., 56, has been a director of the Company since January 16, 2007. Mr. Miller is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of National Oilwell Varco, Inc. (NYSE:NOV), a supplier of oilfield services, equipment and components to the worldwide oil and natural gas industry. Mr. Miller joined National Oilwell in February 1996 as Vice President of Marketing, Drilling Systems and was promoted in April 1997 to President of the company's products and technology group. In November 2000, he was named President and Chief Operating Officer, in May 2001 was elected President and Chief Executive Officer and in May 2002 was also elected Chairman of the Board. Mr. Miller served as President of Anadarko Drilling Company from 1995 to 1996. Prior to his service at Anadarko, Mr. Miller spent fifteen years at Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, serving in various senior management positions, including Vice President, U.S. Operations. Mr. Miller graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1972 with a degree in applied science and engineering. Upon graduation, he served five years in the United States Army and received his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1980. Mr. Miller serves on the Board of Directors for the Offshore Energy Center, Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association and Spindletop International, and is a member of the National Petroleum Council.

Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2008

Don. Nickles, 58, has been a member of our Board of Directors since January 2005. Senator Nickles is the founder and President of The Nickles Group, a consulting and business venture firm in Washington D.C. Senator

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Nickles was elected to represent Oklahoma in the United States Senate from 1980 to 2005 where he held numerous leadership positions, including Assistant Republican Leader from 1996 to 2003 and Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee from 2003 to 2005. Senator Nickles also served on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Finance Committee. Prior to his service in the U.S. Senate, Senator Nickles served in the Oklahoma State Senate from 1979 to 1980 and worked for Nickles Machine Corporation in Ponca City, Oklahoma becoming Vice President and General Manager. Senator Nickles is also a director of Valero Energy Corporation (NYSE:VLO), an independent oil refiner headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, and Fortress International Group (OTCBB:FAAC), a company based in Columbia, Maryland which provides specialized security services. Senator Nickles served in the National Guard from 1970 to 1976 and graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1971.

Aubrey K. McClendon, 47, has served as Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and a director since co-founding the Company in 1989. From 1982 to 1989, Mr. McClendon was an independent producer of oil and gas. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council and the Domestic Petroleum Council. Mr. McClendon graduated from Duke University in 1981.

Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2009

Breene M. Kerr, 78, has been a director of the Company since 1993. He is President of Brookside Company, Easton, Maryland. Mr. Kerr founded Kerr Consolidated, Inc. in 1969 and was the chief executive officer until 1996 when it was sold. Kerr Consolidated operated heavy duty truck dealerships in Oklahoma, a truck leasing firm and various real estate interests. In 1969, Mr. Kerr co-founded the Resource Analysis and Management Group and remained a senior partner until 1982. From 1967 to 1969, he was Vice President of Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation. From 1951 through 1967, Mr. Kerr worked for Kerr-McGee Corporation as a geologist and land manager. Mr. Kerr has served as Chairman of the Investment Committee for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is a life member of the Corporation (Board of Trustees) of that university. He served as a director of Kerr-McGee Corporation from 1957 to 1981 and was a member of its audit committee from 1973 to 1981. He was a director and audit committee member of Pan-American Properties from 1987 to 1990. Mr. Kerr currently is a trustee of the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, and has been an associate director since 1987 of Aven Gas & Oil, Inc., an oil and gas property management company located in Oklahoma City. Mr. Kerr graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1951.

Charles T. Maxwell, 75, has been a director of the Company since 2002. Mr. Maxwell is a Senior Energy Analyst and has been with Weeden & Co., an institutional brokerage firm located in Greenwich, Connecticut, from late 1999 to the present. Entering the oil and natural gas industry in 1957, Mr. Maxwell worked for what is now ExxonMobil for eleven years in the U.S., Europe, Middle East and Africa. In 1968, Mr. Maxwell joined C.J. Lawrence, an institutional research and brokerage firm, as an oil analyst. He was ranked by *Institutional Investor* magazine as No. 1 in his field in 1972, 1974, 1977, and 1981 through 1986. He rose to the position of Managing Director of C. J. Lawrence/Morgan Grenfell and retired from the firm in 1997, several years after it was acquired by Deutsche Bank. Mr. Maxwell is a director of Daleco Resources Corporation (DLOV.OB), a minerals exploration and production company located in West Chester, Pennsylvania; Lescarden, Inc. (LCAR.OB), a biotechnology company in New York; and American DG Energy Inc., a provider of on-site utilities based in Waltham, Massachusetts. Mr. Maxwell graduated from Princeton University in 1953 and Oxford University in 1957.

Richard K. Davidson, 65, has been a member of our Board of Directors since March 2006. Mr. Davidson served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Union Pacific Corporation (NYSE: UNP) from 1997 until February 2007 and as its Chief Executive Officer from 1997 until February 2006. He started his railroad career in 1960 with Missouri Pacific Railroad and held various positions of increasing authority before being named Vice President of Operations in 1976. In 1982, Union Pacific merged with the Missouri Pacific and Western Pacific railroads, and in 1986, Mr. Davidson was promoted to Vice President of Operations of the combined railroads.

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He was promoted to Executive Vice President in 1989 and became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Union Pacific Railroad in 1991. He was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Union Pacific Corporation in 1997. Mr. Davidson is currently a member of the board of advisors of Thayer Capital Partners and the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. He formerly served on the board of the Association of American Railroads, as chairman of the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council, and as a director and trustee of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards Foundation. Mr. Davidson graduated from Washburn University in 1966 and has completed the Program for Management Development at Harvard University.

VOTING ITEM 2 PROPOSAL TO AMEND LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

We are asking shareholders to vote to approve an amendment to the Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP") to increase the aggregate number of shares of common stock which are available for awards under the LTIP from 7,000,000 shares to 17,000,000 shares. The additional shares requested will allow the Company to deliver restricted shares to its employees pursuant to the 2006 Long Term Incentive Program (described below) and to continue to provide stock-based compensation to its employees, consultants and non-employee directors over the next year at current award levels.

Our shareholders initially approved the LTIP on June 10, 2005 and approved an amendment to the LTIP on June 9, 2006. Our Board approved the amendment, subject to shareholder approval at the meeting, on March 2, 2007. The full text of the LTIP, as amended, is included as Exhibit A to this proxy statement.

Over the last 25 years, industry and global economic factors have resulted in a significant drop-off in enrollment in critical technical undergraduate programs such as petroleum engineering and geoscience. While enrollment is now increasing in those areas, the outcome has been a well-documented "experience gap". U.S.-based energy companies find themselves with a predominance of technical staff that is approaching retirement and only relatively inexperienced staff on hand to replace them.

At the same time, increasing demand for energy has created an environment of tremendous competition for new talent as well as experienced industry specialists. The Company's management believes that in order to effectively execute our business strategy, it is essential for us to manage our talent by 1) attracting top-notch new industry professionals; 2) rewarding and retaining our experienced professionals; and 3) properly developing our less experienced professionals and assuring the transfer of knowledge from the experienced staff to the less-experienced.

For the past several years, Chesapeake has been meeting this talent challenge through a comprehensive human resource strategy that addresses the problem on multiple fronts - from developing our own training program for rig hands and land brokers to investing in partnerships with colleges and universities across the country to encourage students to pursue careers in energy-related fields and providing compensation packages that attract, motivate and retain top talent. We have also built a culture rich with opportunity while promoting work-life balance and we have invested in the communities where we operate and where our employees live. Such a culture makes Chesapeake the employer of choice when we are recruiting new talent.

One key component of our human resource strategy is to reward and retain our workforce through the issuance of restricted stock awards. Consistent with our compensation philosophy, we believe stock-based compensation fosters and promotes the sustained progress, growth and profitability of the Company by:

attracting, motivating and retaining individuals of exceptional ability;

allowing employees, directors and consultants to acquire a proprietary and vested interest in the growth and performance of the Company;

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providing incentives and rewards to employees, directors and consultants who are in a position to contribute materially to the success and long-term objectives of the Company; and

aligning the financial interests of employees and directors with those of the Company's shareholders.

In August 2006, in response to intense competitive pressures in the oil and gas industry for employees as described above, Chesapeake implemented an employee retention program we refer to as the 2006 Long Term Incentive Program or 2006 Program. Under this program, we will make cash payments to the employees of our drilling subsidiaries and issue shares of restricted common stock to all other employees (other than employees who are subject to a collective bargaining arrangement) under the LTIP. One-half of the cash payments promised to our drilling subsidiary employees will be paid three years from the date promised and the remaining payments will be made five years from the date promised. The restricted shares to be granted under the 2006 Program will vest 50% after a three-year period and 50% after a five-year period. Employees who terminate employment prior to the vesting dates will not receive unvested cash or restricted stock. The restricted shares to be issued pursuant to the 2006 program are subject to shareholder approval of the amendment and therefore are not currently issued and outstanding. As of the record date, future cash payments and restricted stock to be issued under the 2006 Program totaled \$14.3 million and 9.9 million shares, respectively. In accordance with SFAS 123(R), awards made under an arrangement that is subject to shareholder approval are not deemed to be granted until that approval is obtained. The date upon which we receive shareholder approval of the amendment will be the date of grant for these shares. **Awards to our named executive officers under this program will total 289,310 shares or less than 3% of the total program (see table on page 14). Our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer voluntarily elected not to receive awards of restricted stock under this program to make more shares available for other employees.**

The additional 10,000,000 shares of common stock the Board has reserved for issuance under the LTIP pursuant to the amendment represents 2.2% of our outstanding common shares and less than 2.0% of our fully diluted common shares (which assumes the issuance of shares pursuant to outstanding stock options, shares available for issuance under our stock-based compensation plans and conversions of our preferred stock and convertible senior notes into common stock at the current conversion prices).

As of the record date, stock options outstanding and shares available for issuance under the Company's stock incentive plans, including our obligations under the 2006 Program, are the following:

	LTIP	2003 Stock Incentive Plan	2003 Director Stock Award Plan(1)	Terminated Plans	Total
Outstanding stock options, 12/31/06	125,000			6,480,703	6,605,703
Granted					
Exercised				(602,887)	(602,887)
Canceled/forfeited				(6,798)	(6,798)
Outstanding stock options, 4/16/07	125,000			5,871,018	5,996,018
Shares available for future awards, 12/31/06	6,660,759	58,883	20,000		6,739,642
Regular semi-annual and new hire awards	(2,486,220)(2)	(107,825)(2)	(10,000)		(2,604,045)
2006 Long Term Incentive Program awards(3)	(9,868,668)				(9,868,668)
Canceled/forfeited/traded for taxes	29,427	324,099			353,526
Shares available for future awards, 4/16/07	(5,664,702)	275,157	10,000		(5,379,545)
Shares available for future awards if amendment is approved by shareholders, 4/16/07	4,335,298	275,157	10,000		4,620,455

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- (1) The 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors is used to issue 10,000 shares of common stock to new directors upon their appointment to the Board.
- (2) Amounts represent shares of restricted stock awarded company-wide on January 3, 2007 and to newly hired employees on the last trading days of January, February and March 2007.
- (3) The 2006 Long Term Incentive Program awards are subject to shareholder approval of the amendment.

Background on Stock Compensation at Chesapeake

Since our initial public offering in 1993, the Board and management have firmly believed in and encouraged broad employee stock ownership through participation in our stock-based compensation plans across all levels of the Company. In the 11 years that followed, the Company implemented this strategy through semi-annual grants of stock options to all employees. Additionally, our senior management is required to hold certain levels of our common stock as a condition to their continued employment. The success, growth and profitability that the Company experienced over this time period was, we believe, in large measure due to the efforts of the management team and employees. Key performance statistics during the eleven-year period ending in 2003 are as follows:

We recorded the 13th best stock price performance among all U.S. public companies, with a 2,476% increase in our stock price (including the reinvestment of dividends);

Our annual revenues increased 9,900%, from \$17 million to \$1.7 billion;

Our total assets increased 5,700%, from \$79 million to \$4.6 billion;

Our shareholders' equity increased 5,400%, from \$31 million to \$1.7 billion;

Our oil and gas reserves increased 2,200%, from 137 bcfe to 3.2 tcf; and

Our annual oil and gas production increased 6,600%, from 4 bcfe to 268 bcfe.

In addition to these financial and operational successes, employee retention was among the strongest in the industry over this time period.

In 2004, the Board and management re-evaluated the Company's equity compensation program and decided to begin utilizing restricted stock in place of stock options for the following reasons:

The Company could realize a substantial reduction in its annual stock usage rate or "burn rate", without a reduction in compensation value transferred to the employees;

A lower annual stock usage rate would reduce the dilutive effect of employee stock compensation to our shareholders;

The income statement impact of restricted stock is more predictable, and less volatile, than that of stock options;

The compensation value and tax treatment of restricted stock is easier for employees to measure and understand; and

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The ease with which restricted stock is transferred to employees upon vesting (as opposed to an intentional action by the employee to exercise a stock option) better facilitates and promotes the long-term ownership of our common stock by employees. The shift to restricted stock was supported by the Company's management and employees who, together, have delivered strong performance to our shareholders since 2003, as indicated by the following:

Our stock price increased 114% from \$13.58 per share on December 31, 2003 to \$29.05 per share on December 31, 2006 and was \$33.63 on the record date, an increase of 16% from December 31, 2006;

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Our annual revenues increased 327% from \$1.7 billion in 2003 to \$7.3 billion in 2006;

Our net income available to common shareholders increased 555% from \$291 million in 2003 to \$1.9 billion in 2006;

Our total assets increased 430% from \$4.6 billion at December 31, 2003 to \$24.4 billion at December 31, 2006;

Our proved oil and natural gas reserves increased 181% from 3.2 tcf at December 31, 2003 to 9.0 tcf at December 31, 2006;

Our annual oil and natural gas production increased 116% from 268 bcf in 2003 to 578 bcf in 2006;

We were selected to join the Fortune 500 and the S&P 500 in 2006; and

We were recognized by Forbes as the best managed oil & gas company in the U.S. in January 2007.

As the Company's assets and revenues have grown, so have the number of employees, with the Company now employing almost 5,000 employees, an addition of 3,700 employees since 2003, a 310% increase. The rapid growth of the Company, combined with the extreme competition in the industry for top-notch talent, as discussed previously, has dramatically increased the importance of equity-based compensation as a key component for employee recruitment and retention. Thus the Board and management believe that approval of the amendment to the LTIP is crucial to the Company's ability to execute its business plan and growth strategy. In their view, stock-based compensation and employee and director stock ownership have greatly contributed to the Company's growth and success to date and should continue to contribute to its success in the future.

The following is a summary of the material terms of the LTIP as proposed to be amended. The only amendment to the LTIP is the increase in the number of shares of common stock available for issuance.

Plan Features

Administration. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has overall authority to administer the LTIP. The Employee Compensation and Benefits Committee (the ECBC), a subcommittee of the Compensation Committee, can be authorized to grant and determine the terms and conditions of awards granted to consultants and employees who are not executive officers. The Compensation Committee and ECBC are collectively, the Committee. Mr. Whittemore and Governor Keating serve as the Compensation Committee and Mr. McClendon serves as the ECBC. Any awards or formula for granting awards under the LTIP made to non-employee directors must be approved by the Board. The Compensation Committee is authorized and has complete discretion to formulate policies and establish rules and regulations for the administration of the LTIP.

Eligible Participants. As of the record date, the Company had approximately 5,000 employees (nine of whom were executive officers) and seven non-employee directors who were eligible to participate in the LTIP. The Committee determines from time to time the awards to be granted under the LTIP, taking into account the duties of the respective participants, their present and potential contributions to the success of the Company and such other factors as the Committee deems relevant.

Shares Available for Award. The aggregate number of shares of common stock which are available for award under the LTIP will not exceed 17,000,000 shares, an increase of 10,000,000 shares. Any of the authorized shares of common stock may be used for any of the types of awards described in the LTIP, except that no more than 3,000,000 shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to incentive stock options. The aggregate number of shares of common stock underlying options and stock appreciation rights that may be granted to any participant in any calendar year may not exceed 750,000 shares and the aggregate number of shares of common

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stock pursuant to restricted stock, performance awards or other stock awards granted to any participant in any calendar year may not exceed 750,000 shares.

Common stock that is related to awards that (i) are forfeited, cancelled, terminated or expire prior to the delivery of the common stock, (ii) are ultimately paid in cash rather than common stock, (iii) are tendered or withheld in order to satisfy payment of the exercise price of an option, or (iv) are tendered or withheld in order to satisfy payment of withholding tax obligations, will again be available for future awards under the LTIP.

The LTIP provides for appropriate adjustments in the event of a merger, consolidation, recapitalization, stock split, combination of shares, stock dividend or similar transaction involving the Company.

Types of Awards. The LTIP authorizes the issuance of the following types of awards:

Options. Incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options may be granted under the LTIP. The exercise price of options may not be less than the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant (or 110% of the fair market value of such shares in the case of an incentive stock option granted to a person who holds more than 10% of the combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities) and no option may be exercised after the expiration of ten years from the date of grant. An option may be exercised only to the extent that the option is vested in accordance with a schedule determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. With respect to incentive stock options, the aggregate fair market value (determined as of the grant date) of the stock which a participant may first have the right to acquire pursuant to the exercise of any incentive stock options in any calendar year under all incentive stock options of the Company may not exceed \$100,000. In the event options granted to a participant exceed the \$100,000 annual limitation, the participant will be deemed to have been granted incentive stock options with respect to shares within the \$100,000 limitation and nonqualified stock options with respect to shares which cause such limitation to be exceeded. The fair market value of shares of common stock is determined by reference to the reported closing price on the NYSE on the date of grant.

Stock Appreciation Rights. SARs may be granted to participants alone or in tandem with concurrently or previously issued stock options. The exercise price of a SAR may not be less than the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant and no SAR may be exercised after the expiration of ten years from the date of grant. A SAR issued in tandem with an option will only be exercisable to the extent that the related option is exercisable and when a tandem SAR is exercised, the option to which it relates will cease to be exercisable, to the extent of the number of shares with respect to which the tandem SAR is exercised. Similarly, when the option is exercised, the tandem SARs relating to the shares covered by such option exercise will terminate. The payment of the appreciation associated with the exercise of a SAR will be made by the Company in shares of our common stock.

Performance Shares. Performance shares issued under the LTIP will vest in accordance with the achievement of certain performance or other criteria as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. The Committee has the discretion to (i) permit a participant who ceases to be an eligible participant in the LTIP before the end of any performance period, or the personal representative of a deceased participant, to continue to be subject to a performance award relative to the current performance period until such awards are forfeited or earned pursuant to their terms and conditions or (ii) authorize the payment to such participant, or the personal representative of a deceased participant, of the performance shares which would have been paid to the participant had the participant remained an eligible participant in the LTIP to the end of the performance period. A participation period may be no less than one year in duration.

Restricted Stock. Restricted stock issued under the LTIP will vest in accordance with a schedule or achievement of certain performance or other criteria as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. The Committee has the discretion to grant a holder of restricted stock the right to vote such

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shares and to receive dividends. The minimum restriction period applicable to any restricted stock that is not subject to performance criteria will be three years from the date of grant.

Other Stock Awards. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may specify the terms and provisions of other forms of equity-based or equity-related awards not described above which the Committee determines to be consistent with the purpose of the LTIP and the interests of the Company, which awards may provide for cash payments based in whole or in part on the value or future value of our common stock, for the acquisition or future acquisition of common stock, or any combination thereof. The minimum restriction period applicable to other stock awards that are not subject to performance criteria will be three years from the date of grant.

Cash Awards. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant cash awards, including without limitation, discretionary awards, awards based on objective performance criteria or awards based on subjective performance criteria. The total amount of all cash awards made under the LTIP, in the aggregate, will not exceed \$10 million.

No Discounted Options or SARs; No Repricing; No Dividend Equivalents. The LTIP does not permit the granting of discounted stock options or SARs and, without the approval of shareholders, prohibits the repricing or cancellation and re-grant of stock options, and the repurchase of underwater stock options or SARs. The LTIP also prohibits dividend equivalents with respect to stock options and SARs.

Fundamental Transaction; Change of Control. Upon the occurrence of a fundamental transaction or a change of control; (i) all outstanding options and SARs will be fully exercisable and any unexercised options and SARs will terminate; (ii) restrictions on outstanding restricted stock, other stock awards and cash awards will lapse; and (iii) each outstanding performance award will be deemed to have achieved a level of performance that would cause all of the performance shares to become payable. A fundamental transaction is defined as the merger of the Company with another entity in which the Company is not the surviving entity or other business combination or transaction resulting in other securities being substituted for the common stock or the common stock no longer being issued.

Section 4999 of the Code imposes an excise tax on executives who receive compensation in connection with a change of control that exceeds certain specified limits. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide in any award agreement for an additional gross-up payment by the Company in the event that acceleration of vesting of any award under the LTIP is subject to such a change of control excise tax. If an LTIP participant were entitled to receive a gross-up payment, we would pay the participant an additional amount such that the amount received under the award after payment of the excise tax will equal the total payments that the participant would have been entitled to receive absent the excise tax.

Termination and Amendment. The LTIP will terminate at midnight, September 30, 2014, but will continue in effect until all matters relating to the exercise or settlement of awards outstanding as of the time of termination of the LTIP have been completed. Prior to such time, the LTIP may be earlier terminated or amended by the Board of Directors. Shareholder approval is required for any amendment to the LTIP if (i) such approval is necessary or desirable to qualify or comply with any tax or regulatory requirement for which or with which the Board deems it necessary or desirable to qualify or comply, or (ii) in the opinion of counsel to the Company, shareholder approval is required by any federal or state laws or regulations or the rules of any stock exchange on which the common stock may be listed.

Acceleration of Awards. The Committee has the discretion to accelerate the vesting of unvested awards in the case of retirement from employment or service on the Board, death, disability, or in involuntary termination circumstances.

Transferability. Awards are not transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution; however, options held by non-employee directors may be transferable under certain circumstances, as determined by the Committee.

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Federal Income Tax Consequences. Under current federal tax law, the following are the United States federal income tax consequences generally arising with respect to restricted stock, performance shares, other stock awards and options granted under the LTIP. The discussion is not a complete analysis of all federal income tax consequences and does not cover all specific transactions which may occur.

Absent the filing of a Section 83(b) election with the Internal Revenue Service, no income will be recognized by a participant for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the grant of restricted stock, performance shares or other stock awards. Upon the vesting of an award for which no payment was made by the participant, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the vesting date. Income recognized upon vesting by a participant who is an employee will be considered compensation subject to withholding at the time the income is recognized and, therefore, the Company must make the necessary arrangements with the participant to ensure that the amount of tax required to be withheld is available for payment. Stock awards provide the Company with a deduction equal to the amount of income recognized by the participant, subject to certain deduction limitations. A participant's adjusted basis in the common stock received through stock awards is equal to any ordinary income related to the award recognized by the participant. If a participant thereafter sells the common stock, any amount realized over (under) the adjusted basis of the common stock will constitute capital gain (loss) to the participant for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If a participant forfeits an award prior to its vesting, the participant will not recognize gain or loss as a result of such forfeiture.

Upon the grant of restricted stock, performance shares or other stock awards, the participant may file an election under Section 83(b) of the Code to accelerate the recognition of ordinary income to the grant date of the award. Such ordinary income is equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the grant date (assuming no payment by the participant for the stock) and is considered compensation subject to withholding for employees. If a participant subsequently forfeits the stock or the stock depreciates in value after a Section 83(b) election is filed, the participant will not be eligible for capital loss treatment with respect to the stock.

There are no tax consequences associated with the grant or timely exercise of an incentive stock option. If a participant holds the common stock acquired upon the exercise of an incentive stock option for at least one year after exercise and two years after the grant of the option, the participant will recognize capital gain or loss upon sale of the common stock equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale and the exercise price. If the common stock is not held for the required period, the participant will recognize ordinary income upon disposition in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of exercise over the exercise price, up to the amount of the gain on disposition. Any additional gain realized by the participant upon disposition will be capital gain. The excess of the fair market value of common stock received upon the exercise of an incentive stock option over the option price for the common stock is a preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax. An expense deduction by the Company in connection with the exercise of an incentive stock option is not allowed unless the participant recognizes ordinary income.

Generally, no income will be recognized by a participant for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the grant of a nonqualified stock option. Upon exercise of a nonqualified stock option, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of exercise over the amount of the exercise price. Income recognized by a participant who is an employee, upon the exercise of a nonqualified stock option, will be considered compensation subject to withholding at the time the income is recognized and, therefore, the Company must make the necessary arrangements with the participant to ensure that the amount of tax required to be withheld is available for payment. Nonqualified stock options provide the Company with a deduction equal to the amount of income recognized by the participant, subject to certain deduction limitations. The adjusted basis of common stock transferred to a participant pursuant to the exercise of a nonqualified stock option is the price paid for the common stock plus an amount equal to any income recognized by the participant as a result of the exercise of the option. If a participant thereafter sells common stock acquired upon exercise of a nonqualified stock option, any amount realized over (under) the

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adjusted basis of the common stock will constitute capital gain (loss) to the participant for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a participant surrenders common stock which the participant already owns as payment for the exercise price of a stock option, the participant will not recognize gain or loss as a result of such surrender. The number of shares received upon exercise of the option equal to the number of shares surrendered will have a tax basis equal to the tax basis of the surrendered shares. The holding period for such shares will include the holding period for the shares surrendered. The remaining shares received will have a basis equal to the amount of income the participant recognizes upon receipt of such shares. The participant's holding period for such shares will commence on the day after such exercise.

Generally, no income will be recognized by a participant for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the grant of a stand-alone or tandem SAR. Upon exercise of a SAR, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of exercise over the amount of the exercise price. Income recognized by a participant who is an employee, upon the exercise of a SAR, will be considered compensation subject to withholding at the time the income is recognized and, therefore, the Company must make the necessary arrangements with the participant to ensure that the amount of tax required to be withheld is available for payment. SARs provide the Company with a deduction equal to the amount of income recognized by the participant, subject to certain deduction limitations. The adjusted basis of common stock transferred to a participant pursuant to the exercise of a SAR is the price paid for the common stock plus an amount equal to any income recognized by the participant as a result of the exercise of the SAR. If a participant thereafter sells common stock acquired upon exercise of a SAR, any amount realized over (under) the adjusted basis of the common stock will constitute capital gain (loss) to the participant for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Upon the vesting of a cash award, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the cash received. Income recognized upon the vesting of a cash award by a participant who is an employee will be considered compensation subject to withholding at the time the cash is received and, therefore, the Company must properly withhold the required tax.

Burn Rate and Plan Benefits

For 2004 through 2006, the Company's three-year average annual stock usage rate or burn rate was 2.45%. Burn rate is defined by Institutional Shareholder Services as the total number of equity awards granted in a given year divided by the number of common shares outstanding. Our burn rate in 2006 was 2.18%, reflecting the change we made to awarding officers and employees restricted stock rather than stock options. As of the record date, the weighted average exercise price of all outstanding stock options is \$7.52 per share and the weighted average remaining contractual life is five years.

There are currently 2,737,500 shares authorized for future issuance pursuant to new awards under the LTIP and 125,000 shares are subject to outstanding stock options granted to our non-employee directors. As of the record date, we intend to issue shares of restricted stock from the LTIP pursuant to our 2006 Program to the following persons and groups:

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Name and Position	Dollar Value\$(a)	Number of Shares
Aubrey K. McClendon(b) Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer		
Marcus C. Rowland(b) Executive Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer		
Steven C. Dixon Executive Vice President Operations and Chief Operating Officer	\$ 3,586,640	106,650
J. Mark Lester Executive Vice President Exploration	\$ 3,069,746	91,280
Douglas J. Jacobson Executive Vice President Acquisitions and Divestitures	\$ 3,069,746	91,280
Executive Officers Group	\$ 17,003,328	505,600
Non-Executive Director Group		
Non-Executive Officer Employee Group	\$ 314,879,970	9,363,068

(a) The cash value listed is based on the closing price of our common stock on April 16, 2007 of \$33.63. The cash awards payable under the 2006 Program were not awarded under the LTIP.

(b) Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer chose not to participate in the 2006 Long Term Incentive Program to make more shares available for other employees.

In addition to the shares for the 2006 Program, the annual award of 12,500 shares of restricted common stock to non-employee directors, as described below on page 20 under 2006 Directors Compensation, will be made from the LTIP. Other than such director equity compensation and our commitments to employees under the 2006 Program, it is not possible to predict the benefits or amounts that will be received by, or allocated to, particular individuals or groups eligible to receive future awards. The selection of officers, employees, consultants and non-employee directors who will receive future awards under the LTIP and the size and types of awards will be determined by the Committee and the Board of Directors.

The Company intends to provide five-year incentive compensation to its employees under the 2006 Program even if the amendment is not approved by the shareholders. If the amendment is not approved, the Committee will consider other compensation alternatives, including the payment of cash to employees.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2006 about shares of the Company's common stock issuable under the equity compensation plans we maintain for our employees, consultants and/or directors:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options,	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation
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		warrants and rights (b)	plans (excluding securities reflected in column(a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	3,410,223	\$ 7.62	6,719,642(1)
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders	3,195,187	\$ 7.23	20,000(2)
Total(3)	6,605,410	\$ 7.43	6,739,642

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- (1) Consists of 6,660,759 shares available under the LTIP pursuant to the types of awards described on pages 10 and 11 and 58,883 shares available for issuances of restricted stock and shares underlying stock options granted under our 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Represents common stock issuable under our 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors which was adopted without shareholder approval. Does not include common stock issuable under our 401(k) Make-Up Plan.
- (3) Does not include 293 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options assumed by the Company in connection with its acquisition of Hugoton Energy Corporation in 1998. The options expire in October 2008, and their weighted average exercise price is \$1.13.

The material features of all our plans are described in notes 7 and 9 of the notes to our financial statements included in our 2006 Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2007.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present at the meeting, in person or by proxy, will be required for approval of the amendment to the LTIP.

VOTING ITEM 3 PROPOSAL TO AMEND 2003 STOCK AWARD PLAN FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS

We are asking shareholders to vote to approve an amendment to our 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the Director Plan) to increase the aggregate number of shares of common stock which are available for awards under the Director Plan from 50,000 shares to 100,000 shares. The additional 50,000 shares requested will allow the Company to continue to provide one-time awards of 10,000 shares to new non-employee directors upon their appointment to our Board of Directors. Our Board approved the amendment, subject to shareholder approval, on March 2, 2007. The full text of the Director Plan, as amended, is included as Exhibit B to this proxy statement.

The purpose of the Director Plan is to attract and retain persons of outstanding competence, who are not employed by the Company, to serve on our Board and to enable such persons to acquire or increase their ownership interests in the Company. Under the terms of the plan, each newly appointed non-employee director is awarded 10,000 shares of our common stock on his or her first day of service as a director.

Our non-employee directors are each required to hold, at all times during their service on the Board, at least 15,000 shares of our common stock and new directors are given one year from their date of appointment to attain the required ownership level. Awards from the Director Plan provide our new non-employee directors with immediate ownership in the Company and reduce the out-of-pocket investment required by the director to meet the ownership requirement.

Since its inception in January 2003, we have issued 40,000 shares to new non-employee directors under the Director Plan, leaving only 10,000 shares, or one award, available for newly appointed directors in the future. The additional 50,000 shares of common stock the Board has reserved for issuance under the Director Plan pursuant to the amendment represents approximately 0.01% of our outstanding common shares and five 10,000-share awards for new directors. If the amendment is not approved by our shareholders, we will not be able to continue to award 10,000 shares of common stock to new directors in the future and we will reconsider the stock ownership requirements of our directors, including the initial period of time given to each director to meet our ownership requirements.

Plan Features

Administration. The Board of Directors is responsible for administration of the Director Plan and has complete discretion to formulate policies and establish rules and regulations for its administration.

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Eligible Participants. Only individuals who are not officers or otherwise employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries and who become directors of the Company after the effective date of the Director Plan are eligible for awards under the Director Plan.

Shares Available for Award. The maximum number of shares of common stock which are available for award under the Director Plan will be 100,000 shares, an increase of 50,000 shares. Each individual who becomes a non-employee director will be awarded 10,000 shares of common stock on his or her first day of service as a non-employee director. If the amendment is approved, awards to six new non-employee directors may be made under the Director Plan.

The Director Plan provides for appropriate adjustments in the event of a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of shares.

Termination and Amendment. The Board may suspend or terminate the Director Plan at any time. In addition, the Board may, from time to time, amend the Director Plan in any manner, but may not adopt any amendment without shareholder approval if in the opinion of counsel to the Company, shareholder approval is required by any federal or state laws or regulations or the rules of any stock exchange on which the common stock may be listed.

Federal Income Tax Consequences. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, on the date of a stock award for which no payment was made by the participant, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the award date. Stock awards provide the Company with a deduction equal to the amount of income recognized by the participant, subject to certain deduction limitations. A participant's adjusted basis in the common stock received through stock awards is equal to any ordinary income related to the award recognized by the participant. If a participant thereafter sells the common stock, any amount realized over (under) the adjusted basis of the common stock will constitute capital gain (loss) to the participant for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2003 STOCK AWARD PLAN FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present at the meeting, in person or by proxy, will be required for approval of the amendment to the Director Plan.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors is responsible to the Company's shareholders for the oversight of the Company and recognizes the importance and necessity that an effective corporate governance environment plays in the Board's ability to adequately oversee, advise and monitor the Company. The Board has adopted a set of Corporate Governance Principles that address the role, composition and functioning of the Board which is posted on the Company's website at www.chkenegy.com and is available in print to any shareholder who requests it.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

The Board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all directors, officers and employees of the Company, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is posted on the Company's website at www.chkenegy.com under the Corporate Governance caption and is available in print to any shareholder who requests it. Waivers of provisions of the Code as to any director or executive officer and amendments to the Code must be approved by the Audit Committee of the Board. We will post on our website required disclosure about any such waiver or amendment.

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Communications to the Board

The Company has established a Director Access Line whereby shareholders and other interested parties wishing to communicate directly with our non-employee directors may leave telephone messages for the directors. The Director Access Line number is 1-866-291-3401. Alternatively, shareholders and other interested parties can send written communications to non-employee directors as follows:

Chesapeake Energy Corporation Board of Directors

c/o Jennifer M. Grigsby, Secretary

P.O. Box 18496

Oklahoma City, OK 73154

All calls received by the Director Access Line will be reported promptly to the Company's Secretary. Depending upon the subject matter of the communication, the Secretary will:

Handle the inquiry where director input is not deemed necessary, such as a request for information about the Company;

Forward the communication to the non-employee directors; or

Not forward the communication if it clearly relates to an inappropriate or irrelevant topic.

A report of all communications and their disposition will be provided to the directors at the next regular quarterly meeting of the Board.

Board Independence

In 2007, the Board, through its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee evaluated the independence of each director in accordance with the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards which are posted on the Company's website at www.chkenergy.com. During this review, the Committee considered transactions and relationships between the Company (and/or any of its executive officers) and each director or any member of his immediate family, including those transactions disclosed on page 48 under Transactions with Related Persons. As a result of this review, the Committee affirmatively determined that all directors other than Mr. McClendon, due to his employment with the Company, are independent under the NYSE's director independence standards.

In assessing director independence, the Committee considered any business conducted with or payments made/received by the Company with an organization in which a director served as an executive officer in 2006. All such business and payments considered, with respect to each independent director, represented less than 1% of the organization's gross revenues during each of the last three years, well below the NYSE's 2% of gross revenues threshold. The Committee also considered the employment by the Company of members of the directors' immediate family. The Committee determined that all such transactions and relationships it considered during its review were not material transactions or relationships with the Company and did not impair the independence of the directors.

Executive Sessions

Non-employee directors meet in executive session after each scheduled quarterly Board meeting. The non-employee directors rotate (alphabetically by last name) their service as presiding director over the executive sessions.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES

During 2006, the Board of Directors held four meetings in person and nine meetings by telephone conference. Additionally, management frequently discusses matters with the directors on an informal basis. The

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Board of Directors has a standing Compensation Committee, an Audit Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each director attended, either in person or by telephone conference, at least 90% of the Board and committee meetings held while serving as a director or committee member in 2006. It is the Company's policy that a majority of the directors be in attendance at all annual meetings of shareholders. All of the Company's directors attended the 2006 annual meeting of shareholders.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing the Company's compensation policies and monitoring the implementation of the Company's compensation system for its executives. The Committee's objective is to develop an executive compensation system that encourages both short-term and long-term performance aligned with shareholders' interests and is competitive with the Company's peers.

Messrs. Whittemore and Maxwell and Governor Keating serve on the Compensation Committee. Mr. Maxwell joined the Committee in March 2007 and Mr. Whittemore and Governor Keating constituted the Compensation Committee in 2006. The Compensation Committee held three meetings during 2006. Messrs. Whittemore and Maxwell and Governor Keating are independent, as determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with the NYSE corporate governance listing standards. A copy of the Compensation Committee Charter, as approved by the Committee and the Board of Directors, is posted on the Company's website at www.chkenergy.com and is available in print to any shareholder who requests it.

The Compensation Committee has delegated its authority for the administration of the Company's compensation program with respect to all employees who are not executive officers to the Employee Compensation and Benefits Committee (ECBC). The ECBC is chaired by Mr. McClendon, our chairman and chief executive officer, and further consists of our chief financial officer, chief operating officer, senior vice president human resources, general counsel, vice president compensation and benefits, vice president human resources and corporate secretary. For purposes of granting equity compensation to employees who are not executive officers, the ECBC consists of Mr. McClendon and all other members of the ECBC act in an advisory capacity only. The ECBC held four meetings during 2006.

Director Compensation. The full Board, rather than the Compensation Committee, is responsible for establishing and approving director compensation. The Company analyzes its director compensation package on an annual basis and provides the Board with its analysis and recommendations for adjustments, if any, at the Board's meeting in March of each year. Adjustments to director compensation are subsequently considered and approved by the Board at its meeting in June. Cash compensation adjustments approved by the Board in June are effective July 1 and annual restricted stock awards to directors are issued on the first trading day in July.

Employee Compensation. We review the cash and equity compensation for substantially all of the Company's employees, including executive officers, on a semi-annual basis, in June and December. With respect to the June compensation review, salary adjustments are effective on July 1, cash bonuses are paid prior to the last business day in July and restricted stock is awarded effective the first trading day of July. With respect to the December compensation review, salary adjustments are effective on January 1 of the following year, cash bonuses are paid prior to the last business day in January and restricted stock is awarded effective the first trading day of January. Employees of certain of our drilling and service operations subsidiaries do not receive equity compensation. Our employees who are subject to collective bargaining agreements receive cash compensation in accordance with the agreement and do not receive equity compensation.

Executive Officer Compensation. Mr. McClendon together with Mr. Rowland are responsible for analyzing, developing and recommending base salary adjustments, cash bonuses and restricted stock awards with respect to the Executive Officers, including themselves, for review, discussion and approval by the Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings in June and December of each year.

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Senior Management Compensation. Messrs. McClendon, Rowland and Dixon, collectively representing the ECBC, are responsible for developing and approving base salary adjustments, cash bonuses and restricted stock awards for employees representing the Company's senior management team. These employees include senior vice presidents, vice presidents and our senior-most managers and directors.

All Other Employee Compensation. The Company's human resources department coordinates the semi-annual compensation review process for all other employees through an automated program that allows supervisors to provide performance assessments and to propose compensation adjustments for his/her subordinates. Each supervisor's performance assessments and compensation proposals are sequentially reviewed, adjusted, approved and forwarded upward through the supervisor's chain-of-command and are aggregated by department. Each department head then meets with Messrs. McClendon, Rowland and Dixon, representing the ECBC, for final discussion, adjustment and approval of base salary, cash bonuses and restricted stock awards with respect to all employees under the department head. Additionally, compensation adjustments for employees who are members of a director's immediate family are submitted by the ECBC to the Compensation Committee for review and approval along with executive officer compensation.

Internal Pay Equity and Tally Sheets. In performing our semi-annual reviews of executive compensation, the Compensation Committee reviews a spreadsheet showing internal pay equity within the senior management group. This spreadsheet shows the base salary, cash bonus and equity compensation of our senior management levels (including the CEO, executive officers, senior vice presidents, vice presidents and our senior-most managers and directors) for the prior three years. Additionally, the Committee reviews tally sheets prepared by management which aggregate all components of cash and equity compensation, calculates estimates of compensation payments due under various termination scenarios and estimates wealth accumulation over time from equity compensation at various stock prices.

Compensation Consultants. Neither the Compensation Committee nor the ECBC employs the services of compensation consultants in determining or recommending executive officer and director compensation.

Audit Committee

The duties and the objectives of the Audit Committee are described under *Audit Committee Report* below. Messrs. Kerr, Davidson and Maxwell and Senator Nickles served on the Audit Committee in 2006 and in March 2007, Mr. Miller replaced Mr. Maxwell on the Audit Committee. The Committee held eight meetings during 2006. Messrs. Kerr, Davidson, Maxwell and Miller and Senator Nickles are all independent, as determined by the Board in accordance with Section 10A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the NYSE corporate governance listing standards. Messrs. Kerr and Miller, and Mr. Maxwell for 2006, were designated by the Board as *audit committee financial experts* as defined in Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K. For the relevant experience of Messrs. Kerr, Miller and Maxwell, please refer to their respective biographies set forth herein. The full text of the Committee's charter is available on the Company's website at www.chkenergy.com under Corporate Governance and is available in print to any shareholder who requests it.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The duties and objectives of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are described under *Report of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee* below. In 2006, Messrs. Whittemore and Davidson and Governor Keating served on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met twice in 2006. Each of the Committee members is independent, as determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards. A copy of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter, as approved by the Committee and the Board of Directors, is posted on the Company's website at www.chkenergy.com and is available in print to any shareholder who requests it.

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The following table sets forth the compensation earned by our non-employee directors in 2006:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards \$(a)	Option Awards \$(b)	All Other Compensation \$(c)	Total (\$)
Richard K. Davidson	\$ 94,833	\$ 360,357	\$	\$ 64,035	\$ 519,225
Frank Keating	\$ 104,000	\$ 164,157	\$	\$ 68,422	\$ 336,579
Breene M. Kerr	\$ 104,500	\$ 164,157	\$	\$ 37,901	\$ 306,558
Charles T. Maxwell	\$ 107,000	\$ 164,157	\$	\$ 648	\$ 271,805
Don Nickles(d)	\$ 104,000	\$ 164,157	\$	\$ 39,971	\$ 308,128
Frederick B. Whittemore	\$ 107,000	\$ 164,157	\$	\$ 49,976	\$ 321,133

(a) The amounts shown in this column represent the expense recognized in our financial statements in 2006 for the fair value of restricted stock granted in 2006 and prior fiscal years in accordance with SFAS 123(R). As of December 31, 2006, the aggregate number of shares of unvested restricted stock held by each of the directors, excluding Mr. Davidson, was 15,625 shares. As of December 31, 2006, Mr. Davidson held 9,375 shares of unvested restricted stock.

On March 1, 2006, Mr. Davidson received an award of 10,000 shares of common stock with a value, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the award, of \$304,300, pursuant to our 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

On July 3, 2006, each of the directors received an award of 12,500 shares of restricted stock with a value, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the award, of \$384,250.

(b) We granted no stock options in 2006. As of December 31, 2006, the aggregate numbers of shares of common stock subject to stock options held by each of the directors were as follows: Mr. Maxwell, 120,000 shares; Senator Nickles, 25,000 shares; and Mr. Whittemore, 72,500 shares. As of December 31, 2006, Messrs. Davidson and Kerr and Governor Keating held no stock options.

(c) Includes (i) gross-up payments for taxes incurred when family members accompany non-employee directors on fractionally-owned company aircraft when travel is related to their service to the Company; and (ii) personal use of fractionally-owned company aircraft (Mr. Davidson, \$62,480; Governor Keating, \$67,163; Mr. Kerr, \$37,901; Senator Nickles, \$39,723; and Mr. Whittemore, \$49,976).

Mr. Maxwell did not use fractionally-owned company aircraft for personal travel in 2006. The value of the personal use of fractionally-owned company aircraft is based on the incremental cost to the Company determined by the number of flight hours multiplied by the hourly variable operating costs. The variable operating costs include the cost of fuel, trip-related maintenance, crew travel expenses, on-board catering, landing fees and trip-related parking/hangar costs. Since the fractionally-owned company aircraft are used primarily for business travel, we do not include the fixed costs that do not change based on the usage, such as purchase costs and maintenance costs not related to trips.

(d) Senator Nickles deferred \$101,500 of his 2006 cash retainer and meeting fees into the Deferred Compensation Plan. Please refer to the narrative to the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table on page 44 for more information about the Deferred Compensation Plan. Non-employee director compensation currently consists of (i) an annual retainer of \$50,000, payable in quarterly installments of \$12,500; (ii) \$10,000 and \$2,500 payable for each board meeting attended in person and telephonically, respectively, not to exceed \$75,000 per year for board meetings attended; and (iii) an annual grant of 12,500 shares of restricted stock, 25% of which vests immediately upon award and the remaining 75% of which vests ratably over the three years following the date of award. The annual grant of restricted stock is made from our Long Term Incentive Plan (see page 6, Voting Item 2 Proposal to Amend Long Term Incentive Plan) on the first business day in July of each year. No additional compensation is paid to directors for participating on or chairing a Board committee. Directors are also reimbursed for travel and other expenses directly related to their service as directors.

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Directors are eligible to defer any or all of their annual retainers and/or meeting fees through the Chesapeake Energy Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan on a tax-favored basis. Deferrals into the Deferred Compensation Plan are not matched or subsidized by the Company nor are they eligible for above-market or preferential earnings. Please refer to the narrative to the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table on page 44 for more information about the Deferred Compensation Plan. In addition, non-employee directors are required to hold at least 15,000 shares of the Company's common stock at all times while serving as a director. Newly appointed directors are given one year from the date of appointment to comply with this stock ownership requirement.

Under the Company's 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors, 10,000 shares of our common stock are awarded to each newly appointed non-employee director on his or her first day of service. This plan is discussed in further detail on page 15, Voting Item 3 Proposal to Amend 2003 Stock Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

Under the Company's policy regarding the use of fractionally-owned company aircraft, our directors are provided access to fractionally-owned company aircraft for travel to and from Board meetings. For Board meetings and other Company activities at which the attendance of a director's spouse and immediate family members are also requested by the Company, we make tax gross-up payments to the director associated with the taxable compensation attributable to the spouse/family member travel. In addition, each non-employee director is entitled to personal use of fractionally-owned company aircraft seating eight passengers or fewer for up to 40 hours of flight time per calendar year in North America, the Caribbean and Mexico. We apply the Internal Revenue Service's Standard Industry Fare Level (SIFL) valuation methodology to determine the taxable compensation attributable to our directors' personal usage of fractionally-owned company aircraft.

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in overseeing (i) the integrity of the Company's financial statements; (ii) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (iii) the independent auditor's qualifications and independence; and (iv) the performance of the Company's internal auditors and independent auditor. In so doing, it is the responsibility of the Committee to maintain free and open communication between the directors, the independent auditor and the management of the Company.

The Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the independent auditor for the purpose of preparing or issuing audit reports or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company. The independent auditor reports directly to the Committee.

The Committee has discussed and reviewed with management the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2006. The Committee has also discussed with our independent auditing firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the matters required by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, *Communication with Audit Committees*, as amended by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 90. The Committee has received and reviewed the written disclosures from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, *Independence Discussions with Audit Committees*, regarding the firm's independence. We have discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP its independence and considered the compatibility of non-audit services rendered by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP with its independence. Based on these reviews and discussions, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Company's audited financial statements be included in its 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Members of the Audit Committee:

Breene M. Kerr, Chairman

Richard K. Davidson

Pete Miller

Don Nickles

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Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Report

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending qualified candidates to the Board for nomination as members of the Board and for recommending to the Board the corporate governance principles applicable to the Company.

The Committee periodically assesses, and advises the Board, whether the current size of the Board is sufficient to function effectively as a body, assesses the current Board mix and considers skill sets that would complement those of the current Board and provide value-added perspective.

It is an increasing challenge to identify highly qualified candidates who are willing to serve on public company boards. Therefore, we believe it is essential to continuously and actively identify and evaluate candidates, on an informal basis, who would potentially be willing to serve as a director on the Board at some future time. We may also use our network of contacts or may engage, as we deem appropriate, a professional search firm to identify potential candidates. In addition, we will consider director candidates recommended by shareholders.

The Committee has no minimum qualifications for candidates. In general, however, we review and evaluate both incumbent and potential new directors in light of the following criteria:

experience in business, government, education, technology or public interests;

high-level managerial experience in large organizations;

breadth of knowledge regarding the Company's business or industry;

specific skills, experience or expertise related to an area of importance to the Company such as energy production, consumption, distribution or transportation, government, policy, finance or law;

moral character and integrity;

commitment to shareholders' interests;

an understanding of a Board's fiduciary responsibilities to the shareholders and a director's duty to represent all shareholders as opposed to individual constituencies;

ability to apply sound and independent business judgment;

ability to provide insights and practical wisdom based on experience and expertise;

ability to read and understand financial statements; and

ability to devote the time necessary to carry out the duties of a director, including attendance at meetings and consultation on Company matters.

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Qualified candidates for nomination to the Board are considered without regard to race, color, religion, gender, ancestry or national origin.

On an annual basis, in advance of the annual meeting of shareholders, the Committee will recommend to the Board a slate of nominees to be submitted to the Company's shareholders at the next annual meeting. The Board has the authority to accept, modify or reject the slate of nominees recommended by the Committee.

The Committee, with the approval of the full Board, may determine from time to time that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to add a new director to the Board between annual meeting dates. If such determination is made, the Committee will evaluate potential candidates, as described above and may make a formal recommendation to the Board that a potential candidate be appointed to the Board to serve until the next annual meeting of the Company's shareholders.

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In accordance with the Company's bylaws, the Committee considers candidates recommended by a shareholder of record provided such shareholder follows the procedure set forth below. Recommendations complying with the following requirements will receive the same consideration that the Committee's candidates receive, in accordance with the procedures set forth above.

The shareholder must deliver a written notice to the Company's Secretary recommending a potential director nominee for the Committee's consideration. Such notice must be delivered to the Company not less than 120 days prior to the meeting of shareholders.

The shareholder's notice must set forth:

- a. All information relating to the proposed nominee that is required to be disclosed in a proxy statement soliciting proxies for the election of directors, pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;
 - b. The nominee's written consent to being named as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected and the shareholder's written consent to being identified as a shareholder recommending the nominee;
 - c. A statement in support of the nominee indicating why the person should be nominated for election to the Board; and
 - d. The name and address of, and number and class of shares of stock beneficially owned by, the shareholder giving the notice.
- Members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee:

Frank Keating, Chairman

Richard K. Davidson

Frederick B. Whittemore

INFORMATION REGARDING OFFICERS

Executive Officers

In addition to Mr. McClendon, the following are also executive officers of the Company as of the record date.

Marcus C. Rowland, 54, was appointed Executive Vice President in 1998 and has been the Company's Chief Financial Officer since 1993. He served as Senior Vice President from 1997 to 1998 and as Vice President - Finance from 1993 until 1997. From 1990 until he joined the Company, Mr. Rowland was Chief Operating Officer of Anglo-Suisse, L.P. assigned to the White Nights Russian Enterprise, a joint venture of Anglo-Suisse, L.P. and Phibro Energy Corporation, a major foreign operation which was granted the right to engage in oil and gas operations in Russia. Prior to his association with White Nights Russian Enterprise, Mr. Rowland owned and managed his own oil and gas company and prior to that was Chief Financial Officer of a private exploration company in Oklahoma City from 1981 to 1985. Mr. Rowland is a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Rowland graduated from Wichita State University in 1975.

Steven C. Dixon, 48, has been Executive Vice President - Operations and Chief Operating Officer since February 2006. Mr. Dixon was Senior Vice President - Production from 1995 to February 2006 and served as Vice President - Exploration from 1991 to 1995. Mr. Dixon was a self-employed geological consultant in Wichita, Kansas from 1983 through 1990. He was employed by Beren Corporation in Wichita, Kansas from 1980 to 1983 as a geologist. Mr. Dixon graduated from the University of Kansas in 1980.

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J. Mark Lester, 54, has been Executive Vice President Exploration since April 2006. He served as Senior Vice President Exploration from 1995 to March 2006 and served as Vice President Exploration from 1989 to 1995. From 1986 to 1989, Mr. Lester was self-employed and acted as a consultant to Messrs. McClendon and Tom L. Ward. He was employed by various independent oil companies in Oklahoma City from 1980 to 1986, and was employed by Union Oil Company of California from 1977 to 1980 as a geophysicist. Mr. Lester graduated from Purdue University in 1975 and 1977.

Douglas J. Jacobson, 53, has been Executive Vice President Acquisitions and Divestitures since April 2006. He served as Senior Vice President Acquisitions and Divestitures from 1999 to March 2006. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Jacobson was employed by Samson Investment Company from 1980 until August 1999, where he served as Senior Vice President Project Development and Marketing from 1996 to 1999. Prior to joining Samson, Mr. Jacobson was employed by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Mr. Jacobson has served on various Oklahoma legislative commissions which have addressed issues in the oil and gas industry, including the Commission of Oil and Gas Production Practices and the Natural Gas Policy Commission. Mr. Jacobson is a Certified Public Accountant and graduated from John Brown University in 1976 and from the University of Arkansas in 1977.

Martha A. Burger, 54, has served as Senior Vice President Human and Corporate Resources since March 2007. She served as Treasurer from 1995 to March 2007 and as Senior Vice President Human Resources since 2000. She was the Company's Vice President Human Resources from 1998 until March 2000, Human Resources Manager from 1996 to 1998 and Corporate Secretary from 1999 to 2000. From 1994 to 1995, she served in various accounting positions with the Company, including Assistant Controller Operations. From 1989 to 1993, Ms. Burger was employed by Hadson Corporation as Assistant Treasurer and from 1993 to 1994 served as Vice President and Controller of Hadson Corporation. Prior to joining Hadson Corporation, Ms. Burger was employed by The Phoenix Resource Companies, Inc. as Assistant Treasurer and by Arthur Andersen & Co. Ms. Burger is a Certified Public Accountant and graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1982 and from Oklahoma City University in 1992.

Henry J. Hood, 46, was appointed General Counsel in April 2006, and has served as Senior Vice President Land and Legal since 1997. He served as Vice President Land and Legal from 1995 to 1997. Mr. Hood was retained as a consultant to the Company during the two years prior to his joining the Company, and he was associated with the law firm of White, Coffey, Galt & Fite from 1992 to 1995. He was associated with or a partner of the law firm of Watson & McKenzie from 1987 to 1992. Mr. Hood is a member of the Oklahoma and Texas Bar Associations. Mr. Hood graduated from Duke University in 1982 and from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1985.

Michael A. Johnson, 41, has served as Senior Vice President Accounting, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer since 2000. He served as Vice President of Accounting and Financial Reporting from 1998 to 2000 and as Assistant Controller from 1993 to 1998. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Johnson served as Project Manager for Phibro Energy Production, Inc., a Russian joint venture. From 1987 to 1991, he was employed by Arthur Andersen & Co. Mr. Johnson is a Certified Public Accountant and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1987.

Jennifer M. Grigsby, 38, has served as Senior Vice President and Treasurer since March 2007 and as Corporate Secretary since 2000. She served as Vice President from April 2006 to March 2007 and as Assistant Treasurer from 1998 to March 2007. From 1995 to 1998, she served in various accounting positions with the Company. Ms. Grigsby was employed by Commander Aircraft Company as Supervisor of Finance and Human Resources from 1994 to 1995 and by Deloitte & Touche LLC from 1991 to 1994. Ms. Grigsby is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Equity Professional. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1991 and from Oklahoma City University in 1999.

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Other Officers

Jeffrey A. Fisher, 47, has been Senior Vice President Production since February 2006. He was Vice President Operations for Chesapeake's Southern Division from July 2005 to February 2006 and served as Operations Manager from May 2003 to July 2005. Prior to joining Chesapeake, Mr. Fisher held the position of Asset Manager for BP in the Mid-Continent Business Unit from 2000 to May 2003. From 1993 to 2000, Mr. Fisher worked for Vastar Resources as an Engineering Manager. Mr. Fisher began his professional career with ARCO in 1983 as an engineer and served in various technical and management positions of increasing responsibility with ARCO until 1993. Mr. Fisher graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1983 and is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

James C. Johnson, 49, has served as President of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Energy Corporation, since 2000. He served as Vice President Contract Administration for the Company from 1997 to 2000 and as Manager Contract Administration from 1996 to 1997. From 1980 to 1996, Mr. Johnson held various gas marketing and land positions with Enogex, Inc., Delhi Gas Pipeline Corporation, TXO Production Corp. and Gulf Oil Corporation. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Natural Gas & Energy Association of Oklahoma and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1980.

Stephen W. Miller, 50, has served as Senior Vice President Drilling since September 2001. He served as Vice President Drilling from 1996 to September 2001 and as District Manager College Station District from 1994 to 1996. Mr. Miller held various engineering positions in the oil and gas industry from 1980 to 1993. Mr. Miller is a registered Professional Engineer and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Mr. Miller graduated from Texas A & M University in 1980.

Jeffrey L. Mobley, 38, has been Senior Vice President Investor Relations and Research since February 2006 and was Vice President Investor Relations and Research from May 2005 to February 2006. From 2002 to May 2005, Mr. Mobley was Vice President of Equity Research at Raymond James & Associates focusing on the exploration and production sector. From 1998 to 2002, Mr. Mobley worked in energy investment banking for Prudential Securities and ABN Amro Securities. Mr. Mobley also worked in the Principal Investments Group and Energy Finance Group at Enron Capital & Trade Resources from 1995 to 1998. Mr. Mobley is a CFA Charterholder and graduated from New Mexico State University in 1991 and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1995.

Thomas S. Price, Jr., 55, has served as Senior Vice President Corporate Development since April 2005. He was Senior Vice President Investor and Government Relations from April 2003 to April 2005, Senior Vice President Corporate Development from 2000 to 2003, Vice President Corporate Development from 1992 to 2000 and a consultant to the Company during the prior three years. He was employed by Kerr-McGee Corporation, Oklahoma City, from 1988 to 1989 and by Flag-Redfern Oil Company from 1984 to 1988. Mr. Price is a member of the board of directors of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association, and the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. Mr. Price graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1983, from the University of Oklahoma in 1989 and from the American Graduate School of International Management in 1992.

Cathlyn L. Tompkins, 45, was appointed Senior Vice President Information Technology and Chief Information Officer in January 2006. Ms. Tompkins served as Vice President Information Technology from July 2005 to January 2006. Prior to joining Chesapeake in November 2004 as Director Applications and Programming, Ms. Tompkins spent 20 years in IT management and technical positions at various companies including Devon Energy Corporation, Ocean Energy, Inc., Cabot Oil and Gas Corporation, Price Waterhouse LLP and Shell Oil Company. Ms. Tompkins graduated from the University of Alabama in 1983.

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The table below sets forth (i) the name and address and beneficial ownership of each person known by management to own beneficially more than 5% of our outstanding common stock, and (ii) the beneficial ownership of common stock of our nominees, directors and executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table below and by all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. Unless otherwise noted, information is given as of the record date and the persons named below have sole voting and/or investment power with respect to such shares.

Beneficial Owner	Outstanding	Common Stock		Percent of
	Shares	Share	Total	
Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. 6410 Poplar Ave., Suite 900 Memphis, TN 38119	46,449,647		46,449,647(a)	10.1%
FMR Corp. 82 Devonshire Street Boston, MA 02109	41,646,899	2,654,501	44,301,400(b)	9.62%
Aubrey K. McClendon 6100 North Western Avenue Oklahoma City, OK 73118	25,740,747(c)(d)	473,195(e)	26,213,942	5.69%
Tom L. Ward P.O. Box 54525 Oklahoma City, OK 73154	23,816,390		23,816,390(f)	5.17%
Frederick B. Whittemore	937,915(h)	72,500(g)	1,010,415	(1)
Steven C. Dixon	156,933(l)	383,750(g)	540,683	(1)
Breene M. Kerr	225,625(i)		225,625	(1)
Douglas J. Jacobson	70,795(l)	91,800(g)	162,595	(1)
Charles T. Maxwell	24,375(d)(j)	120,000(g)	144,375	(1)
J. Mark Lester	73,329(k)(l)	11,875(g)	85,204	(1)
Marcus C. Rowland	65,423(d)(l)		65,423	(1)
Don Nickles	21,275	25,000(g)	46,275	(1)
Frank Keating	36,783		36,783	(1)
Pete Miller	25,000		25,000	(1)
Richard K. Davidson	23,125		23,125	(1)
All directors and executive officers as a group	27,624,581	1,972,121	29,596,702	6.40%

(1) Less than 1%

(a)

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This information is as of February 28, 2007, as reported in a Schedule 13G/A filed jointly by Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. and O. Mason Hawkins on March 7, 2007. The Schedule 13G/A reports (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote of 24,856,447 shares; (ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote of 17,856,200 shares with Longleaf Partners Funds Trust; (iii) no power to vote 3,737,000 shares; (iv) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 28,567,447 shares; (v) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 17,856,200 shares with Longleaf Partners Funds Trust; and (vi) no power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 26,000 shares by Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.

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- (b) This information is as of December 31, 2006, as reported in a Schedule 13G/A filed jointly by FMR Corp., Edward C. Johnson 3d and Fidelity Management & Research Company on February 14, 2007. The Schedule 13G/A reports (i) sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of 42,805,564 shares by FMR Corp., Edward C. Johnson 3d and Fidelity Management & Research Company; (ii) sole power to vote or to direct the vote of and to dispose of or to direct the disposition of 1,500 shares by FMR Corp., Edward C. Johnson 3d and Pyramis Global Advisors, LLC; (iii) sole power to vote or to direct the vote of 441,714 shares and sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of 471,114 shares by FMR Corp., Edward C. Johnson 3d and Pyramis Global Advisors Trust Company; (iv) sole power to vote or to direct the vote of 953,280 shares, sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of 1,019,480 shares and no power to vote or direct the voting of 66,200 shares by Fidelity International Limited; and (v) no shared voting or disposition power. Shares reported include beneficial ownership by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of FMR Corp.: Fidelity Management & Research Company (42,805,564 shares, including share equivalents of 1,047,898 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 270,000 shares of 5% (2005A) convertible preferred stock; 558,731 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 246,800 shares of 4.5% convertible preferred stock; 382,901 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 149,600 shares of 5.0% (2005B) convertible preferred stock; 229,488 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 32,000 shares of 6.25% convertible preferred stock; and 296,903 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of \$11.6 million principal amount of 2.75% convertible senior notes due 2035), Strategic Advisers, Inc. (3,742 shares), Pyramis Global Advisors, LLC (1,500 shares), Pyramis Global Advisors Trust Company (471,114 shares), and Fidelity International Limited (1,019,480 shares, including share equivalents of 52,522 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 23,200 shares of 4.5% convertible preferred stock and 86,058 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 12,000 shares of 6.25% convertible preferred stock).
- (c) Includes (i) 13,671 shares held by Chesapeake Investments, an Oklahoma limited partnership of which Mr. McClendon is sole general partner; (ii) 100,079 shares purchased on behalf of Mr. McClendon in the Chesapeake Energy Corporation Savings and Incentive Stock Bonus Plan; (iii) 33,844 shares of vested Common Stock purchased on behalf of Mr. McClendon in the Chesapeake Energy Corporation 401(k) Make-Up Plan; and (iv) 228 shares held by Mr. McClendon's immediate family members sharing the same household.
- (d) Includes shares held in bank or brokerage margin accounts or escrow accounts securing brokerage accounts (Aubrey K. McClendon, 25,560,388 shares; Charles T. Maxwell, 9,375 shares; and Marcus C. Rowland, 25,131).
- (e) Includes 387,595 shares which can be acquired on the record date or within 60 days thereafter through the exercise of stock options and 85,600 shares which can be acquired upon exercise by the holder of written put options.
- (f) This information is as of February 26, 2007, as reported in a Schedule 13D/A filed by Tom L. Ward on March 16, 2007. The Schedule 13D/A reports sole voting and dispositive power of 23,816,390 shares, including 16,747,192 shares which are subject to forward sale agreements and 3,000,000 shares which are subject to collar transactions.
- (g) Represents shares of common stock which can be acquired through the exercise of stock options on the record date or within 60 days thereafter.
- (h) Includes 41,750 shares held by Mr. Whittemore as trustee of the Whittemore Foundation.
- (i) Includes 51,000 shares held by Talbot Fairfield II Limited Partnership, of which Mr. Kerr is a general partner.
- (j) Includes 15,000 shares held by the Maxwell Family Living Trust.
- (k) Includes 1,000 shares held by the Lester Family Foundation.
- (l) Includes shares purchased on behalf of the executive officer in the Chesapeake Energy Corporation Savings and Incentive Stock Bonus Plan (Steven C. Dixon, 21,867 shares; J. Mark Lester, 22,526 shares; Douglas J. Jacobson, 11,693 shares; and Marcus C. Rowland, 25,940 shares) and shares of vested common stock purchased on behalf of the executive officer pursuant to the Chesapeake Energy Corporation 401(k) Make-Up Plan (Steven C. Dixon, 11,613 shares; J. Mark Lester, 11,053 shares; Douglas J. Jacobson, 1,228 shares; and Marcus C. Rowland, 14,352 shares).

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Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our directors and executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's common stock to file reports of ownership and subsequent changes with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Based only on a review of copies of such reports and written representations delivered to the Company by such persons, the Company believes that there were no violations of Section 16(a) by such persons during 2006 except that Mr. McClendon filed one late Form 4 to report purchases of 228 shares of common stock by his children.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The goal for our executive compensation system is to encourage both short-term and long-term performance aligned with shareholders' interests. In establishing executive compensation, our objective is to attract, retain and motivate executive officers and key employees with the competence, knowledge and experience to promote the growth and profitability of the Company.

Our executive compensation system is designed to take into consideration and reward the following:

Individual performance;

Performance of the executive's department or functional unit;

Operational performance of the Company, with respect to our production, reserves, finding and operating costs, drilling results, risk management activities and asset acquisitions;

Financial performance of the Company, with respect to our cash flow, net income, cost of capital, general and administrative costs and common stock price performance;

Level of responsibility; and

Soft skills leadership ability, demonstrated commitment to the organization, motivational skills, attitude and work ethic.

As the chief executive officer and a founder of the Company, Mr. McClendon has been instrumental in shaping the vision for the Company and transforming it into a leader in U.S. natural gas production. Accordingly, his compensation is predominantly awarded in the form of long-term equity incentives. As a significant shareholder, Mr. McClendon has a major portion of his personal wealth tied directly to sustained stock price appreciation and performance, providing direct alignment with shareholder interests.

The company provides Mr. McClendon with certain perquisites specifically designed to provide him with the flexibility to focus on the myriad of critical and complex issues that currently face the U.S. natural gas industry while remaining involved in the oversight of the day-to-day management of the Company.

Because of Mr. McClendon's unique role as a founder of the Company, he is the only executive with the opportunity to participate as a working interest owner in the oil and natural gas wells that the Company drills. The Founder Well Participation Program (FWPP), which was approved by our shareholders on June 10, 2005 (see Transactions with Related Persons on page 46) is a continuation of the well participation program previously administered through Mr. McClendon's employment agreement and initiated by the Company in connection with its initial public offering in February 1993. The FWPP fosters and promotes the development and execution of the Company's business by: (a) retaining and motivating our chief executive officer who founded the Company; (b) aligning the financial rewards and risks of Mr. McClendon with the Company more effectively and directly than other performance incentive programs maintained by many of the Company's peers; and

(c) imposing on Mr. McClendon the same risks incurred by the Company in its exploration and production operations. The Compensation Committee reviews Mr. McClendon's participation in the FWPP on a semi-annual basis and annually adjusts the acreage costs charged to Mr. McClendon to ensure he reimburses the Company for such costs.

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The Company currently considers the positions of chief operating officer and chief financial officer to be equivalent in terms of the level of responsibility and the significance of contribution to the Company. However, because Mr. Rowland chose to forgo an award of restricted stock under our 2006 Long Term Incentive Program, the Compensation Committee rewarded him with additional permitted personal usage of our fractionally-owned company aircraft. Specifically, Mr. Rowland's performance is measured in terms of his execution of the Company's hedging program, the quality of the Company's financial reporting, access to capital markets, balance sheet management, stock price performance and the performance of the accounting, treasury and information technology departments. Mr. Dixon's performance is measured in terms of the Company's production rates, finding and operating costs, drilling results, reserve replacement, and leasehold acquisition efforts.

The Company also considers our executive vice president exploration and executive vice president acquisitions and divestitures positions to be of equivalent responsibility and significance to the Company. Mr. Lester's performance is measured in terms of the Company's drilling results and reserve replacement. Mr. Jacobson's performance is measured in terms of his team's identification, negotiation, execution and integration of attractive acquisition targets.

Elements of Compensation

We have historically favored a simple, easy to understand and easy to administer compensation program that we utilize throughout the Company rather than a more complex structure with different programs for different employee groups. We provide short-term compensation in the form of base salaries and cash bonuses and our restricted stock program provides long-term incentives to our employees. Additionally, our more highly-compensated employees, including our executive officers, are eligible for compensation deferral and company matching opportunities beyond IRS limitations through a nonqualified deferred compensation program and certain prerequisites.

We believe that as an individual's business responsibilities increase, the proportion of his or her variable, long-term compensation as a percentage of total compensation should increase. Therefore, depending upon an executive officer's level of responsibility, his or her annual base salary is typically only 10%-20% of the officer's total salary, bonus and equity compensation. Additionally, Mr. McClendon's compensation, as our Chairman and CEO, but also as the Company's founder, is more heavily weighted towards long-term equity compensation, which generally represents approximately 70%-80% of his annual total compensation, to better align his compensation with his responsibility for the long-term strategies, growth and profitability of the Company. The Compensation Committee does not utilize pre-determined guidelines for allocating between cash and equity and short-term and long-term compensation.

The Company has not utilized any specific tools or contracted for services to benchmark its total compensation, or any material element of compensation, to peer companies or other benchmarks. However, the Company does review and consider the executive compensation programs of its peers at least annually to ensure the Company's compensation programs remain competitive.

The Compensation Committee reviews the following elements of executive officer compensation on a semi-annual basis, as described on page 18 under Compensation Committee, and approves adjustments as it deems appropriate. Our CEO, COO, CFO and Senior Vice President Human and Corporate Resources provide the Compensation Committee with detailed analyses and recommendations regarding each element of executive officer compensation to facilitate the Compensation Committee's reviews.

Base Salary. The base salary levels of our executive officers are intended to reflect each officer's level of responsibility, leadership ability and the contribution of the officer's department or functional unit to the success and profitability of the Company. Although we review the salary levels of executive officers of peer companies to determine whether our executive officers' salaries are reasonable in comparison, we do not specifically target a percentile or range within peer group salary levels for our executive officers' salaries.

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Cash Bonuses. Cash bonuses are awarded to the executive officers based on a subjective evaluation of the performance of the Company and the individual during the six-month review period. The Company's financial and operating performance measurements are based on reserves, production, net income, cash flow, successful drilling results, finding and operating costs, general and administrative costs, asset acquisitions and divestitures, risk management activities and common stock price performance. Individual performance factors include leadership, commitment, attitude, motivational effect, level of responsibility, prior experience and extraordinary contributions to the Company. Additionally, individual performance by an executive officer in a review period that is expected to provide substantial benefit to the Company in future periods is also considered in semi-annual cash bonus decisions.

Cash bonuses are discretionary and not awarded pursuant to a formal plan or an agreement with any executive officer. Additionally, cash bonuses are not awarded based on objective Company or individual performance criteria or targets.

Restricted Stock. Consistent with our compensation objectives, we believe stock-based compensation provides strong incentives for long-term financial performance that increases shareholder value while retaining executive officers. Specifically, in conjunction with the Compensation Committee's semi-annual review of cash compensation, on the first business day of each January and July, we award restricted stock that vests over a period of four years to employees, including executive officers. After June 2003, we chose to award restricted stock, rather than stock options, for the following reasons:

The Company could realize a substantial reduction in its annual stock usage rate or burn rate, without a reduction in compensation value transferred to the executives;

A lower annual stock usage rate would reduce the dilutive effect of stock compensation to our shareholders;

The income statement impact of restricted stock is more predictable, and less volatile, than that of stock options; and

Structurally, we believe restricted stock better facilitates long-term employee stock ownership than stock options. Because the semi-annual award of restricted stock to our employees is primarily intended to provide incentives for future financial performance and not rewards for prior performance, the Compensation Committee does not consider current holdings of Company securities, the amount and terms of stock options or restricted stock previously granted to the executive officer or gains realized by the executive officer from prior awards of restricted stock or stock options when granting restricted stock to executive officers.

Other Compensation Arrangements. We also provide compensation in the form of personal benefits and perquisites to our executive officers. Most of the benefits we provide to our executive officers are the same benefits that we provide to all employees or large groups of senior-level employees, including health and welfare insurance benefits, 401(k) matching contributions, nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements and financial planning services (see footnotes and narrative to the Summary Compensation Table). We do not have a pension plan or any other retirement plan other than our 401(k) and nonqualified deferred compensation plans.

The perquisites that we provide exclusively to our chief executive officer, executive vice presidents and senior vice presidents include reimbursement of monthly country club dues and personal use of fractionally-owned company aircraft (see narrative to the Summary Compensation Table). Feedback from our executive officers indicates that access to fractionally-owned company aircraft for personal use greatly enhances productivity and work-life balance which we believe may impact their willingness to work to or beyond normal retirement age. Additionally, we provide accounting support services to our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, a portion of which is reimbursed to the Company by the chief executive officer. The Compensation Committee regularly reviews the terms under which these perquisites are provided and their value

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in relation to the executive's total compensation package; however, as these benefits and perquisites represent generally less than 15% of the executive officers' total compensation, they do not materially influence the Compensation Committee's decisions in setting such officers' total compensation. Further, the Company includes the above benefits and perquisites as taxable income to the executive on Form W-2 after each fiscal year, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines.

Our qualified 401(k) profit sharing plan is the Chesapeake Energy Corporation Savings and Incentive Stock Bonus Plan, which is open to employees of the Company and all our subsidiaries except certain employees of Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C. Eligible employees may elect to defer compensation through voluntary contributions to their 401(k) plan accounts, subject to plan limits and those set by the IRS. The Company matches employee contribution dollar for dollar with shares of our common stock purchased in the open market for up to 15% of an employee's annual base salary and bonus compensation.

Termination Arrangements

We maintain employment agreements with our executive officers, the material terms of which are described throughout this proxy statement. The Compensation Committee reviews the terms of the agreements at least annually, generally focusing on the permitted activities allowed for our executive officers, the competitiveness, value and adequacy of the severance arrangements and the competitiveness and value of the perquisites and other personal benefits provided to such officers, as well as permitted outside activities. Please refer to the narrative to the Post-Employment Compensation tables for details of the termination arrangements for our named executive officers.

The energy industry's history of terminating professionals during its cyclical downturns, and the more current trend of mergers, acquisitions and consolidation, are two important factors that have contributed to a widespread, heightened concern for long-term job stability by many professionals in our industry. In response to this concern, arrangements that provide compensation guarantees in the event of an employee's termination without cause, change of control, death or incapacity have become common practice. These provisions in our employment agreements are integral to our ability to recruit and retain the high caliber of professionals that are critical to the successful execution of our business strategy.

Additionally, in 2006, the Compensation Committee added provisions to the employment agreements of our CEO, executive vice presidents and senior vice presidents that provide for accelerated vesting of unvested equity compensation upon retirement. The percentage of unvested equity compensation to be vested upon retirement ranges from 0% to 100% based on the executive's age and years of service at retirement. This provision was added to recognize the longevity of our senior management team and, because we do not have a pension plan, is intended to motivate our executives to remain with the Company until retirement. We have been a public company for 14 years and, among our named executive officers, the employment of Messrs. McClendon, Rowland, Dixon and Lester pre-dates our initial public offering and Mr. Jacobson is in his eighth year as an employee with the Company.

Accounting and Tax Treatment of Compensation

In structuring executive compensation, the Company analyzes the anticipated accounting and tax treatment of various arrangements and payments; however, the accounting for or deductibility of compensation is not a determinative factor in compensation decisions. We award compensation which is not deductible under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, or which results in less favorable accounting treatment than other types of compensation arrangements, if we believe it is consistent with our compensation objectives and would be in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. Compensation recognized by the executive officers upon the vesting of restricted stock, as currently structured, is not deductible pursuant to Section 162(m), which limits the tax deduction to \$1 million for compensation paid by a publicly held company to its chief executive officer and each of the Company's four other most highly compensated executive officers, unless certain performance-based requirements are met.

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In 2006, like many other public companies, we received investor inquiries regarding our practices in granting employee and executive stock options in past years, one of which questioned the timing of several option grants during the period from 1995 to 2003 in relation to the trading price of our common stock. Our Audit Committee undertook internal reviews of our practices in this area, including these specific option grants, primarily for the purpose of confirming that the past accounting treatment of our equity compensation awards was appropriate. While these internal reviews revealed some deficiencies in the documentation of our option grants in prior years, there was no evidence of any misconduct by our executives or directors in the timing or selection of our option grant dates, or that would cause us to conclude that our prior accounting for stock option grants was incorrect in any material respect.

Stock Ownership Requirements

Each executive officer has a stock ownership obligation arising from his or her employment agreement. Mr. McClendon is required to hold shares of the Company's common stock having an aggregate investment value equal to 500% of his annual base salary and bonus. Our executive vice presidents, including Messrs. Rowland, Dixon, Lester and Jacobson are required to hold not less than 25,000 shares of the Company's common stock throughout the term of their agreements and our senior vice presidents are required to hold not less than 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock throughout the term of their employment agreements. The Compensation Committee reviews a report of each executive officer's stock ownership at its meetings in June and December of each year.

Compensation Committee Report

The Committee has discussed and reviewed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2006. Based on the review and discussion, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Company's Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in its 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K and 2007 Proxy Statement for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Members of the Compensation Committee:

Frederick B. Whittemore, Chairman

Charles T. Maxwell

Frank Keating

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Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary \$(a)	Bonus \$(a)	Stock Awards \$(b)	Option Awards \$(b)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation \$(c)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings \$(d)	All Other Compensation \$(e)	Total \$(f)
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer									
Aubrey K. McClendon	2006	\$ 975,000	\$ 1,581,000	\$ 9,288,550	\$ 1,412,612	\$	\$	\$ 1,800,198	\$ 15,057,360
Chief Executive Officer									
Tom L. Ward(g)	2006	\$ 151,421	\$	\$ 36,584,553	\$ 15,692,084	\$	\$	\$ 1,185,500	\$ 53,613,558
Operating Officer									
Marcus C. Rowland	2006	\$ 675,000	\$ 1,051,000	\$ 2,016,652	\$ 164,794	\$	\$	\$ 657,341	\$ 4,564,787
Executive Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer									
Steven C. Dixon	2006	\$ 671,875	\$ 1,053,986	\$ 966,919	\$ 98,130	\$	\$	\$ 352,169	\$ 3,143,079
Executive Vice President Operations and									
Chief Operating Officer									
J. Mark Lester	2006	\$ 637,500	\$ 851,000	\$ 1,322,385	\$ 98,130	\$	\$	\$ 357,406	\$ 3,266,421
Executive Vice President Exploration									
Douglas J. Jacobson	2006	\$ 637,500	\$ 851,000	\$ 974,154	\$ 81,340	\$	\$	\$ 283,282	\$ 2,827,276
Executive Vice President Acquisitions and Divestitures									

- (a) The amounts shown in these columns include salary and bonus deferrals into the 401(k) Make-Up Plan as follows: Mr. McClendon \$373,375, Mr. Ward \$22,713, Mr. Rowland \$242,721, Mr. Dixon \$247,252, Mr. Lester \$206,808 and Mr. Jacobson \$206,808. The 401(k) Make-Up Plan is discussed in more detail in the narrative to the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table. The bonus amounts shown reflect bonuses earned in 2006 which were paid to the executive officers in July 2006 and January 2007.
- (b) The amounts shown in these columns represent the expense recognized in our financial statements in 2006 for the fair value of stock options and restricted stock granted in 2006 and in prior fiscal years, in accordance with SFAS 123(R). Notes 1 and 9 to our consolidated financial statements included in our 2006 Form 10-K describe the manner in which such fair values are calculated and the assumptions used in such calculations. For information regarding the acceleration of Mr. Ward's equity compensation upon his termination, please refer to footnote (g) to this table. Since Messrs. Rowland, Lester and Jacobson will become retirement-eligible in accordance with the terms of their employment agreements in 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively, the amortization of the fair value of their restricted stock is based on the time remaining to their 55th birthdays rather than the full four-year vesting periods of the restricted stock awards. Refer to the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table for additional information regarding restricted stock awards made to the named executive officers in 2006. The Company did not grant stock options in 2006. More information about our named executive officers' outstanding stock options and restricted stock as of December 31, 2006 is provided in the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2006 Fiscal Year End Table. The amounts shown above reflect our 2006 accounting expense related to our executive officers' stock options and restricted stock and

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- may not be representative of the actual value that the executive officers will receive from such awards. Stock options and unvested restricted stock do not accrue dividends, nor do we pay dividend equivalents on equity awards.
- (c) The Company does not have any non-equity incentive plans.
- (d) The Company does not have a pension plan. In addition, our nonqualified deferred compensation plans do not provide for above-market or preferential earnings. Our nonqualified deferred compensation plans are discussed in detail in the narrative to the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table.
- (e) See the All Other Compensation Table below for additional information.
- (f) The relationship of each named executive officer's salary and bonus compensation to total compensation for 2006 is the following: Mr. McClendon 17%, Mr. Rowland 38%, Mr. Dixon 55%, Mr. Lester 46% and Mr. Jacobson 53%. As discussed in Compensation Discussion and Analysis, as the responsibility level of our employees increase, the variable portion of such compensation increases.
- (g) Mr. Ward resigned as a director, officer and employee of the Company effective February 10, 2006. His resignation agreement provided for the immediate vesting of all of his unvested equity awards, which consisted of stock options to purchase 724,615 shares of our common stock at an average exercise price of \$8.01 per share and 1,291,875 shares of restricted stock. The fair value of Mr. Ward's stock options as of February 10, 2006 was approximately \$15.7 million and was calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

All Other Compensation Table for 2006

Name	Year	Personal Use of Fractionally-Owned Company Aircraft(a)	Accounting Support(b)	Reimbursement of HSR Filing Fees Paid by the Executive(c)	Company Matching Contributions to Retirement Plans(d)	Other(e)	Total
Aubrey K. McClendon	2006	\$ 567,574	\$ 579,302	\$ 280,000	\$ 363,750	\$ 9,572	\$ 1,800,198
Tom L. Ward	2006	\$ 325,175	\$ 451,723	\$ 280,000	\$ 127,713	\$ 889	\$ 1,185,500
Marcus C. Rowland	2006	\$ 351,414	\$ 50,734		\$ 236,250	\$ 18,943	\$ 657,341
Steven C. Dixon	2006	\$ 100,959			\$ 224,531	\$ 26,679	\$ 352,169
J. Mark Lester	2006	\$ 131,748			\$ 204,375	\$ 21,283	\$ 357,406
Douglas J. Jacobson	2006	\$ 52,356			\$ 204,375	\$ 26,551	\$ 283,282

- (a) The value of personal use of fractionally-owned company aircraft is based on the incremental cost to the Company determined by the number of flight hours multiplied by the hourly variable operating costs associated with each flight. The variable operating costs include the cost of fuel, trip-related maintenance, crew travel expenses, on-board catering, landing fees and trip-related parking/hangar costs. Since the fractionally-owned company aircraft are used primarily for business travel, we do not include the fixed costs that do not change based on the usage, such as purchase costs and maintenance costs not related to trips. Mr. Ward's resignation agreement allowed him personal use of fractionally-owned company aircraft through August 10, 2006.
- (b) Under the terms of their employment agreements in 2006, Messrs. McClendon, Ward and Rowland were provided personal accounting support. The value of personal accounting support allocated to each executive officer for 2006 includes allocations of the following with respect to such support personnel: (i) cash compensation; (ii) equity compensation; (iii) company-matching contributions to our 401(k) and 401(k) Make-Up plans; (iv) company-paid life insurance premiums; and (v) overhead (utilities, office equipment, health and welfare benefit plans, etc.). During 2006, Messrs. McClendon and Ward were required by their employment agreements to each reimburse the Company for 50% of the salaries and cash bonuses of the personnel providing such accounting support. Mr. Ward was entitled to accounting support through August 10, 2006 pursuant to his resignation agreement. The amounts in this column are shown net of such reimbursements.
- (c) Filing fees paid by Messrs. McClendon and Ward in 2005 for required filings pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 were reimbursed by the Company to such executive officers in

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2006. Such filings were made as the result of significant acquisitions by the executives of the Company's common stock in prior years. Because the Board supports, encourages and appreciates the ongoing acquisition of the Company's common stock by its executive officers, it unanimously approved the reimbursement of such fees.

- (d) This column represents the company-matching contributions made for the benefit of the executive officers in the 401(k) and 401(k) Make-Up plans. These plans are discussed in more detail in the narrative to the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table.
- (e) This column represents the value of other benefits provided to the executive officers including financial advisory services, supplemental life insurance premiums, a car allowance, country club dues, and tax reimbursements related to spouse/family member travel to the Company's Board meetings.

Other Perquisites

From time to time, the Company may provide additional inconsequential perquisites to senior managers and officers of the Company, including the executive officers. Examples of such perquisites include physical, fitness and nutritional assessments, home security system reviews and tickets to cultural and sporting events.

Employment Agreements

Mr. McClendon's current employment agreement has a term of five years commencing January 1, 2007, which term is automatically extended for one additional year on each December 31 unless the Company provides 30 days prior notice of non-extension. Such agreement provides, among other things, for an annual base salary of not less than \$975,000, bonuses at the discretion of the Board of Directors (through its Compensation Committee), eligibility for equity awards under the Company's stock compensation plans and benefits, including club membership and personal accounting support. Effective January 1, 2007, Mr. McClendon is required to reimburse the Company for 100% of the salaries and cash bonuses of the personnel who provide him such accounting support.

The Company owns fractional interests in several aircraft through the NetJets (a Berkshire Hathaway company) program. For safety, security and efficiency, Mr. McClendon is required by his employment agreement to use aircraft owned or leased by the Company for business and personal use in the Western Hemisphere and is not required to reimburse the Company for any costs related to such use. In addition, Mr. McClendon's immediate family members may also use such aircraft for their personal use. If a family member travels without Mr. McClendon, he is required to reimburse the Company for the variable costs of such use. Mr. McClendon has recently purchased a personal share in a fractionally-owned aircraft to accommodate his family's travel needs.

The Company has employment agreements with Messrs. Rowland, Dixon, Lester and Jacobson that are in effect through September 30, 2009. Such agreements provide for annual base salaries (not less than \$725,000 for Mr. Rowland, \$725,000 for Mr. Dixon, \$675,000 for Mr. Lester and \$725,000 for Mr. Jacobson), bonuses at the discretion of the Board of Directors (through its Compensation Committee), eligibility for equity awards under the Company's stock compensation plans and benefits, including club membership and, for Mr. Rowland, personal accounting support.

Under the Company's policy regarding the use of fractionally-owned company aircraft, our executive officers (other than Mr. McClendon who is required by his employment agreement to use fractionally-owned company aircraft as discussed above) are entitled to personal use of fractionally-owned company aircraft seating eight passengers or fewer for up to a specified amount of flight time per calendar year in North America, the Caribbean and Mexico (175 hours for Mr. Rowland, 75 hours for Mr. Dixon, 50 hours for Mr. Lester and 50 hours for Mr. Jacobson). We apply the Internal Revenue Service's Standard Industry Fare Level (SIFL) valuation methodology to determine the taxable compensation attributable to our executive officers' personal usage of fractionally-owned company aircraft. For Board meetings and other Company activities at which the

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attendance of an executive officer's spouse and immediate family members are also requested by the Company, we make tax gross-up payments to the executive officer associated with the taxable compensation attributable to the spouse/family member travel.

The executive officers' employment agreements also provide for a six-month non-competition period after the termination of employment and prohibit disclosure of confidential information for a three year period (or, with respect to Mr. McClendon, a one-year period) following the termination of the agreement. In addition, the agreement contains non-solicitation restrictions with respect to employees, contractors, customers, vendors and subcontractors.

Employment agreement provisions related to compensation payable upon certain termination events are described under Post-Employment Compensation.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table for 2006

Name	Grant Date(a)	Approval Date(a)	Estimated		All Other	All Other	Exercise	Market	Grant	Grant
			Future	Future						
			Number	Payout	Payouts	Awards:	or Base	Price	on	Date
			of Non-	Under	Under	Number	Price of	on	Grant	Value of
			Equity	Non-Equity	Equity	of	Option	Grant	Date	Stock and
			Incentive	Incentive	Incentive	Shares of	Underlying	Awards	Date	Option
			Plan Units	Plan	Plan	Stock or	Securities	Awards	Date	Option
			Granted(#)	Awards(\$)	Awards(\$)	Units(#)(b)	Options(#)(c)	(\$/Share)	(\$/Share)	Awards(d)
Aubrey K. McClendon	January 3, 2006	December 16, 2005		\$	\$	300,000		n/a		\$ 9,897,000
	July 3, 2006	June 9, 2006		\$	\$	325,000		n/a		\$ 9,990,500
Tom L. Ward	January 3, 2006	December 16, 2005		\$	\$	300,000		n/a		\$ 9,897,000
	February 10, 2006	February 9, 2006		\$	\$		215,000	\$ 5.20	\$ 29.62	\$ 5,256,363
	February 10, 2006	February 9, 2006		\$	\$		197,115	\$ 7.80	\$ 29.62	\$ 4,309,565
	February 10, 2006	February 9, 2006		\$	\$		312,500	\$ 10.08	\$ 29.62	\$ 6,126,156
Marcus C. Rowland	January 3, 2006	December 16, 2005		\$	\$	35,000		n/a		\$ 1,154,650
	July 3, 2006	June 9, 2006		\$	\$	60,000		n/a		\$ 1,844,400
Steven C. Dixon	January 3, 2006	December 16, 2005		\$	\$	30,000		n/a		\$ 989,700
	July 3, 2006	June 9, 2006		\$	\$	60,000		n/a		\$ 1,844,400
J. Mark Lester	January 3, 2006	December 16, 2005		\$	\$	30,000				