EQUITABLE RESOURCES INC /PA/ Form DEFA14A March 13, 2007

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# **Equitable Resources, Inc.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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March 12, 2007

## TO: Participants in Equitable Resources, Inc. Employee Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)

Participants in Equitable Resources, Inc. Employee Savings and Protection Plan (401(k) Plan)

Dear Participant:

Enclosed are the proxy solicitation materials prepared for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Equitable Resources, Inc. to be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. Included is a direction card explaining the ways in which you may submit your voting instructions for the vested and unvested shares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock held in your 401(k) Plan account.

The shares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock in which you hold an interest in the 401(k) Plan are to be voted by Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity), the Plan Trustee, in accordance with your instructions. *Please note that if your instructions are not received by Thursday, April 5, 2007, the Plan Trustee will vote such uninstructed shares in accordance with the Trust Agreement entered into between Equitable Resources, Inc. and Fidelity.* 

Please submit your voting instructions as soon as possible. Thank you.

FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

Boston, Massachusetts

225 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5861

#### DIRECTION CARD

You are hereby requested to direct the Trustee to vote, with respect to the proposals listed on the other side of this Direction Card, the number of shares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock held in your account in the Equitable Resources, Inc. Employee Savings Plan and/or the Employee Savings and Protection Plan (Plans) at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Equitable Resources, Inc. to be held on April 11, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. local time, in the SpringHill Suites North Shore, 223 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and at any adjournment of such meeting thereof, as follows:

To have the Trustee of the Plans vote in accordance with the Board of Directors recommendations FOR the election of all nominees for director, FOR the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accountants, FOR the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and AGAINST the shareholder proposal, check the corresponding boxes next to the proposals listed on the reverse side of this card. Where a vote is not specified on a returned Direction Card or the Direction Card is not returned, the Trustee of the Plans will vote the shares represented by this Direction Card in proportion to the way other plan participants voted their shares.

A vote FOR the election of nominees listed on the reverse side includes discretionary authority to cumulate votes selectively among the nominees as to whom authority to vote has not been withheld and to vote for a substitute nominee if any nominee becomes unavailable for election for any reason.

If you fail to provide voting instructions, either by telephone, Internet, or by completing, signing and returning this card, your shares will be voted by the Trustee of the Plans in the same manner and proportion as those shares for which the Trustee receives proper and timely instructions.

This Direction Card is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company and may be revoked prior to its exercise. The Board of Directors recommends votes FOR the election of all nominees for director, FOR ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accountants, FOR the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and AGAINST the shareholder proposal.

#### Please sign and date on the reverse side and return the Direction Card promptly using the enclosed envelope.

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# **EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.**

## ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

### 10:30 A.M.

## SPRINGHILL SUITES NORTH SHORE

#### **223 Federal Street**

# Pittsburgh, PA

## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

You can vote by Internet, telephone or mail.

See the instructions on the other side of this direction card.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Item 1, FOR Item 2, FOR Item 3 and AGAINST Item 4

1) Election of Dire expiring 2010	ectors Term	<ol> <li>2) Ratify appointment of Ernst</li> <li>&amp; Young LLP as independent</li> </ol>		3) Approve amendments to the Articles of Incorporation			
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the space provided here.)

This Direction Card when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein. If you fail to provide voting instructions, your shares will be voted by the Trustee of the Plans in the same manner and proportion as those shares for which the Trustee receives proper and timely instructions. The Trustee of the Plans is authorized, in accordance with its judgment, to vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments thereof.

THIS PROXY SHOULD BE SIGNED EXACTLY AS NAME APPEARS HEREON.

Signature

Signature

Date

, 2007

Executors, administrators, trustees, etc. should give full title as such. Mark here if you plan to attend the meeting. Please send Admittance Card. O

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## Vote by Internet or Telephone or Mail

## 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

### Internet and telephone voting is available through 11:59 PM Eastern Time April 2, 2007.

Your telephone or Internet vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner

as if you marked, signed and returned your Direction Card.

INTERNET

http://www.proxyvoting.com/eqt

Use the Internet to vote your proxy. Have your Direction Card in hand when you access the web site. Use any touch-tone telephone to vote your proxy. Have your Direction Card in hand when you call.

TELEPHONE 1-866-540-5760

#### If you vote by Internet or by telephone, you do NOT need to mail back your Direction Card.

Mark, Sign and Date your Direction Card and Return it in the Enclosed Postage-Paid Envelope.

### To view the 2006 Form 10-K, Annual Report and Proxy Materials online, go to: http://www.eqt.com

OR

Choose **MLink** for fast, easy and secure 24/7 online access to your future proxy materials, investment plan statements, tax documents and more. Simply log on to **Investor ServiceDirect** at www.melloninvestor.com/isd where step-by-step instructions will prompt you through enrollment.

#### March 12, 2007

#### TO: Equitable Resources, Inc. Holders of Restricted Shares

#### Dear Participant:

Enclosed are the proxy solicitation materials prepared for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Equitable Resources, Inc. to be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. Included is a card requesting your voting instructions for the restricted shares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock held in your Long-Term Incentive Plan account. The shares listed on the attached direction card may not be voted by Internet or telephone. Your instructions must be delivered to the Plan Administrator via the enclosed direction card.

The shares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock, which you hold in the above Plan, will be voted by the Plan Administrator in accordance with your instructions. *Please note that if your instructions are not received by Monday, April 2, 2007, the Plan Administrator will not vote such uninstructed shares.* 

Please submit your voting instructions to Jean F. Marks in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. Thank you.

### EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

225 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5861

#### DIRECTION CARD

You are hereby requested to direct the Plan Administrator to vote, with respect to the proposals listed on the other side of this Direction Card, the number of shares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock held in your account in the Equitable Resources, Inc. 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan restricted share account (Plan) at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Equitable Resources, Inc. to be held on April 11, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. local time, in the SpringHill Suites North Shore, 223 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and at any adjournment of such meeting thereof, as follows:

To have the Plan Administrator vote in accordance with the Board of Directors recommendations FOR the election of all nominees for director, FOR the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accountants, FOR the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and AGAINST the shareholder proposal, check the corresponding boxes next to the proposals listed on the reverse side of this card. Where a vote is not specified on a returned Direction Card or the Direction Card is not returned, your shares will not be voted.

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223 Federal Street

#### Pittsburgh, PA

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Nominees: Vicky A. J Gerber, George L. Mi James W. Whalen		4) Shareholder proposal regarding pay for superior performance					
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This Direction Card when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein. The Plan Administrator is authorized, in accordance with its judgment, to vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments thereof. If no direction is made, this Direction Card will not be voted.

THIS PROXY SHOULD BE SIGNED EXACTLY AS NAME APPEARS HEREON.

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Executors, administrators, trustees, etc. should give full title as such.					
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