EQUITABLE RESOURCES INC /PA/ Form DEFA14A March 12, 2008

## UNITED STATES

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a)** 

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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|  | Equitable Resources, Inc.   |
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| March              | 12, 2008   |
|--------------------|--|
| 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 Pa            | articipant:  |
|                    | ed are the proxy solicitation materials prepared for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Equitable Resources, Inc. to be held on   |
| Wednes             | sday, April 23, 2008. Included is a direction card explaining the ways in which you may submit your voting instructions for the vested vested shares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock held in your 401(k) Plan account.   |
| Trust C<br>Friday, | ares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock in which you hold an interest in the 401(k) Plan are to be voted by Fidelity Management company (Fidelity), the Plan Trustee, in accordance with your instructions. Please note that if your instructions are not received by April 11, 2008, the Plan Trustee will vote such uninstructed shares in accordance with the Trust Agreement entered into between ble Resources, Inc. and Fidelity. |
| Please             | submit your voting instructions as soon as possible. Thank you.  |
| FIDEL              | ITY 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 23, 2008 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 and FOR the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accountants, 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 and FOR ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accountants.

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

| Address Change/Comments (Mark the corresponding box on the reverse side) |  |  |  |  |  |
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EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008** 

10:30 A.M.

#### SPRINGHILL SUITES NORTH SHORE

223 Federal Street

Pittsburgh, PA

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

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

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| The Boar               | rd of Directors recommen  | ds a vote FOR Ite | em 1 and Item 2            |   |  | Please<br>Mark Here<br>for Address<br>Change or<br>Comments<br>SEE REVER  | RSE SID   | O   |            |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|------------|
| 1 E                    | Election of Directors Terr  | n expiring 2011   |                            | 2   | Ratify Appointment of  | Ernst & Young   | FOR   | AGAINST   | ABSTAIN    |
| N                      | Nominees:<br>)1 Phyllis A. Domm. Ed.D   |                   | WITHHELD                   | _   | LLP as independent regaccountants  | _   | O   | O   | O          |
| 0<br>0<br>(INSTRU      | O2 David L. Porges, O3 James E. Rohr and O4 David S. Shapira OCTIONS: To withhold authorite that nominee s name |                   |                            | obtain a<br>Direction<br>Resour<br>Pennsy<br>come, fi<br>identifiannual | plan to attend the annual an admission ticket by chon Card or by writing to ces at the following addrivania 15212. Seating is first served basis. Share cation, such as a driver a meeting. No cameras, reces will be permitted in the | ecking the box be<br>the corporate sec-<br>ess: 225 North S<br>limited and will<br>cholders must pre-<br>s license, in order<br>cording equipment | elow and<br>retary of<br>thore Dri<br>be offere<br>esent a for<br>r to be acount, large | d returning the<br>Equitable<br>ve, Pittsburghed on a first<br>orm of photo<br>Imitted to the |            |
| voted by<br>Trustee o  | ection Card when properly<br>the Trustee of the Plans in<br>of the Plans is authorized,<br>nents thereof.       | the same mann     | er and proportion as t     | hose sha  | res for which the Trust  | ee receives prop  | er and t  | imely instruc   | tions. The |
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|                        |   |                   |                            |   | THIS CARD SHO<br>APPEARS HERE  |   | ED EXA  | CTLY AS NA  | ME         |
| Signature<br>Executors | <b>e</b><br>s, administrators, trustees, e  |                   | nature<br>1 title as such. |   |  | Date  |   |   | , 2008     |
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## WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INTERNET OR TELEPHONE VOTING, BOTH ARE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

Internet and telephone voting is available through 11:59 PM Eastern Time April 11, 2008.

Your Internet or telephone vote authorizes the Trustee to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your Direction Card.

INTERNET

TELEPHONE

http://www.proxyvoting.com/eqt Use the Internet to vote your proxy. Have your Direction Card in hand when you access the web site. OR

1-866-540-5760

Use any touch-tone telephone to vote your proxy. Have your Direction Card in hand when you call.

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

To vote by mail, mark, sign and date your Direction Card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

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# Edgar Filing: EQUITABLE RESOURCES INC /PA/ - Form DEFA14A Equitable Resources, Inc. Holders of Restricted Shares Enclosed are the proxy solicitation materials prepared for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Equitable Resources, Inc. to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008. 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 Friday, April 11, 2008, the Plan Administrator will not vote such uninstructed shares.

March 12, 2008

Dear Participant:

EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

TO:

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

| 225  | North Shore Drive   |
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| Pitts  | sburgh, PA 15212-5861   |
| DIRECTION CARD   |   |
| You are hereby requested to direct the Plan Administrator to vote, with respect to the proposals listed Direction Card, the number of shares of Equitable Resources, Inc. common stock held in your accound Resources, Inc. 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan restricted share account (Plan) at the Annual Me Equitable Resources, Inc. to be held on April 23, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. local time, in the SpringHill Su Federal Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and at any adjournment of such meeting thereof, as follows: | nt in the Equitable<br>beting of Shareholders of<br>ites North Shore, 223 |
| To have the Plan Administrator vote in accordance with the Board of Directors recommendated nominees for director and FOR the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registed check the corresponding boxes next to the proposals listed on the reverse side of this card. When on a returned Direction Card or the Direction Card is not returned, your shares will not be voted.   | red public accountants, ere a vote is not specified                       |
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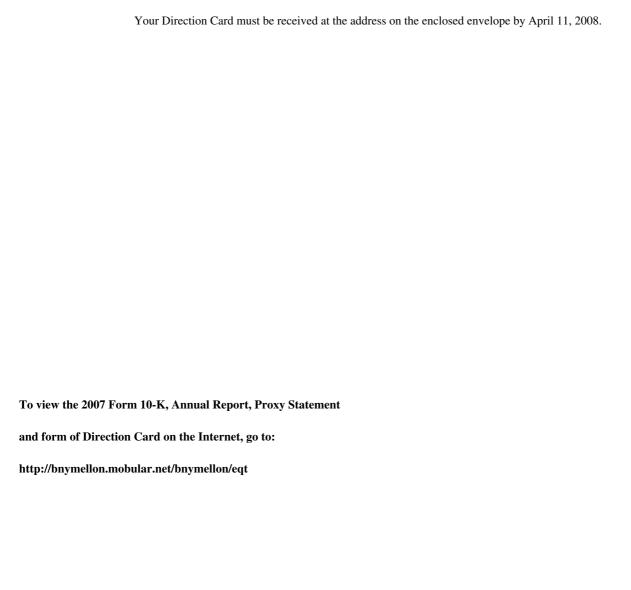
| The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Item 1 and Item 2 |   |   |                             | Please                              |         |         |         |
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|  |   |   |                             | Change of<br>Comments<br>SEE REVERS | SE SIDE |         |         |
| 1.   | Election of Directors Term expiring 2011  |   | 2. Ratify Appointment of Er | C                                   | FOR     | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
|  |   | LLP as independent regis accountants  |                             |                                     | O       | O       | O       |
|  | Nominees: 01 Phyllis A. Domm, Ed.D.,  FOR WITHHELD  O2 David L. Porges, O O  O3 James E. Rohr and  O4 David S. Shapira                                    | If you plan to attend the annual meeting on April 23, 2008, you must obtain an admission ticket by checking the box below and returning the Direction Card or by writing to the corporate secretary of Equitable Resources at the following address: 225 North Shore Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212. Seating is limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis Shareholders must present a form of photo identification, such as a driver s license, in order to be admitted to the annual meeting No cameras, recording equipment, large bags or packages will be permitted in the annual meeting. |                             |                                     |         |         |         |
|  | UCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for a particular e, write that nominee s name in the space provided here.)   |   |                             |                                     |         |         | O       |
| judgme   | rection Card when properly executed will be voted in the ma<br>ent, to vote upon such other matters as may properly come be<br>on Card will not be voted. |   |                             |                                     |         | *       |         |

THIS CARD SHOULD BE SIGNED EXACTLY AS NAME APPEARS HEREON. Date , 2008

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

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