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NEWS RELEASE

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY DECLARES TWO-FOR-ONE STOCK SPLIT

Houston, Texas - May 11, 2005...Southwestern Energy Company (NYSE: SWN) today announced that at the company's annual meeting today its shareholders approved an amendment to the company's articles of incorporation to increase the number of authorized common shares from 75 million shares to 220 million shares and that its Board of Directors has declared a two-for-one stock split. The Board of Directors established May 20, 2005 as the record date and June 3, 2005 as the date upon which the additional shares will be distributed to shareholders.

"The approval of our shareholders of all the proposals presented at the annual meeting reflects their continuing confidence that Southwestern's strategy will deliver value for our shareholders," stated Harold M. Korell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern. "Our operational results in our E&P business over the past few years have been outstanding, thanks to our creative people and our focus on adding value for each dollar we invest. We look for these results to continue in 2005 and beyond."

Southwestern Energy Company is an integrated natural gas company whose wholly-owned subsidiaries are engaged in oil and gas exploration and production, natural gas gathering, transmission, and marketing, and natural gas distribution. Additional information on the company can be found on the Internet at <http://www.swn.com>.

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plays, the potential for significant variability in reservoir characteristics of the Fayetteville Shale over such a large acreage position, the timing and extent of the company's success in discovering, developing, producing and estimating reserves, property acquisition or divestiture activities, the effects of weather and regulation on the company's gas distribution segment, increased competition, the impact of federal, state and local government regulation, the financial impact of accounting regulations and critical accounting policies, changing market conditions and prices (including regional basis differentials), the comparative cost of alternative fuels, conditions in capital markets and changes in interest rates, availability of oil field personnel, services, drilling rigs and other equipment, and any other factors listed in the reports filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). For additional information with respect to certain of these and other factors, see reports filed by the company with the SEC. The company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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