



September 24, 2010

The Honorable Mary Schapiro, Chairman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Re: File No. S7-14-10
Concept Release on the U.S. Proxy System

Dear Chairman Schapiro:

I am writing in support of the SEC Concept Release regarding the current U.S. Proxy System. The existing system is in dire need of an overhaul. The current proxy voting process is cumbersome and expensive for the Issuer and frustrating to the shareholder/investor in receiving information timely to review and vote.

I am Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Whiting Petroleum Corporation. I am responsible for the preparation and issuance of our Company's annual proxy statement and have been involved in the proxy voting process for many years. I support the recommendations of the Shareholder Communications Coalition (SCC). The recommendations of the SCC will enhance the integrity of the proxy voting process and will provide issuers the ability to communicate directly with all shareholders. The proposed revised proxy system would allow issuers a choice of agents to act as a service provider; streamline the distribution and tabulation processes so that they are uniform; and bring end to end auditability of proxy voting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Bruce R. DeBoer
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation*