

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/
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YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY TODAY

Your vote is important. If you have not already done so, please vote today to ensure your shares of Whirlpool stock are represented at the annual meeting on April 16. Shares in the 401(k) plan must be voted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, April 11.

At this meeting, stockholders may vote on the following proposals:

Proposals

1. Election of directors to Whirlpool Corporation Board
2. An advisory vote to approve Whirlpool executive compensation
3. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP for 2013
4. Approval of the Amended and Restated 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan
5. A stockholder proposal to require shareholder approval of certain executive agreements

Board of Directors Recommends You Vote

- FOR** - to elect 11 directors to a term expiring in 2014
- FOR** - to indicate support for Whirlpool compensation programs , i.e. Say Yes on Pay
- FOR** - to support the appointment of E&Y as our independent registered accounting firm
- FOR** - to approve the plan that will fund future stock grants and other awards to employees
- AGAINST** - to oppose requiring death benefits, such as immediate vesting of stock awards, to be approved in advance by stockholders

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If you have any other questions or need assistance, please send an email to corporate_secretary@whirlpool.com. Thank you for voting and for your continued cooperation and support.