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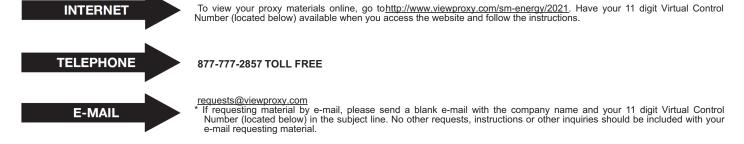
SM ENERGY COMPANY

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You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above. This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy

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	STOCKHOLDER	S ARE COR	RDIALLY INVITE	D TO ATTEND THE ANNUA	L MEETING.		
To the Stockhol	To the Stockholders of SM Energy Company						
The 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of SM Energy Company will be held virtually on May 27, 2021 at 3:30 PM MDT. As a Registered Holder, you may vote your shares at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders by first registering at http://www.viewproxy.com/sm-energy/2021/htype.asp and then using your Virtual Control Number below. Your registration must be received by 11:59 PM EDT on May 24, 2021. On the day of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, if you have properly registered, you will log in using the password you received via email in your registration confirmation and follow instructions to vote your shares. Please have your Virtual Control Number with you during the meeting in order to vote. Further instructions on how to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders are contained in the Proxy Statement in the section titled "Voting Attendance, and Other Matters - "Participating in the Virtual Annual Meeting?" and "How to Vote?"							
Voting Items							
(1)	(1) The Board of Directors has nominated the below seven persons to stand for election as directors until the next annual meeting of stockholders. As of the date of the accompanying Proxy Statement, no one has been nominated to serve as director other than the nominees listed below.						
	01 Carla J. Bailo	02 Steph	nen R. Brand	03 Ramiro G. Peru			
	04 Julio M. Quintana	05 Rose	M. Robeson	06 William D. Sullivan	07 Herbert S. Vogel		
(2)	(2) To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation philosophy, policies and procedures, and the compensation of our Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the accompanying Proxy Statement.						
(3)	(3) To ratify the appointment by the Audit Committee of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2021.						
(4)	(4) To approve our 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.						
	The Board of Direct	tors recomm	end a vote FOR a	I the nominees listed and FOR	Proposals 2, 3 and 4.		
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http://www.viewproxy.com/sm-energy/2021

The Notice of Meeting and the 2020 Annual Report

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