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**MEXCO ENERGY CORPORATION**

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July 22, 2016

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

We would like to extend a personal invitation for you to join us at our Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Mexco Energy Corporation to be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., C.D.T., at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 West Wall, Midland, Texas.

At this year's meeting, you will be asked to elect the Board of Directors and ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton, LLP as our independent auditors. Details regarding each of the proposals are described in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, we hope you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote by signing, dating and mailing the enclosed proxy or voting instruction card. You may also vote by internet or by telephone. Please review the instructions on the proxy or voting instruction card regarding each of these voting options.

Your vote is very important to us and our business. We value your opinions and encourage you to participate in this year's Annual Meeting by voting your proxy.

Thank you for your continued interest in Mexco Energy Corporation.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Nicholas C. Taylor*

Nicholas C. Taylor

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To be held September 13, 2016

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF MEXCO ENERGY CORPORATION:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of MEXCO ENERGY CORPORATION (referred to herein as the "Company" or "Mexco") will be held at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701, at 2:00 p.m. on September 13, 2016, for the following purposes:

1. Electing Directors of the Company.
2. Ratifying the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.
- 3 Considering all other matters as may properly come before the meeting

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on July 22, 2016 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2016.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DONNA GAIL YANKO, Secretary

**To be sure your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, please vote by completing, dating, signing and returning your pre-addressed postage-paid Proxy Card as soon as possible. You may also vote by internet or by telephone. See the enclosed proxy card for more information. Any stockholder granting a proxy may revoke the same at any time prior to its exercise by executing a subsequent proxy or by written notice to the Secretary of the Company or by attending the meeting and by withdrawing the proxy. You may vote in person at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders even if you send in your Proxy Card. The ballot you submit at the meeting will supersede any prior vote.**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be Held on September 13, 2016:**

**Our Annual Report on Form 10-K and this Proxy Statement are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)**

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**MEXCO ENERGY CORPORATION**

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**To Be Held Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

**SOLICITATION OF PROXY**

The accompanying proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Mexco Energy Corporation for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at 2:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 and at any adjournment or postponements thereof (“Annual Meeting”). In addition to the use of the mails, proxies may be solicited by personal interview, telephone and telegraph by officers, directors and other employees of Mexco, who will not receive additional compensation for such services. We may also request brokerage houses, nominees, custodians and fiduciaries to forward the soliciting material to the beneficial owners of stock held of record and will reimburse such persons for forwarding such material. We will bear the cost of this solicitation of proxies. Such costs are expected to be nominal. Proxy solicitation will commence with the mailing of this Proxy Statement on or about August 1, 2016.

Any stockholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke the same at any time prior to its exercise by executing a subsequent proxy or by written notice to the Secretary of the Company or by attending the meeting and withdrawing the proxy.

As used in this document, “the Company”, “Mexco”, “we”, “us” and “our” refer to Mexco Energy Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**



As stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders accompanying this Proxy Statement, the business to be conducted and the matters to be considered and acted upon at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

1. Electing Directors of the Company;
2. Ratifying the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as Mexco's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017; and
3. Considering all other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

## **VOTING RIGHTS**

### **Right to Vote and Record Date**

The voting securities of Mexco consist solely of common stock, par value \$0.50 per share ("Common Stock").

The record date for stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting is the close of business on July 22, 2016, at which time there were 2,037,266 shares of Common Stock entitled to vote at the meeting. Stockholders are entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of Common Stock held in their name on the record date.

## **Quorum**

Stockholders representing a majority of the Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote must be present or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as present for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is obtained.

## **Voting at the Annual Meeting**

This Proxy Statement was sent to all stockholders of record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with Computershare, Inc., you are the “stockholder of record” and may vote the shares at the annual meeting or by proxy by following the voting instructions on the enclosed proxy card. Alternatively, if your shares are held in an account at a broker, brokerage firm, bank or other similar organization, your shares are held in “street name” and you are the “beneficial holder”. The organization holding your shares is the “stockholder of record” for purposes of voting the shares at the annual meeting. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct that organization on how it should vote the shares held in your account by following the voting instructions on the enclosed proxy card.

Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy.

## **Vote Required**

All proposals will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Common Stock present or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote thereon. Cumulative voting for directors is not authorized.

With regard to the election of directors, votes may be cast “For”, “Against” or “Abstain” for each nominee. The election of directors is a non-routine proposal which means a broker can only vote your shares if the broker receives instructions from you. Otherwise, your shares will not be voted on this proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes “For” or “Against” the election of a director.

With regard to the proposal to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, votes may be cast “For”, “Against” or “Abstain” for the proposal. The ratification of Grant Thornton LLP is a routine proposal which means a broker has discretion to vote your shares even if the broker does not receive voting instructions from you. An abstention will have the same

effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on determining whether the selection of Grant Thornton LLP has been ratified.

### **Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes**

Abstentions and broker non-votes (shares held by brokers or nominees as to which they have no discretionary power to vote on a particular matter and have received no instructions from the beneficial owners of such shares or persons entitled to vote on the matter) will be counted for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present. For purposes of determining the outcome of any matter to be voted upon as to which the broker has indicated on the proxy that the broker does not have discretionary authority to vote, these shares will be treated as not present at the meeting and not entitled to vote with respect to that matter, even though those shares are considered to be present at the meeting for quorum purposes and may be entitled to vote on other matters. Abstentions, on the other hand, are considered to be present at the meeting and entitled to vote on the matter from which abstained.

If the enclosed Proxy is properly executed and returned prior to the Annual Meeting, the shares represented thereby will be voted as specified therein. IF A STOCKHOLDER DOES NOT SPECIFY OTHERWISE ON THE RETURNED PROXY, THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE STOCKHOLDER'S PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES LISTED BELOW UNDER "ELECTION OF DIRECTORS", FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF GRANT THORNTON LLP AND ON SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENTS THEREOF.

## **PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

At the Annual Meeting to be held on September 13, 2016, six persons are to be elected to serve on the Board of Directors (the “Board”) for a term of one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. All of the nominees are current directors and have announced that they are available for reelection to the Board. The Company’s nominees for the six directorships are:

Michael J. Banschbach

Kenneth L. Clayton

Thomas R. Craddick

Paul G. Hines

Christopher M. Schroeder

Nicholas C. Taylor

The election of each nominee requires that the number of votes cast “FOR” the nominee’s election exceed the votes cast “AGAINST” that nominee’s election.

## **MEXCO ENERGY CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board has responsibility for establishing broad corporate policies and for overall performance and direction of the Company. The Board is elected by the Stockholders to oversee their interest in the long-term health and the overall success of the Company’s business and its financial strength. The Board serves as the ultimate decision-making body of the Company, except for those matters reserved to or shared with the Stockholders. The Board selects and oversees the members of senior management, who are charged by the Board with conducting the business of the Company. Members of the Board stay informed of the Company’s business by participating in Board and committee meetings, by reviewing analyses and reports sent to them regularly, and through discussions with the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”).

The Board currently consists of one person who is an employee of the Company and five persons who are not employees of the Company (four of which are outside directors). The Board has determined that each of the four outside directors, namely Messrs. Banschbach, Clayton, Hines and Schroeder are independent in accordance with

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NYSE Market rules and under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”). Set forth below are the names, ages and positions of Mexco’s directors as of July 22, 2016.

| Name                     | Age | Position                                   |
|--------------------------|-----|--|
| Michael J. Banschbach    | 58  | Director                                   |
| Kenneth L. Clayton       | 72  | Director                                   |
| Thomas R. Craddick       | 72  | Director                                   |
| Paul G. Hines            | 78  | Director                                   |
| Christopher M. Schroeder | 51  | Director                                   |
| Nicholas C. Taylor       | 78  | Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO |

Set forth below are descriptions of the principal occupations during at least the past five years of the Company’s current directors.

**MICHAEL J. BANSCHBACH** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company in July 2014. Mr. Banschbach graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in 1980 with a BS degree in Chemical Engineering. Thereafter, Mr. Banschbach served with Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) for twenty years, primarily in the gas processing midstream sector, as both an engineer and as a commercial representative. From 2001 until the present time, he has represented numerous independent oil and gas producing companies in negotiations with midstream companies for the connection of newly drilled wells and for the sale of their oil and gas production. He has conducted seminars describing the movement of gas from the wellhead to the burner tip, and the various financial transactions that take place along the way. He also serves with various charitable organizations.

**KENNETH L. CLAYTON** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company in September 2011. Mr. Clayton graduated from Austin College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. Mr. Clayton also attended the Graduate School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Clayton is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Bar Association, and practices law in the areas of estate planning and probate. Mr. Clayton also serves as President of Fiduciary Resources Company, a company he founded in 1984 to provide business management services to individual executors of decedents' estates and trustees of testamentary trusts. From 1970 through 1984, Mr. Clayton served as Senior Vice-President and manager of the trust division of the Capital National Bank in Houston, Texas.

**THOMAS R. CRADDICK** was elected to the Board of Directors of the Company in March 1998. Since 1968 to the present, Mr. Craddick has served as a Representative of the Texas House of Representatives. He served as Speaker of the House for six years and throughout his tenure of the past 24 sessions of the Legislature, Representative Craddick has served on various committees and conferences. Mr. Craddick is a sales representative for Horizon Mud Company, as well as the owner of Craddick Properties and owner and President of Craddick, Inc., both of which invest in oil and gas properties and real estate.

**PAUL G. HINES** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company in April 2010. Mr. Hines graduated from the Harvard Business School with a Masters of Business Administration degree and is a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Hines served with E. F. Hutton and Company, Inc. from 1970 through 1986 in a variety of positions including Vice President of Corporate Development, Executive Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors. Hines served as Chief Financial Officer for William E. Simon and Sons from 1987 to 1989. From 1990 to 2000, he was involved in venture capital and as an independent consultant. He was a member of the Board of Directors of investment bank and broker, Ryan Beck and Company. From 2000 to the present, he has served in a number of capacities with various charitable organizations. He is a contributor to several publications including "Controllers Handbook", Dow Jones Irwin, 1978, "Chief Financial Officers Handbook", Dow Jones Irwin, 1986 and "Financial Services Handbook", Wiley, 1987.

**CHRISTOPHER M. SCHROEDER** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company in October 2014. Mr. Schroeder graduated from the Harvard Business School with a Masters of Business Administration degree with honors. From 1988 to 1992 he served as a special assistant on the staff of Secretary of State James Baker III. In 1996, Mr. Schroeder joined The Washington Post Company and served in a variety of positions during his four year tenure with the company, including Treasurer and Vice President of Business Development. From 1999 to 2000, Mr. Schroeder was CEO of Legi-Slate, Inc., a business-to-business internet technology firm with The Washington Post Company as its lead shareholder. From 2000 to 2005, he was the CEO and Publisher of Washingtonpost.Newsweek Interactive. In 2006, Mr. Schroeder co-founded and was CEO of HealthCentral, one of the largest online content and wellness platforms. Currently Mr. Schroeder is an adviser to leading Silicon Valley venture capital firms. Mr. Schroeder wrote a best-selling book in 2013: "Startup Rising: The Entrepreneurial Revolution Remaking the Middle East." He serves on several academic and global boards including The American University of Cairo School of Business, The American University School of International Service, and The American Council on Germany, among others.

**NICHOLAS C. TAYLOR** was elected Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company in September 2011 and continues to serve in such capacity on a part time basis, as required. Mr. Taylor served as Chief Executive Officer, President and Director of the Company from 1983 to 2011. Mr. Taylor served as Treasurer until March 1999. From July 1993 to the present, Mr. Taylor has been involved in the independent practice of law and other business activities including independent oil and gas exploration and production. For more than the prior 19 years, he was a director and shareholder of the law firm of Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder, Inc., Midland, Texas, and a partner of the predecessor firm. In 1995 he was appointed by the Governor of Texas to the State Securities Board through January 2001. In addition to serving as chairman for four years, he continued to serve as a member until 2004. In November 2005 he was appointed by the Speaker of the House to the Texas Ethics Commission for a term of five years, where he served until February 2010.

## DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

In accordance with Section 803A of the NYSE Market Company Guide and under the Exchange Act, the Board must affirmatively determine the independence of each director. The Board has determined each of the following directors to be an “independent director” as such term is defined in said rules: Michael J. Banschbach, Kenneth L. Clayton, Paul G. Hines and Christopher M. Schroeder. In this proxy statement these four directors are referred to individually as an “Independent Director” and collectively as the “Independent Directors.” The Board is comprised of a majority of Independent Directors and the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating Committee are comprised entirely of Independent Directors.

In addition, the Board has determined that Mr. Hines, Chairman of the Audit Committee, is an “audit committee financial expert” (as that term is defined under the applicable SEC rules and regulations) based on the Board’s qualitative assessment of Mr. Hines’ level of knowledge, experience (as described above) and formal education.

## DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Each nominee brings a unique set of skills to the Board of Directors. The Board believes the nominees as a group have the experience and skills in areas such as the oil and gas industry, finance, risk management and corporate governance that are necessary to effectively oversee our company. Set forth below are the conclusions reached by the Board as to why each nominee is qualified for service as a director of our company.

**Mr. Banschbach** is a Chemical Engineer and has over 30 years experience in the oil and gas industry. Mr. Banschbach provides expertise in areas of evaluating and managing potential acquisition prospects.

**Mr. Clayton** has over 30 years of banking, property management, finance and legal experience. Mr. Clayton provides expertise in the areas of finance and management.

**Mr. Craddick** has over 40 years experience in the oil and gas production and service industry. Mr. Craddick provides expertise in the location and acquisition of properties.

**Mr. Hines** is a Certified Public Accountant and a former Chief Financial Officer and has extensive experience in the financial markets. Mr. Hines provides expertise in the areas of financial reporting, accounting, capital markets,



internal controls and corporate governance.

**Mr. Schroeder** is a former Chief Executive Officer of several companies in the area of technology and Treasurer and Vice President of development of a public company. Mr. Schroeder provides expertise in the areas of management, entrepreneurship, financial reporting, accounting, capital markets, internal controls and corporate governance.

**Mr. Taylor** has been Mexco's Chief Executive Officer for over 33 years and has over 40 years of experience practicing law. Mr. Taylor provides expertise in the areas of evaluating, acquiring and managing oil and gas properties as well as exploration prospects.

## **BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND BOARD'S ROLE IN RISK OVERSIGHT**

The Board of Directors does not have a policy regarding the separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors as the Board believes it is in the best interests of Mexco to make that determination based on the position and director of Mexco and the membership of the Board. At this time, the Board believes that the best leadership model for Mexco is the unitary leadership provided by the combination of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer positions. On September 14, 2011, the Board announced the transition of Nicholas C. Taylor from President and Chief Executive Officer to Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and the transition of Tammy L. McComic from Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer to President and Chief Financial Officer effective immediately following the 2011 Annual Meeting.

The Board believes that Mexco will continue to benefit from Mr. Taylor's experience and expertise in the oil and gas industry while Ms. McComic's duties as President and Chief Financial Officer have been expanded. Also, in his role as Chairman, Mr. Taylor continues to serve an important role in Mexco's strategic direction.

We do not have a lead independent director as we believe the oversight provided by all of the Board's independent directors and the work of the Board's committees provide effective oversight of our strategic plans and operations.

Management is responsible for defining the various risks facing the company, formulating risk management policies and procedures and managing our risk exposure. The Board's responsibility is to monitor the Company's risk management processes by informing itself concerning our material risks and evaluating whether management has reasonable controls in place to address the material risks. The Audit Committee described below is primarily responsible for monitoring management's responsibility in the area of risk oversight. Accordingly, management regularly reports to the Audit Committee on risk management. The Audit Committee, in turn, reports on the matters discussed at the committee level to the full board. The Audit Committee and the full board focus on the material risks facing the Company to assess whether management has reasonable controls in place to address these risks.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of the Director nominees.**

## **MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

During fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, the Board of Directors consisted of one person who is an employee of the Company and five persons who are not employees of the Company (four of which are outside directors). The Board held four meetings and all Directors, including the Independent Directors attended all four meetings.

The Board of Directors established the following standing committees: audit, compensation and nominating. In accordance with Section 803A of the NYSE Market Company Guide and the Exchange Act, the Board must affirmatively determine the independence of each director. The Board is comprised of a majority of Independent Directors and the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating Committee are comprised entirely of Independent Directors.

The table below shows the membership of each committee of the Board and the number of meetings each committee held during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016.

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| Director                     | Audit | Compensation | Nominating |
|------------------------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Michael J. Banschbach        | X     | X            | X          |
| Kenneth L. Clayton           | X     | Chair        | Chair      |
| Thomas R. Craddick           |       |              |            |
| Paul G. Hines                | Chair | X            | X          |
| Christopher M. Schroeder (1) | X     | X            | X          |
| Nicholas C. Taylor           |       |              |            |
| 2016 Meetings                | 4     | 2            | 1          |

***Audit Committee.*** The Audit Committee is a standing committee of the Board of Directors and currently consists of Messrs. Hines, Chairman, Banschbach, Clayton and Schroeder, all of whom are Independent Directors. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Hines, Chairman of the Audit Committee, is an “audit committee financial expert” (as that term is defined under the applicable SEC rules and regulations) based on the Board’s qualitative assessment of Mr. Hines’ level of knowledge, experience (as described above) and formal education. The functions of the Audit Committee are to determine whether management has established internal controls which are sound, adequate and working effectively; to ascertain whether Mexco’s assets are verified and safeguarded; to review and approve external audits; to review audit fees and appointment of the Company’s independent public accountants; and to review non-audit services provided by the independent public accountants. The Audit Committee held four meetings during fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. All members of the Audit Committee attended these meetings in person or telephonically.

The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors in fiscal 2004. The charter is posted on Mexco's website at [www.mexcoenergy.com](http://www.mexcoenergy.com) in the "Corporate Governance" area of the "Investor Relations" section. The report of the Audit Committee for fiscal year 2016 is included in this proxy statement on page 16.

**Compensation Committee.** The Compensation Committee is a standing committee of the Board of Directors and currently consists of Messrs. Clayton, Chairman, Banschbach, Hines and Schroeder, all of whom are Independent Directors. The primary function of the Compensation Committee is to determine compensation for the officers of Mexco that is competitive and enables us to motivate and retain the talent needed to lead and grow the business. The Board has determined each of the current members of the Compensation Committee satisfies the standards of independence established by the NYSE listed requirements and SEC rules. The Compensation Committee held two meetings during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. All members of the Compensation Committee attended each meeting.

The Compensation Committee currently operates under a written charter adopted and approved by the Board of Directors as of June 15, 2005. The charter is posted on Mexco's website at [www.mexcoenergy.com](http://www.mexcoenergy.com) in the "Corporate Governance" area of the "Investor Relations" section. The report of the Compensation Committee for fiscal year 2016 is included in this proxy statement on page 12.

**Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee is a standing committee of the Board of Directors and currently consists of Messrs. Clayton, Chairman, Banschbach, Hines and Schroeder, all of whom are Independent Directors. The Nominating Committee held one meeting during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, at which all members of the Nominating Committee were present. The primary function of the Nominating Committee is to determine the slate of Director nominees for election to the Company's Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee considers candidates recommended by security holders, directors, officers and outside sources and considers criteria such as business experience, ethical standards and personal qualifications in evaluating all such nominees. Stockholders who wish to have their nominees for election to the Board of Directors considered by the Nominating Committee may submit such nomination to the Secretary of the Company for receipt not less than 80 days prior to the date of the next Annual Meeting of stockholders and include (i) the name and address of the stockholder making the nomination, (ii) information regarding such nominee as would be required to be included in the proxy statement, (iii) a representation of the stockholder, and the stockholder's intent to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to propose such nomination, and (iv) the written consent of the nominee to serve as a director if so elected.

The Nominating Committee currently operates under a written charter adopted and approved by the Board of Directors as of June 15, 2005. The charter is posted on Mexco's website at [www.mexcoenergy.com](http://www.mexcoenergy.com) in the "Corporate Governance" area of the "Investor Relations" section.

Shareholders may request a free printed copy of any of our committee charters by contacting our Corporate Secretary at [mexco@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mexco@sbcglobal.net) or by calling (432) 682-1119.

**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

The following table sets forth the total compensation paid to or earned by each of the Company's directors, who were not executive officers, during fiscal year 2016.

| Director                 | Fees<br>Paid in<br>Cash<br>(1) | Stock<br>Option<br>Awards | All Other<br>Compensation | Total   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Michael J. Banschbach    | \$6,000                        | \$ -                      | \$ -                      | \$6,000 |
| Kenneth L. Clayton       | \$6,000                        | \$ -                      | \$ -                      | \$6,000 |
| Thomas R. Craddick       | \$6,000                        | \$ -                      | \$ -                      | \$6,000 |
| Paul G. Hines            | \$6,000                        | \$ -                      | \$ -                      | \$6,000 |
| Christopher M. Schroeder | \$6,000                        | \$ -                      | \$ -                      | \$6,000 |

(1) Director's fees are paid at the rate of \$1,500 per director quarterly.

## EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE STOCK PLANS

The Company has one equity compensation plan, the 2009 Employee Incentive Stock Plan (the “Stock Plan”). See information regarding material features of the Stock Plan in Note 12, *Stock Options*, to the Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 28, 2016.

The Company does not have any employment contracts or change of control agreements. However, the Stock Plan does permit accelerated vesting of stock awards as described below in “Potential Payments Upon a Change of Control or Termination”.

The following table summarizes certain information, as of March 31, 2016, relating to the Company’s Stock Plan. The Stock Plan was approved by Stockholders.

|           | Number of<br>Shares<br>Authorized<br>for<br>Issuance<br>under plan | Number of<br>securities to<br>be issued<br>upon<br>exercise of<br>outstanding<br>options | Weighted<br>average<br>exercise<br>price of<br>outstanding<br>options | Number of<br>securities<br>remaining<br>available<br>for future<br>issuance<br>under plan |
|-----------|--|--|---|---|
| 2009 Plan | 200,000  | 153,600  | \$ 6.52   | 45,000  |

## NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors elects executive officers annually. Executive officers hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified. Set forth below is biographical information concerning the executive officers of Mexco. These individuals along with Nicholas C. Taylor are referred to collectively in this Proxy Statement as the “Named Executive Officers”. Biographical information concerning Mr. Taylor is set forth above under the caption “Mexco Energy Corporation Board of Directors.”

**TAMMY L. MCCOMIC**, age 47, joined the Company in July 2001 and was elected President and Chief Financial Officer in September 2011. She served the Company as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 2009 to 2011 and as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 2003 to 2009. Prior thereto, Ms. McComic

served as Controller, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Ms. McComic is a Certified Public Accountant.

**DONNA GAIL YANKO**, age 72, has served as Vice President part-time since 1990. She has also served as Corporate Secretary of the Company since 1992 and from 1986 to 1992 was Assistant Secretary. From 1986 to 2015, on a part-time basis, she assisted the Chairman of the Company in his personal business activities. Ms. Yanko also served as a director of the Company from 1990 to 2008.

## **COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### **Overview of Compensation Program**

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has responsibility for establishing, implementing and monitoring adherence to our compensation philosophy. The Compensation Committee seeks to provide total compensation paid to our executive officers that is fair, reasonable and competitive.

In this compensation discussion and analysis, the “Named Executive Officers” are as follows:

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Nicholas C. Taylor | Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer                     |
| Tamala L. McComic  | President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary |
| Donna Gail Yanko   | Vice President, Secretary  |

## **Compensation Philosophy and Objectives**

The Compensation Committee believes that compensation for executive officers must be competitive to enable the Company to motivate and retain the talent needed to lead and grow the Company, reward successful performance and closely align the interests of our executives with the Company. The ultimate objective of our compensation program is to improve stockholder value.

In setting compensation levels, the Compensation Committee evaluates both performance and overall compensation. The review of executive officers' performance includes a mix of financial and non-financial measures. In addition to business results, employees are expected to uphold a commitment to integrity, maximize the development of each individual and continue to improve the environmental quality of the Company's operations.

In order to continue to attract and retain the best employees, the Compensation Committee believes the executive compensation packages provided to the Named Executive Officers should include both cash and stock-based compensation.

The Compensation Committee has not retained a compensation consultant to review the compensation practices of the Company's peers or to advise the Compensation Committee on compensation matters.

## **Competitive Considerations**

We believe the competition for talented employees includes oil and gas exploration and development companies and oilfield service companies. Many of the companies with whom we compete for top level talent are larger and have more financial resources than we do. Both our Compensation Committee and CEO consider known information regarding the compensation practices of likely competitors when reviewing and setting the compensation of the Named Executive Officers.

## **Compensation Policies and Practices and Risk Mitigation**

The Compensation Committee periodically reviews the Company's compensation policies and practices to ensure that they do not encourage excessive risk-taking. The Company believes that its compensation policies and practices for all employees, including executive officers, do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect



on the Company.

### **Role of Chief Executive Officer in Compensation Decisions**

On an annual basis, our CEO reviews the performance of each of the other Named Executive Officers and, based on this review, makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee with respect to the compensation of the Named Executive Officers. The CEO considers internal pay equity issues, individual contribution and performance, competitive pressures and company performance in making his recommendations to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee may accept or adjust such recommendations.

### **Establishing Executive Compensation**

Consistent with our compensation objectives, the Compensation Committee has structured our annual and long-term incentive-based executive compensation to attract and retain the best talent, reward financial success and closely align executives' interests with the Company's interests. In setting the compensation, the Compensation Committee reviews total direct compensation for the Named Executive Officers, which includes salary, annual cash incentives and long-term equity incentives. The appropriate level and mix of incentive compensation is not based upon a formula, but is a subjective determination made by the Compensation Committee.

We do not have a policy of stock ownership requirements. In addition, we do not have any employment contracts or change of control agreements, although equity issued pursuant to our Stock Plans is subject to accelerated vesting as described below in “Potential Payments Upon a Change of Control or Termination”.

The Compensation Committee reviews compensation matters and usually performs its annual review of officer salaries during the first quarter of each fiscal year.

### Elements of Compensation

| Element              | Form of Compensation  | Purpose  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Base Salary          | Cash  | Provide competitive, fixed compensation to attract and retain executive talent.  |
| Short-Term Incentive | Cash Bonus  | Create a strong financial incentive for achieving financial success and for the competitive retention of executives.   |
| Long-Term Incentive  | Stock Options and Restricted Stock Grants   | Provide incentives to strengthen alignment of executive team interests with Company interests, reward long-term achievement and promote executive retention. |
| Insurance Benefits   | Eligibility to participate in the plan available to our employees, including major medical, dental, life and short-term disability plans. | Plan is part of broad-based employee benefits.   |

### Insurance Benefits, Defined Benefit Plans and Other Arrangements

We offer an insurance package to all eligible employees that includes major medical, dental and life insurance. The life insurance benefit provides for a maximum term payout of \$30,000. This package also provides for a short-term disability benefit with a maximum payout of \$200 per week for a term of up to 13 weeks.

Long-term incentive compensation for executive officers consists of only the 2009 Employee Incentive Stock Plan. The Company does not have a retirement or pension plan.

Potential Payments Upon a Change in Control or Termination

The Company does not have any employment contracts or change of control agreements. However, in the event of a change of control of the Company or termination under certain circumstances, awards granted under the Stock Plan shall become immediately vested and fully exercisable and shall remain exercisable until the expiration of the award or in the event the participant should die before the expiration of the term of the award until the earlier of the expiration of the term of the award or two years following the date of the participant's death. Upon termination of employment, stock options held may be exercised to the extent such option was exercisable or in such accelerated basis as the Compensation Committee may determine.

If a change in control or termination of employment as described above were to have occurred as of March 31, 2016, 31,250 stock options held by our Named Executive Officers would have automatically vested.

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

To the Stockholders of Mexco Energy Corporation:

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis*, above, with management. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* be included in this Proxy Statement for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, for filing with the SEC.

July 22, 2016 Compensation Committee

Kenneth L. Clayton, Chairman

Michael J. Banschbach

Paul G. Hines

Christopher M. Schroeder

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The compensation paid to the Named Executive Officers generally consists of base salaries, annual incentive bonus payments and awards under the Stock Plans. The following table summarizes the total compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to the Named Executive Officers during fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014.

**Summary Compensation Table**

| Name and Principal Position   | Year | Salary    | Bonus    | Option Awards<br>(1) | All Other Compensation<br>(2) | Total     |
|---|------|-----------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Nicholas C. Taylor<br>Chairman & CEO  | 2016 | \$-       | \$-      | \$-                  | \$ 4,500                      | \$4,500   |
|   | 2015 | \$-       | \$-      | \$-                  | \$ 6,000                      | \$6,000   |
|   | 2014 | \$-       | \$-      | \$-                  | \$ 6,000                      | \$6,000   |
| Tamala L. McComie (3)<br>President, CFO, Treasurer<br>& Assistant Secretary | 2016 | \$188,481 | \$21,300 | \$-                  | \$ -                          | \$209,781 |
|   | 2015 | \$186,101 | \$41,745 | \$139,750            | \$ -                          | \$367,596 |
|   | 2014 | \$170,816 | \$37,500 | \$118,750            | \$ -                          | \$327,066 |
| Donna Gail Yanko  | 2016 | \$5,600   | \$-      | \$-                  | \$ -                          | \$5,600   |

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|                            |      |         |     |     |      |         |
|----------------------------|------|---------|-----|-----|------|---------|
| Vice President & Secretary | 2015 | \$6,000 | \$- | \$- | \$ - | \$6,000 |
|                            | 2014 | \$6,000 | \$- | \$- | \$ - | \$6,000 |

The amounts in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value attributable to stock options granted in accordance with ASC 718, “Compensation - Stock Compensation” pursuant to the 2009 Employee Incentive Stock Plan. The stock option grant of 25,000 shares to Ms. McComic for 2015 was made on August 1, 2014 with a grant (1) date fair value of \$5.59. The stock option grant of 25,000 shares to Ms. McComic for 2014 was made on April 23, 2013 with a grant date fair value of \$4.75. For a discussion of valuation assumptions, see Note 13 – Stock Options of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for year ended March 31, 2016.

All other compensation is comprised of director’s fees only for Mr. Taylor. Director’s fees are paid at the rate of (2) \$1,500 per director quarterly. Mr. Taylor waived his director’s fee for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016. The sole compensation received by the Chairman and CEO of the Company for such period consisted of director’s fees.

(3) Salary amounts for Ms. McComic include accrued vacation not taken and sold back to the Company as follows: \$6,981 for fiscal 2016, \$8,726 for fiscal 2015 and \$10,816 for fiscal 2014.

OPTION GRANTS FOR FISCAL 2016

There were no options granted exercised during fiscal 2016.

OPTION EXERCISES FOR FISCAL 2016

There were no options exercised during fiscal 2016.

## OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END 2016

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the vested and unvested stock options held at March 31, 2016 by each of the Named Executive Officers and Company's current directors.

| Name                         | # of Shares<br>of<br>Unexercised<br>Options<br>Vested | # of Shares<br>of<br>Unexercised<br>Options<br>Not Vested | Option<br>Exercise<br>Price<br>(\$/sh) | Option<br>Expiration<br>Date |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------------------|
|                              | Nicholas C. Taylor (1)                                | -   | -                                      | \$ -                         |
| Tamala L. McComic            | 23,600  | -   | \$ 6.29                                | 08/16/2020                   |
|                              | 25,000  | -   | \$ 6.80                                | 11/21/2021                   |
|                              | 12,500  | 12,500  | \$ 5.98                                | 04/23/2023                   |
|                              | 6,250   | 18,750  | \$ 7.00                                | 08/01/2024                   |
| Donna Gail Yanko (1)         | -   | -   | \$ -                                   | -                            |
| Michael J. Banschbach        | 2,500   | 7,500   | \$ 7.00                                | 08/01/2024                   |
| Kenneth L. Clayton           | 10,000  | -   | \$ 6.80                                | 11/21/2021                   |
| Thomas R. Craddick (1)       | -   | -   | \$ -                                   | -                            |
| Paul G. Hines                | 10,000  | -   | \$ 6.06                                | 09/14/2020                   |
| Christopher M. Schroeder (1) | -   | -   | \$ -                                   | -                            |

(1) At March 31, 2016, Named Executive Officers, Mr. Taylor, also a director, and Ms. Yanko and directors, Messrs. Schroeder and Craddick did not hold any options to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock.

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION**

The Compensation Committee was formed as of June 15, 2005 and Messrs. Branschbach, Clayton, Hines and Schroeder are current members thereof. No member of the Compensation Committee is an officer or employee of the Company. None of the Company's executive officers served on the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee of any other entity, for which any officers of such other entity served either on our Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee makes recommendations regarding compensation subject to approval of the entire Board of Directors.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT**

The Board of Directors and management are dedicated to exemplary corporate governance and high standards of conduct and ethics. The Board adopted the Company's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct (the "Code") to inspire continuing dedication to the fundamental principles of honesty, loyalty, fairness and forthrightness. The Code applies to all employees including directors and executive officers. The Code can be found at [www.mexcoenergy.com](http://www.mexcoenergy.com) by clicking on "Investor Relations" then "Corporate Governance". Shareholders may request a free printed copy of the Code by contacting our Corporate Secretary at [mexco@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mexco@sbcglobal.net) or by calling (432) 682-1119.

## **CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Transactions with related persons are reviewed, approved or ratified in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Company's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct. The Audit Committee, pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter, has the responsibility to review, assess and approve or disapprove conflicts of interest and related-party transactions to ensure compliance with the Code.

The Code provides that directors, officers, and employees must avoid situations that involve, or could appear to involve, “conflicts of interest” with regard to the Company’s interest. Exceptions may only be made after review of fully disclosed information and approval of specific or general categories by senior management (in the case of employees) or the Board of Directors (in the case of officers or directors). Any employee, officer or director who becomes aware of a conflict or potential conflict of interest should bring the matter to the attention of appropriate personnel.

A “conflict of interest” exists when a person’s private interest interferes in any way with the interests of the Company. Conflicts of interest generally interfere with the person’s effective and objective performance of his or her duties or responsibilities to the Company. The Code sets forth several examples of how conflicts of interest may arise, including when a director, officer or employee or members of their immediate family, receive improper personal benefits because of their position with the Company; the Company gives loans to, or guarantees of obligations of directors, officers, employees or their immediate family members; or the director, officer, employee or their immediate family members use Company property or confidential information for personal use.

Each year we require all our directors, nominees for director and executive officers to complete and sign a questionnaire in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the questionnaire is to obtain information, including information regarding transactions with related persons, for inclusion in our Proxy Statement or Annual Report.

In addition, we annually review SEC filings made by beneficial owners of more than five percent of any class of our voting securities to determine whether information relating to transactions with such persons needs to be included in our Proxy Statement or Annual Report.

Based on these reviews, the Company discloses the following transaction: Our majority stockholder and Chief Executive Officer, Nicholas C. Taylor, shares office expenditures with Mexco.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of the Company’s Common Stock, as of July 22, 2016, by each of the Company’s directors and executive officers, by all executive officers and directors of the Company as a group, and by each person known to the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of the Company’s outstanding Common Stock.



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|  | Number of<br>Shares | Percent<br>of<br>Class |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|
|  | (1)                 | (2)                    |
| <b>SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF 5% HOLDERS:</b>                       |                     |                        |
| Howard Cox, 15 Congress Street, Mailstop B-6, Boston, MA 02109 | 202,400             | 9.93 %                 |
| <b>SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT:</b>                       |                     |                        |
| Michael J. Banschbach  | 12,537              | *                      |
| Kenneth L. Clayton   | 20,000              | *                      |
| Thomas R. Craddick   | 15,000              | *                      |
| Paul G. Hines  | 10,000              | *                      |
| Tamala L. McComic  | 81,065              | 3.83 %                 |
| Christopher M. Schroeder                                       | -                   | *                      |
| Nicholas C. Taylor   | 919,350             | 45.13 %                |
| Donna Gail Yanko (3)   | 11,612              | *                      |
| Officers and directors as a group (8 persons)                  | 1,069,564           | 49.93 %                |

\* Indicates less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock.

Included in the number of shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned are shares that such persons have the (1) right to acquire within 60 days of the record date, July 22, 2016, pursuant to options to purchase such Common Stock (Mr. Banschbach, 5,000; Mr. Clayton, 10,000; Mr. Hines, 10,000; and Ms. McComic, 79,850).

Securities not outstanding, but included in the beneficial ownership of each such person, are deemed to be (2) outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of outstanding securities of the class owned by such person, but are not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of the class owned by any other person.

(3) Includes shares beneficially owned as follows: Ms. Yanko's spouse – 944.

## SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's directors and officers and persons who own more than 10 percent of the Company's outstanding Common Stock, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Common Stock held by such persons. These persons are also required to furnish the Company with copies of all forms they file under this regulation. Based on our records and other information, the Company believes that during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016 all applicable Section 16(a) filing requirements were met.

## PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has selected and the Board of Directors has approved Grant Thornton LLP for appointment as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, subject to ratification by the stockholders. Neither the Company's bylaws nor other governing documents or law require shareholder ratification of the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm; however, the Company is submitting the selection of Grant Thornton LLP to the shareholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the shareholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether or not to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee may in its discretion direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. Grant Thornton LLP served as the independent registered public accountants for the Company for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. A representative of that firm will not be present at the Annual Meeting, but will be available by telephone, and have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and respond to appropriate questions.

## AUDIT FEES AND SERVICES

The table below sets forth the aggregate fees billed by Grant Thornton LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, for the last two fiscal years:

|                      | 2016      | 2015      |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Audit fees (1)       | \$143,116 | \$138,424 |
| Audit related fees   | \$-       | \$-       |
| Tax service fees (2) | \$-       | \$-       |
| All other fees       | \$-       | \$-       |
| Total                | \$143,116 | \$138,424 |

- For the audit of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K, review of the Company's quarterly financial statement included in its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and
- (1) review of the Company's other filings with the SEC, including consents and other research work necessary to comply with generally accepted auditing standards for the years ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.
  - (2) There were no fees billed for the fiscal years 2016 and 2015 for professional services rendered by Grant Thornton LLP, for tax compliance, tax advice or tax planning.

The Audit Committee's policy on pre-approval of audit and audit related fees requires the Chairman of the Audit Committee to sign all engagement letters of the principal independent accountant prior to commencement of any audit and non-audit services. All fees paid in fiscal 2016 and 2015 were approved in accordance with these procedures. All of the work performed in auditing our financial statements for the last two fiscal years of the Company by Grant Thornton LLP has been performed by their full-time, permanent employees.

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the Stockholders of Mexco Energy Corporation:

It is the responsibility of the members of the Audit Committee to contribute to the reliability of the Company's financial statements. In keeping with this goal, the Board of Directors adopted a written charter, which is posted on the Company's website at [www.mexcoenergy.com](http://www.mexcoenergy.com) in the "Corporate Governance" area of the "Investor Relations" section. The Audit Committee is satisfied with the adequacy of the charter based upon its evaluation of the charter during fiscal 2016. The Audit Committee met four times during fiscal 2016. The members of the Audit Committee are independent directors.

The Audit Committee oversees the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the entire Board of Directors. Management has the primary responsibility for the Company's financial statements and the reporting process, including the systems of internal controls. The primary responsibilities of the Audit Committee are to select and retain the Company's auditors (including review and approval of the terms of engagement and fees), to review with the auditors the Company's financial reports (and other financial information) provided to the SEC and the investing public, to prepare and publish this report and to assist the Board of Directors with oversight of integrity of the Company's financial statements; compliance by the Company with standards of business ethics and legal and regulatory requirements; qualifications and independence of the Company's independent auditors; and performance of the Company's independent auditors.

The Audit Committee does not provide any expert or special assurance as to the Company's financial statements or any professional certification as to the independent auditors' work.

In the performance of its oversight function, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the Company's quarterly and audited financial statements, including the quality of accounting principles with management and the independent accountants.

The Audit Committee also discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Rules on Auditing Standards No. 16, *Communications with Audit Committees*, as amended, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB"). Additionally, the Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the Company's independent accountants required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountants' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and the Audit Committee has discussed with the Company's independent auditors the independent auditor's independence.

Audit fees billed to the Company by Grant Thornton LLP for the audit of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K, the review of those financial statements included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and the review of the Company's other filings with the SEC including research work necessary to comply with generally accepted auditing standards totaled \$143,116 during the Company's 2016 fiscal year. The Audit Committee has concluded that Grant Thornton LLP does not provide any non-audit services.

Based on reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the financial statements for fiscal 2016 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016.

July 22, 2016 Audit Committee

Paul G. Hines, Chairman

Michael J. Banschbach

Kenneth L. Clayton

Christopher M. Schroeder

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the appointment of GRANT THORNTON LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.**

## STOCKHOLDERS PROPOSALS FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The next Annual Meeting of the Company's stockholders is scheduled to be held on September 12, 2017. Appropriate proposals of stockholders intended to be presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting must be received by the Secretary of the Company at the Company's offices at 214 West Texas Avenue, Suite 1101, Midland, Texas 79701, by March 31, 2017 in order to be considered by the Board of Directors for inclusion in the proxy solicitation materials for the 2017 Annual Meeting.

In addition, the Company's policy has established advance notice procedures to shareholders proposals not included in the Company's proxy statement, to be brought before an Annual Meeting. In general, the Secretary of the Company must receive notice of any such proposal not less than 80 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting (in the case of the next Annual Meeting, on or prior to June 24, 2017) at the address of the Company's principal executive offices above. Such notice must include the information which would be required to be included in the proxy statement filed pursuant to the rules of the SEC had the proposal been made by the Board of Directors.

## HOUSEHOLDING

The SEC permits a single set of annual reports and proxy statements to be sent to any household at which two or more stockholders reside if they appear to be members of the same family. Each stockholder continues to receive a separate proxy card. This procedure, referred to as householding, reduces the volume of duplicate information stockholders receive and reduces mailing and printing expenses. A number of brokerage firms have instituted householding.

As a result, if you hold your shares through a broker and you reside at an address at which two or more stockholders reside, you will likely be receiving only one annual report and proxy statement unless any stockholder at that address has given the broker contrary instructions. However, if any such beneficial stockholder residing at such an address wishes to receive a separate annual report or proxy statement in the future, or if any such beneficial stockholder that elected to continue to receive separate annual reports or proxy statements wishes to receive a single annual report or proxy statement in the future, that stockholder should contact their broker or send a request to our corporate secretary at our principal executive office mailing address, P.O. Box 10502, Midland, Texas 79702, telephone number (432) 682-1119. We will deliver, promptly upon written or oral request to the corporate secretary, a separate copy of the 2016 Annual Report and this proxy statement to a beneficial stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered.

## ACCESS TO REPORTS

Stockholders may obtain a copy of the Annual Report on Form 10-K and any of the other reports filed by Mexco with the SEC, free of charge, (1) from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), (2) from our website at [www.mexcoenergy.com](http://www.mexcoenergy.com), or (3) by writing to our Corporate Secretary at our principal executive offices, P.O. Box 10502, Midland, Texas 79702 or by email to [mexco@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mexco@sbcglobal.net).

#### OTHER MATTERS

We know of no other business which will be presented at the Annual Meeting other than as explained herein. Our Board of Directors has approved a process for collecting, organizing and delivering all stockholder communications to each of its members. To contact all directors on the Board, all directors on a Board committee or an individual member or members of the Board of Directors, a stockholder may mail a written communication to: Mexco Energy Corporation, Attention: Secretary, P.O. Box 10502, Midland, Texas 79702. All communications received in the mail will be opened by the Company's Secretary for the purpose of determining whether the contents represent a message to the Board of Directors. The contents of stockholder communications to the Board of Directors will be promptly relayed to the appropriate members. The Company encourages all members of the Board of Directors to attend the Annual Meeting of stockholders although we have no formal policy requiring attendance.

On June 28, 2016, we filed with the SEC an Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. The Annual Report on Form 10-K has been provided concurrently with this Proxy Statement to all stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting.

You can learn more about the Company and our operations by visiting our website at [www.mexcoenergy.com](http://www.mexcoenergy.com). Our website contains information concerning our business, recent news releases and other filings with the SEC; our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics; the charters of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating Committee; and, information concerning our Board of Directors and stockholder relations. .

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Donna Gail Yanko, Secretary



