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The Notice of 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement and 2007 Annual Report are available at [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM).

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the above listed documents you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make the request as instructed below on or before April 24, 2008 to facilitate timely delivery.

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## Meeting Location

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on May 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

at: Marriott Marquis Hotel

Broadway Ballroom

1535 Broadway (between 45th and 46th Streets)

New York, NY 10036

### **From the South (All Southern States through New Jersey)**

Go north on I-95 to the Lincoln Tunnel. After the tunnel follow the signs to the North/ Westside Highway (40<sup>th</sup> Street). Continue to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Turn left and go one block to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Turn right and proceed four blocks to 46<sup>th</sup> Street. Take another right and go three blocks. Hotel will be on your right at 46<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway.

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### **By Subway**

Take MTA subway lines N, Q, R, S, W, 1, 2, 3, or 7 to Times Square-42<sup>nd</sup> Street stop. Walk north on Broadway and the Hotel will be on your left between 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Streets.

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Directions to the Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York City are below and available at <http://www.marriott.com/city/new-york-hotels>:

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Follow the New York State Thruway to the Tappan Zee Bridge. Take Exit 7A after bridge (Saw Mill River Parkway South). Continue to the Henry Hudson Parkway. Follow the Henry Hudson Parkway downtown and exit to the left on 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Proceed to 9th Avenue, take a right and go down to 46<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left and go two blocks. The Hotel will be on your right between 8th Avenue and Broadway.

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