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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549
FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)
QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2017
OR
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from to
Commission File Number: 001-36331
Quotient Technology Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 77-0485123 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

400 Logue Avenue, Mountain View, California 94043 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(650) 605-4600

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter time period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of August 1, 2017, the registrant had 92,354,122 shares of common stock outstanding.

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FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

QUOTIENT TECHNOLOGY INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

	June 30, December 31,			
	2017 (unaudited)	2016		
Assets	,			
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 135,394	\$	106,174	
Short-term investments	34,582		69,172	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,035 and \$1,33	8			
at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively	74,552		71,945	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	8,527		6,293	
Total current assets	253,055		253,584	
Property and equipment, net	15,655		16,376	
Intangible assets, net	52,401		47,987	
Goodwill	80,506		43,895	
Other assets	892		914	
Total assets	\$ 402,509	\$	362,756	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$4,110	\$	4,968	
Accrued compensation and benefits	10,807		13,202	
Other current liabilities	22,383		20,864	
Deferred revenues	7,975		6,856	
Total current liabilities	45,275		45,890	
Other non-current liabilities	589		78	
Deferred rent	2,062		2,285	
Contingent consideration related to acquisitions	14,800		185	
Deferred tax liabilities	2,497		2,569	
Total liabilities	65,223		51,007	
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)		6/30/1	.5	
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Roger W. Redmond	1,250 \$ 1,250 \$ 1,250 \$ 1,250 \$	4.90 6.36 10.74 7.45	3/31/15 6/30/15 9/30/15 12/30/15

⁽¹⁾ The option is exercisable in annual increments of 25% of the options shares, with the first quarter increment becoming exercisable one year after date of grant.

Employment Contracts, Termination of Employment and Change-in-Control Arrangements

The Company has entered into a five-year employment agreement, effective as of January 1, 2002, with Roger G. Little, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President. For 2005 he received the following pursuant to the agreement: a base salary of \$230,000, payment in 2005 under an annual incentive bonus program of up to 50% of base salary (depending on attainment of specified performance goals), which amounted to \$46,000 in 2005, and payment under a long-term deferred compensation plan in the amount of

\$250,000. For subsequent years, base salary will be no less than \$205,000; and payments under the annual incentive bonus program and long-term deferred compensation plan will be determined annually. The agreement also provides for a Company vehicle for Mr. Little and for life insurance for which he may designate a beneficiary in the face amount of \$500,000. Further, the agreement provides for the payment of 12 months base salary in the event he is terminated without cause or if he terminates the agreement for good reason. The agreement also precludes Mr. Little from competing with the Company during his employment and for a period of one year thereafter, and from disclosing confidential information. On November 18, 2004, Amendment No. One to the Employment Agreement was executed entitling Mr. Little to paid vacations in accordance with the amended regular policy of the Company for the executive officers.

If Mr. Little s employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by Mr. Little for good reason within six months prior to a change-of-control or within one year thereafter, then in lieu of payment of 12 months base salary, the Company shall pay Mr. Little in 24 monthly installments a cash severance amount equal to three times his average annual compensation, including base salary and bonuses.

Beginning on January 1, 2006 and continuing on each anniversary of the agreement, the agreement will be automatically extended for an additional year unless the parties have renegotiated the agreement or one of the parties has given the other party notice of non-renewal.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Composition

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is currently composed of three directors, all of whom satisfy the independence standards for Audit Committee members under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, and operates under a written charter. In November 2002, the Audit Committee adopted an amended Audit Committee Charter, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A to this Proxy Statement. For 2005, the Committee was composed of Drs. Henseler, *chairman*, and Magliochetti, and Mr. Mayer.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee include engaging an accounting firm to serve as Spire s independent registered public accounting firm. Management is responsible for Spire s internal controls and financial reporting process. The independent registered public accounting firm are responsible for performing an independent audit of Spire s consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and for issuing an opinion thereon. The Audit Committee s responsibility is to oversee these processes and Spire s internal controls. The Audit Committee does not prepare or audit the Company s financial statements or certify their accuracy.

Review with Management and Independent Accountants

In this context, the Audit Committee has met and held discussions with management and the independent registered public accounting firm. Management represented to the Audit Committee that Spire s consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements with management and the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (as modified or supplemented).

Spire s independent registered public accounting firm also provided to the Audit Committee the written disclosures and the letter required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees, and the Audit Committee discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm, Vitale, Caturano & Company, Ltd. (VCC), the firm s independence.

Summary

Based upon the Audit Committee s discussions with management and the independent registered public accounting firm and the Audit Committee s review of Spire s audited consolidated financial statements and the representations of management, and the report of the independent registered public accounting firm to the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee recommended that the Board of Directors include the audited consolidated financial statements in Spire s Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2005, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This report is submitted by the Audit Committee.

Udo Henseler, Chairman

Michael J. Magliochetti

Guy L. Mayer

DISCLOSURE OF PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The following table presents aggregate fees billed to the Company for professional services rendered by Vitale, Caturano & Company, Ltd. for each of the last two fiscal years.

	2005 Fees	2004 Fees
Audit Fees	\$ 190,234	\$ 192,784
Audit-Related Fees		
Tax Fees	23,000	25,000
All Other Fees	9,250	
Total Fees	\$ 222,484	\$ 217,784

Audit Fees were for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company s annual consolidated financial statements and review of consolidated financial statements included in the Company s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-QSB and services that are normally provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

Audit-Related Fees were for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company s financial statements and are not reported under Audit Fees.

Tax Fees were for professional services rendered for federal, state and international tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

All Other Fees were for services other than the services reported above and include agreed-upon procedures in 2005.

Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors

The Audit Committee pre-approves all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Pre-approval is generally provided for up to one year, and any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services and is generally subject to a specific budget. The independent registered public accounting firm and management are required to periodically report to the Audit Committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in accordance with the pre-approval, and the fees for the services performed to date. The Audit Committee may also pre-approve particular services on a case-by-case basis.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Spire Corporation has engaged Vitale, Caturano & Company, Ltd. as the Company s independent registered public accountants for the current fiscal year. They have served as accountants for the Company since January 7, 2004.

As the Company s independent registered public accountants, VCC was engaged to conduct quarterly reviews of the Company; to conduct an audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the full year 2005; and to prepare the federal and state tax returns of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2005. Representatives of VCC are expected to attend the Meeting in order to respond to questions from stockholders and will have the opportunity to make a statement.

PROXIES AND VOTING AT THE MEETING

Each signed and returned proxy will be voted in accordance with any instructions of the stockholder(s) executing the proxy. A proxy signed without instructions will be voted in accordance with the Board s recommendations. If a stockholder attends the Meeting and votes in person, his or her proxy will not be counted. A signed proxy may be revoked at any time before it is exercised, either in person or by giving written notice of revocation to the Secretary of the Company at the address on the first page of this Proxy Statement.

Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to the stockholders for approval. No vote may be taken unless a quorum (*i.e.*, a majority of the common stock issued, outstanding, and entitled to vote) is present at the Meeting in person or by proxy. The seven nominees for election as directors at the Meeting who receive the greatest number of votes properly cast for the election of directors shall be elected the directors of the Company. Broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but are not counted for purposes of determining the result of any vote. Abstentions are counted in determining the presence of a quorum and, therefore, have the effect of a vote against a proposal (by raising the number of affirmative votes required to constitute a majority of the quorum).

The Board has fixed March 31, 2006, as the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to vote at the Meeting. On that date there were 7,248,487 shares of common stock issued, outstanding, and entitled to vote.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board knows of no other matters that may come before the Meeting. If any other matters should properly come before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote in accordance with their judgment on such matters. Such discretionary authority is conferred by the proxy.

All costs of this solicitation, which is being made principally by mail, but which may be supplemented by telephone or personal contacts by the Company s directors, officers, and employees without additional compensation, will be borne by the Company. Brokers will be requested to forward proxy soliciting material to the beneficial owners of the stock held in such brokers names, and the Company will reimburse them for their expenses incurred in complying with the Company s request.

In the Company's filings with the SEC, information is sometimes incorporated by reference. This means that the Company is referring you to information that has previously been filed with the SEC, so the information should be considered as part of the filing you are reading. Based on SEC regulations, the Audit Committee Report specifically is not incorporated by reference into any other filings with the SEC.

The Company s policy is to encourage its Board members to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and all of the members standing for re-election attended the Special Meeting in Lieu of the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

In order to be included in the proxy statement and form of proxy for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 14a-8, stockholder proposals must be received by the Company at its corporate offices in Bedford, Massachusetts, no later than December 15, 2006 (120 days before the anniversary of the date this Proxy Statement is being mailed to the Company s stockholders). Such proposals must also comply with the requirements as to form and substance established by the SEC if such proposals are to be included in the proxy statement and form of proxy. Stockholder proposals to be presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting, other than stockholder proposals submitted pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 14a-8 for inclusion in the proxy statement and form of proxy for the 2007 Annual Meeting, must be received in writing at the Company s corporate offices no later than February 28, 2007 (45 days before the anniversary of the date this Proxy Statement is being mailed to the Company s stockholders).

Independent directors will consider any director nominees you recommend in writing for the 2007 Annual Meeting if the Secretary receives notice by December 15, 2006, and you are a stockholder of record on the day you provide notice of your recommendation or nomination to the Company and on the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of the meeting and to vote. You may also nominate an individual for election as a director at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

for election as a director at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

In either event, your notice must include the following information for each person you are recommending or nominating for election as a director:

the name, age, business address and residence address of the person;

the principal occupation or employment of the person;

the number of shares of Spire common stock which the person owns beneficially or of record; and

any other information relating to the person that must be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors under Section 14 of the Exchange Act and its rules and regulations. In addition, your notice must include the following information about you:

your name and record address;

the number of shares of Spire common stock that you own beneficially or of record;

a description of all arrangements or understandings between you and each proposed nominee and any other person or persons, including their names, pursuant to which the nomination is to be made;

a representation that you intend to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons named in your notice; and

any other information about you that must be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors under Section 14 of the Exchange Act and its rules and regulations.

The notice must include written consent by each proposed nominee to being named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. No person will be eligible for election as a director of Spire unless recommended by a majority of independent directors and nominated by the Board or nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth above.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Michael W. O Dougherty, Secretary

April 14, 2006

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APPENDIX A

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

FOR

SPIRE CORPORATION

Purpose

The purpose of the Audit Committee (the Committee) shall be as follows:

- 1. To oversee the accounting and financial reporting processes of Spire Corporation (the Company) and audits of the financial statements of the Company.
- 2. To provide assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to its oversight of:
 - a. The integrity of the Company s financial statements;
 - b. The Company s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
 - c. The independent auditors qualifications and independence; and
 - d. The performance of the Company s independent auditors.
- 3. To prepare the report that SEC rules require be included in the Company s annual proxy statement.

Composition

The Committee shall consist of three or more members of the Board of Directors, each of whom is determined by the Board of Directors to be independent under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Qualifications

All members of the Committee shall be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements (or be able to do so within a reasonable period of time after his or her appointment) and at least one member must be a financial expert under the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Committee members may enhance their familiarity with finance and accounting by participating in educational programs conducted by the Company or by an outside consultant.

Under exceptional and limited circumstances, however, one director who is not independent as defined in the rules and regulations of the Nasdaq Stock Market and who is not a current employee or an immediate family member of an employee of the Company may serve as a member of the Committee, provided that:

1. The Board determines that membership by the individual on the Committee is required by the best interests of the Company and its shareholders;

- 2. The Company complies with all other requirements of the rules and regulations of the Nasdaq Stock Market with respect to non-independent members of the Committee, as such rules and regulations may be amended or supplemented from time to time;
- 3. No such person may serve as the Chairman of the Committee; and
- 4. No such person may serve on the Committee for more than two years.

Compensation

No member of the Committee shall receive compensation other than: (a) director s fees for service as a director of the Company, including reasonable compensation for serving on the Committee and regular benefits that other directors receive; and (b) a pension or similar compensation for past performance, provided that such compensation is not conditioned on continued or future service to the Company.

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Appointment and Removal

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve until such member s successor is duly elected and qualified or until such member s earlier resignation or removal. The members of the Committee may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Chairman

Unless a Chairman is elected by the full Board of Directors, the members of the Committee shall designate a Chairman by the majority vote of the full Committee membership. The Chairman will chair all regular sessions of the Committee and set the agendas for Committee meetings.

Delegation to Subcommittees

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Committee shall be entitled to delegate any or all of its responsibilities to a subcommittee of the Committee.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet as frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its goal to foster open communication, the Committee shall periodically meet separately with each of management and the independent auditors to discuss any matters that the Committee or management or the auditors believe would be appropriate to discuss privately. In addition, the Committee should meet with the independent auditors and management periodically to review the Company s financial statements in a manner consistent with that outlined in this Charter. The Chairman of the Board or any member of the Committee may call meetings of the Committee. All meetings of the Committee may be held telephonically.

All non-management directors who are not members of the Committee may attend meetings of the Committee, but may not vote. In addition, the Committee may invite to its meetings any director, member of management of the Company, and such other persons as it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities. The Committee may also exclude from its meetings any persons it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee shall carry out the duties and responsibilities set forth below. These functions should serve as a guide with the understanding that the Committee may determine to carry out additional functions and adopt additional policies and procedures as may be appropriate in light of changing business, legislative, regulatory, legal, or other conditions. The Committee shall also carry out any other duties and responsibilities delegated to it by the Board of Directors from time to time related to the purposes of the Committee outlined in this Charter. The Committee may perform any functions it deems appropriate under applicable law, rules, or regulations, the Company s By-laws, and the resolutions or other directives of the Board, including review of any certification required to be reviewed in accordance with applicable law or regulations of the SEC.

In discharging its oversight role, the Committee is empowered to study or investigate any matter of interest or concern that the Committee deems appropriate. In this regard, the Committee shall have the authority to retain, without seeking Board approval, outside legal, accounting, or other advisors for this purpose, including the authority to approve the fees payable to such advisors and any other terms of retention.

The Committee shall be given full access to the Company s Board of Directors, corporate executives, and independent accountants as necessary to carry out these responsibilities. While acting within the scope of its stated purpose, the Committee shall have all the authority of the Board of Directors, except as otherwise limited by applicable law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee is not responsible for certifying the Company s financial statements or guaranteeing the auditors report. The fundamental responsibility for the Company s financial statements and disclosures rests with management and the independent auditors. It also is the job of the chief executive officer and senior management rather than that of the Committee to assess and manage the Company s exposure to risk.

Documents/Reports Review

- 1. Discuss with management and the independent auditors prior to public dissemination the Company s annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements, including the Company s disclosures under Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and discuss with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61.
- 2. Discuss with management and the independent auditors prior to the Company s filing of any quarterly or annual report: (a) whether any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls exist that could adversely affect the Company s ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data; (b) the existence of any material weaknesses in the Company s internal controls; and (c) the existence of any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company s internal controls.
- 3. Discuss with management and the independent auditors the Company s earnings press releases (paying particular attention to the use of any proforma or adjusted non-GAAP information), as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. The Committee s discussion in this regard may be general in nature (*i.g.*, discussion of the types of information to be disclosed and the type of presentation to be made) and need not take place in advance of each earnings release or each instance in which the Company may provide earnings guidance.
- 4. Discuss with management and the independent auditors the Company s major financial risk exposures, the guidelines and policies by which risk assessment and management is undertaken, and the steps management has taken to monitor and control risk exposure.

Independent Auditors

- 5. Retain and terminate independent auditors and have the sole authority to approve all audit engagement fees and terms as well as all non-audit engagements with the independent auditors.
- 6. Inform each public accounting firm performing work for the Company that such firm shall report directly to the Committee.
- 7. Oversee the work of any public accounting firm employed by the Company, including the resolution of any disagreement between management and the auditor regarding financial reporting, for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work.
- 8. Approve in advance any significant audit or non-audit engagement or relationship between the Company and the independent auditors, other than prohibited non-auditing services, as may be specified in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or applicable laws or regulations.
- 9. Review, at least annually, the qualifications, performance, and independence of the independent auditors. In conducting its review and evaluation, the Committee should:
- a. At least annually obtain and review a report by the Company s independent auditors describing: (i) the auditing firm s internal quality-control procedures; (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the auditing firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by

governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the auditing firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (iii) to assess the auditors independence, all relationships between the independent auditors and the Company;

- b. Ensure the rotation of the lead audit partner at least every five years, and consider whether there should be regular rotation of the audit firm itself:
- c. Confirm with any independent auditors retained to provide audit services for any fiscal year that the lead (or coordinating) audit partner (having primary responsibility for the audit), or the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit, has not performed audit services for the Company in each of the five previous fiscal years of the Company; and
- d. Take into account the opinions of management and the Company s internal auditors (or other personnel responsible for the internal audit function).

Financial Reporting Process

- 10. In consultation with the independent auditors, management, and the internal auditors, review the integrity of the Company s financial reporting processes, both internal and external. In that connection, the Committee should obtain and discuss with management and the independent auditors reports from management and the independent auditors regarding: (a) all critical accounting policies and practices to be used by the Company and the related disclosure of those critical accounting policies under Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations; (b) analyses prepared by management and/or the independent auditors setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed with the Company s management, the ramifications of the use of the alternative disclosures, and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditors; (c) major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Company s selection or application of accounting principles; (d) major issues as to the adequacy of the Company s internal controls and any specific audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies; (e) issues with respect to the design and effectiveness of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures, management s evaluation of those controls and procedures, and any issues relating to such controls and procedures during the most recent reporting period; (f) the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet structures on the financial statements of the Company; and (g) any other material written communications between the independent auditor and the Company s management.
- 11. Review periodically the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the financial statements of the Company.
- 12. Review with the independent auditors any audit problems or difficulties encountered and management s response thereto. In this regard, the Committee must regularly review with the independent auditors: (a) any audit problems or other difficulties encountered by the auditors in the course of the audit work, including any restrictions on the scope of the independent auditors—activities or on access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management; and (b) management—s responses to such matters. Without excluding other possibilities, the Committee may wish to review with the independent auditors (i) any accounting adjustments that were noted or proposed by the auditors but were—passed—(as immaterial or otherwise), (ii) any communications between the audit team and the audit firm—s national office respecting auditing or accounting issues presented by the engagement, and (iii) any—management—or—internal control—letter issued, or proposed to be issued, by the independent auditors to the Company.
- 13. Review and discuss with the independent auditors the responsibilities, budget, and staffing of the Company s internal audit function.

Legal Compliance/General

- 14. Review periodically, with the Company s counsel, any legal matter that could have a significant impact on the Company s financial statements.
- 15. Discuss with management and the independent auditors the Company s guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The Committee should discuss the Company s major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures.
- 16. Set clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent auditors. At a minimum, these policies should provide that any public accounting firm may not provide audit services to the Company if the chief executive officer, controller, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, or any person serving in an equivalent position for the Company was employed by the public accounting firm and participated in any capacity in the audit of the Company within one year of the initiation of the current audit.
- 17. Establish procedures for (a) the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

Reports

- 18. Prepare all reports required to be included in the Company s proxy statement, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the SEC.
- 19. Report regularly to the full Board of Directors. In this regard, the Committee should review with the full board any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Company s financial statements, the Company s compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, and the performance and independence of the Company s independent auditors.
- 20. The Committee shall provide such recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate. The report to the Board of Directors may take the form of an oral report by the Chairman or any other member of the Committee designated by the Committee to make such report.
- 21. Maintain minutes or other records of meetings and activities of the Committee.

Limitation of Audit Committee s Role

With respect to the foregoing responsibilities and processes, the Committee recognizes that the Company s financial management, as well as the independent auditors has more time, knowledge, and detailed information regarding the Company than do Committee members. Consequently, in discharging its oversight responsibilities, the Committee will not provide or be deemed to provide any expertise or special assurance as to the Company s financial statements or any professional certification as to the independent auditors work.

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company s financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibilities of management and the independent auditors. It also is not the duty of the Committee to conduct investigations or to assure compliance with laws and regulations and the Company s internal policies and procedures.

SPIRE CORPORATION

Proxy for Special Meeting in Lieu of 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

May 18, 2006

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The undersigned hereby appoints Roger G. Little and Michael W. O Dougherty, and either one of them, proxies of the undersigned, with power of substitution, to act for and to vote all shares of Spire Corporation common stock owned by the undersigned, upon the matters set forth in the Notice of Meeting and related Proxy Statement at the Special Meeting in Lieu of 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Spire Corporation, to be held at Spire Corporation, One Patriots Park, Bedford, Massachusetts at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2006, and any adjournments thereof. The proxies, and either one of them, are further authorized to vote, in their discretion, upon such other business as may properly come before the Meeting, or adjournments thereof.

(Continued and to be signed on reverse side.)

YOUR SHARES WILL BE VOTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE: x

- 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. To fix the number of directors at eight and to elect seven directors, leaving one vacancy, to serve for one year:
 - " FOR ALL NOMINEES
 - " WITHHOLD AUTHORITY FOR ALL NOMINEES
 - " FOR ALL EXCEPT (See instruction below)

NOMINEES:

- o Udo Henseler
- o David R. Lipinski
- o Mark C. Little
- o Roger G. Little
- o Michael J. Magliochetti
- o Guy L. Mayer
- o Roger W. Redmond

<u>INSTRUCTION</u>: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark FOR ALL EXCEPT and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: •

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method. "

Signature of Stockholder	Date	
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NOTE: Please sign exactly as your name or nam	mes appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should	d sign. When signing as
executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guar	ardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please signer	gn full corporate name
by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such	ich. If signer is a partnership, please sign name by authorized person.	