

VALERO ENERGY CORP/TX
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 30, 2015

VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-13175 (Commission File Number) | 74-1828067 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| One Valero Way San Antonio, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) | 78249 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (210) 345-2000

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Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The 2015 annual meeting of the stockholders of Valero Energy Corporation (“Valero”) was held April 30, 2015. Matters voted on at the annual meeting and the results thereof were as follows:

(1) Proposal 1: Election of directors. The election of each director was approved as follows.

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|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Jerry D. Choate | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 368,664,717 | >50.0% | 98.75% |
| against | 4,650,100 | | |
| abstain | 4,257,280 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |
| Joseph W. Gorder | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 349,507,858 | >50.0% | 95.10% |
| against | 18,001,127 | | |
| abstain | 10,063,112 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |
| Deborah P. Majoras | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 373,791,197 | >50.0% | 99.62% |
| against | 1,411,061 | | |
| abstain | 2,369,839 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |
| Donald L. Nickles | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 370,797,405 | >50.0% | 98.83% |
| against | 4,394,148 | | |
| abstain | 2,380,544 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |
| Philip J. Pfeiffer | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 373,892,520 | >50.0% | 99.65% |
| against | 1,299,415 | | |
| abstain | 2,380,162 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |
| Robert A. Profusek | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 365,511,993 | >50.0% | 97.42% |
| against | 9,675,960 | | |
| abstain | 2,384,144 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |

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| Susan Kaufman Purcell | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 367,974,077 | >50.0% | 98.56% |
| against | 5,364,221 | | |
| abstain | 4,233,799 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |

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| Stephen M. Waters | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 374,309,450 | >50.0% | 99.77% |
| against | 875,915 | | |
| abstain | 2,386,732 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |

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| Randall J. Weisenburger | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 374,306,303 | >50.0% | 99.77% |
| against | 863,778 | | |
| abstain | 2,402,016 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |

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| Rayford Wilkins, Jr. | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 374,323,316 | >50.0% | 99.77% |
| against | 864,766 | | |
| abstain | 2,384,015 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |

(2) Proposal 2: Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP to serve as Valero's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The proposal was approved as follows:

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| Proposal 2 | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
| for | 426,003,354 | >50.0% | 98.58% |
| against | 3,926,651 | | |
| abstain | 2,205,855 | | |
| broker non-votes | n/a | | |

(3) Proposal 3: Vote on an advisory resolution to ratify the 2014 compensation of the named executive officers listed in the proxy statement. The proposal was approved as follows:

| Proposal 3 | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| for | 353,272,085 | >50.0% | 93.56% |
| against | 21,121,704 | | |
| abstain | 3,178,308 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |

Stockholder Proposal:

(4) Proposal 4: Vote on a stockholder proposal entitled, “Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” The proposal failed. Voting results for the proposal follow:

| Proposal 4 | shares voted | required vote * | vote received |
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| for | 125,613,080 | >50.0% | 33.27% |
| against | 191,484,308 | | |
| abstain | 60,474,709 | | |
| broker non-votes | 54,563,763 | | |

* Notes:

Required votes. For Proposal 1, as required by Valero’s bylaws, each director is to be elected by a majority of votes cast with respect to that director’s election. Proposals 2 through 4 required approval by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the shares present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote.

Effect of abstentions. Shares voted to abstain are treated as “present” for purposes of determining a quorum. In the election of directors, pursuant to Valero’s bylaws, shares voted to abstain are not deemed to be “votes cast,” and are accordingly disregarded. When, however, approval for a proposal requires (a) the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of the company, or (b) the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, then shares voted to abstain have the effect of a negative vote.

Effect of broker non-votes. Brokers holding shares for the beneficial owners of such shares must vote according to specific instructions received from the beneficial owners. If instructions are not received, in some instances, a broker may nevertheless vote the shares in the broker’s discretion. But under New York Stock Exchange rules, brokers are precluded from exercising voting discretion on certain proposals without specific instructions from the beneficial owner. This results in a “broker non-vote” on the proposal. A broker non-vote is treated as “present” for purposes of determining a quorum, has the effect of a negative vote when approval for a particular proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of the company, and has no effect when approval for a proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote. Per the NYSE’s rules, brokers had discretion to vote at the Annual Meeting on Proposal 2 only.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: May 1, 2015 by: /s/ Jay D. Browning
Jay D. Browning
Executive Vice President and General Counsel