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SPECIAL MEETING PROXY MATERIAL ENCLOSED - YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

We are pleased to inform you that we are now preparing for our upcoming Special Meeting of Stockholders, which will be held on August 8, 2024. We must successfully complete this year's Special Meeting of Stockholders proxy process in advance of the date of the meeting in order to not adjourn the Special Meeting of Stockholders.

Enclosed are the proxy materials specific to the special meeting. Please review them carefully.

Please respond to the proxy solicitation by voting in favor of the proposal described in the proxy materials by calling 1-877-864-5060. Failure to obtain the required votes for all of the proposals will cause the meeting to be adjourned until all voting requirements are met.

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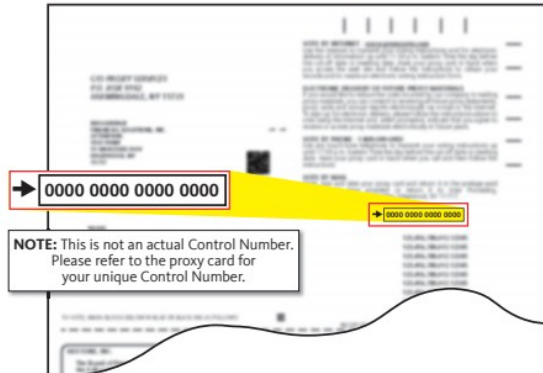
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Special Meeting proxy materials enclosed – Authorize your proxy today.

The **Special Meeting** of Stockholders will be held on August 8, 2024. Whether or not you plan to attend, your vote is very important. **You can authorize a proxy to vote your shares by internet, telephone, or mail.**

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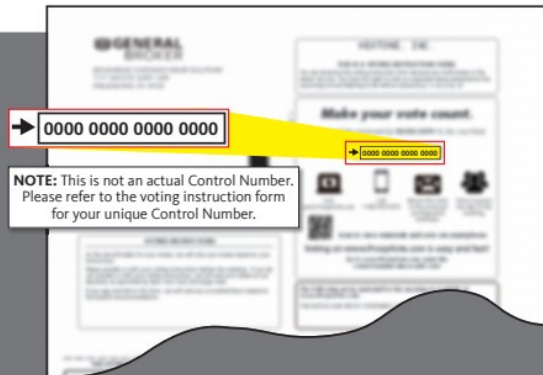
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There are several advantages to your company sending a Notice instead of a full set of materials, including lowering your company’s costs and reducing the environmental impact from printing and mailing full sets of proxy materials.

How do I view the proxy materials online?

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What if I prefer to receive a paper copy of the proxy materials?

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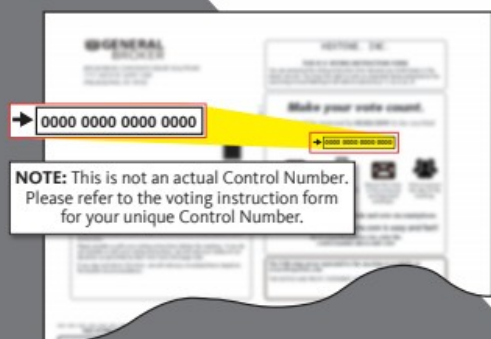
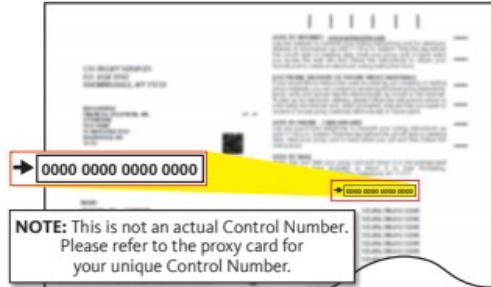
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