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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): May 5, 2011

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**PARKER DRILLING COMPANY**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)*

**001-07573**  
*(Commission File Number)*

**73-0618660**  
*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

**5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 100 Houston, Texas**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**77046**  
*(Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(281) 406-2000**

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

Parker Drilling Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held on May 5, 2011. Set forth below are descriptions of the matters voted on at the meeting and the results of the votes taken at the meeting.

1. To elect three nominees (listed below) as Class III directors, each for a three-year term.

<u>Director Nominee</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Withheld</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
Robert L. Parker Jr.	63,513,982	12,083,398	30,218,825
John W. Gibson Jr.	62,145,798	13,451,582	30,218,825
Roger B. Plank	57,110,316	18,487,064	30,218,825

2. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers.

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
60,159,667	15,170,471	267,242	30,218,825

3. To consider and act upon a proposal for the ratification of the selection made by our Audit Committee reappointing KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2011.

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
104,691,347	1,030,141	94,717	-0-

4. To vote, on a non-binding advisory basis, on whether stockholders should vote on the compensation of the named executive officers every one, two or three years.

<u>Votes For 1 Year</u>	<u>Votes For 2 Years</u>	<u>Votes For 3 Years</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
67,123,694	403,079	7,922,678	147,929	30,218,825

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**SIGNATURE**

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

Parker Drilling Company

By: /s/ W. Kirk Brassfield

W. Kirk Brassfield, Senior Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 11, 2011