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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 1, 2014

**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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 1, 2014. Set forth below are descriptions of the matters voted on 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.	81,693,009	3,779,489	20,014,216
Roger B. Plank	65,456,487	20,016,011	20,014,216
Gary G. Rich	81,555,266	3,917,232	20,014,216
Peter C. Wallace	84,232,355	1,240,143	20,014,216

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>
83,087,810	2,185,861	198,827	20,014,216

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, 2014.

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
104,566,201	855,969	64,544	0

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release announcing election of Gary G. Rich as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

**SIGNATURES**

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

Date: May 6, 2014

By: /s/ Jon-Al Duplantier  
Jon-Al Duplantier  
Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative  
Officer and General Counsel

**Gary G. Rich Elected Chairman of Parker Drilling's Board of Directors*****Robert L. Parker Jr. Continues As Non-Employee Board Member***

HOUSTON, May 6, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Parker Drilling Company (NYSE:PKD) announced today that Gary G. Rich, president and chief executive officer, has been elected chairman of the company's board of directors, effective immediately. The election was confirmed following the company's annual meeting of stockholders held last week in Houston, Texas. Since joining Parker in 2012, Mr. Rich has been instrumental in strengthening the company's operational, financial and business performance and in developing additional pathways for growth, including the acquisition of International Tubular Services (ITS) in April of 2013.

Mr. Rich replaces Robert L. "Bobby" Parker Jr. as chairman. The grandson of the company's founder, Mr. Parker recently retired from the company after a successful 40 year career in the oil and gas industry. Mr. Parker will remain on the board as a director and was elected to a three-year term during the meeting.

"Gary's election as chairman is a significant milestone for Parker Drilling," said Mr. Parker. "Gary understands and deeply appreciates the legacy and the high standards that Parker has established over the years and he has a clear vision for maintaining and building upon that success in the years to come. As we approach the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company, I'm pleased Gary has agreed to take on this role and I look forward to working with him and the board as we position the organization for future growth."

"I am grateful to have the benefit of the incredible foundation Bobby and his father have created," said Mr. Rich. "Bobby's many years of service, the relationships he's built in the industry, and the ground he's plowed over the years will allow us to take a great organization and continue to shape and focus it for future success. As we move forward, we will maintain our focus on providing innovative, reliable and efficient performance and deliver the premier customer service for which Parker Drilling has become known. I thank Bobby and the board for their ongoing support."

Parker Drilling (NYSE: PKD) provides contract drilling and drilling-related services and rental tools to the energy industry. The Company's drilling business serves operators in the inland waters of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico utilizing Parker's barge rig fleet and in select U.S. and international markets and harsh-environment regions utilizing Parker-owned and customer-owned equipment. The Company's rental tools business supplies premium equipment and well services to operators on land and offshore in the U.S. and international markets. More information about Parker Drilling can be found on the Company's website at [www.parkerdrilling.com](http://www.parkerdrilling.com).

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