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The E.W. Scripps Company

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The E. W. Scripps Company

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held at 10:00 a.m. EST, May 5, 2009.

As part of our efforts to cut unnecessary expenses and conserve the environment, The E.W. Scripps Company has elected to provide Internet access to the proxy statement and annual report to shareholders instead of mailing paper reports. This reduces postage and printing expenses and paper waste. The proxy statement and annual report are available at: www.proxydocs.com/ssp.

The annual shareholder meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2009 in Cincinnati, OH. The matters to be covered are noted below:

1. Election of nine Directors (class A common shareholders will elect three directors and common voting shareholders will elect six directors); and
2. Other matters as may be put forth at the meeting.

The Board of Directors of The E.W. Scripps Company recommends voting for the director nominees identified in the proxy statement.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

To view the proxy materials online, go to www.proxydocs.com/ssp.

How to vote

Shareholders on March 6, 2009, the record date, may vote online, by phone, by mail or in person. If you wish to vote online or by phone, you will need your Shareholder Control Number which can be found in the shaded box of this notice. No other personal information will be required in order to vote in this manner. We ask that you cast your vote promptly. Thank you for your continued support of The E.W. Scripps Company. Additional information on voting is available at www.proxydocs.com/ssp.

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Requesting a paper copy

If you want to receive a paper copy of these documents, you can request one by phone, on-line or by email. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request by April 24, 2009 to ensure delivery before our shareholder meeting.

Regardless of the manner in which you request a paper copy, you will need your Shareholder Control Number that can be found in the shaded box of this Notice. The phone number, web address and e-mail address follow:

- Ø Call our toll-free number 866-648-8133;
- Ø Visit our website at www.investorelections.com/ssp; or
- Ø Send us an e-mail at paper@investorelections.com.

Please enter the Shareholder/Stockholder Control Number when prompted or, if you send us an e-mail, enter it in the subject line.

Attending the meeting in person

The annual shareholder meeting will be held at 10:00 AM (ET) at the Queen City Club, 331 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

If you need assistance or directions, please contact the secretary's office by e-mail at kuprionis@scripps.com. Tickets are not required but shareholders will be asked to show identification.