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SCHEDULE 14A

(RULE 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14a INFORMATION

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO.)

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Magellan Petroleum Corporation

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7 Custom House Street, 3rd Floor

Portland, ME 04101

October, 2010

2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

December 8, 2010

Dear Shareholder:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and management of Magellan Petroleum Corporation (Magellan), we are pleased to invite you to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on December 8, 2010 at 1:00 P.M., local time at Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Airport Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32827 (telephone: (407) 825-1234). The Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement accompanying this letter describe the business to be acted on at the meeting. At the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to vote on the election of three directors and the other important matters set forth in the attached proxy materials. As in the past, members of management will review with you Magellan s results and will be available to respond to questions during the meeting.

While we are aware that most of our shareholders are unable personally to attend the Annual Meeting, proxies are solicited so that each shareholder has an opportunity to vote on all matters to come before the meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend, please take a few minutes now to sign, date and return your proxy in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Regardless of the number of shares you own, your vote is important.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Your vote is important, and all Magellan shareholders are cordially invited to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting in person. This year, the meeting will again be held in Orlando, FL. Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to complete, date, sign and return the enclosed Magellan proxy card or voting instruction form as promptly as possible, or to vote by telephone or Internet, to ensure your representation at the Annual Meeting. Telephone and Internet voting is available by following the instructions provided on the enclosed Magellan proxy card or voting instruction form.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF WALTER McCANN, RONALD P. PETTIROSSI AND J. ROBINSON WEST AS DIRECTORS AND FOR EACH OF PROPOS

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