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WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

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To Our Stockholders:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 2015 Whirlpool Corporation annual meeting of stockholders to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., Chicago time, at 120 East Delaware Place, 8th Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

At the meeting, stockholders will vote on the matters set forth in the formal notice of the meeting that follows on the next page. In addition, we will discuss Whirlpool's 2014 performance and the outlook for this year, and we will answer your questions.

We have included with this booklet a Form 10-K containing important financial information and an annual report that includes summary financial and other important information about Whirlpool.

We are pleased to once again furnish proxy materials to our stockholders on the Internet. We believe this approach provides our stockholders with the information they need, while lowering the costs of delivery and reducing the environmental impact of our annual meeting.

Your vote is important. We urge you to please vote your shares now whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. You may revoke your proxy at any time prior to the proxy being voted by following the procedures described in this booklet.

Your vote is important and much appreciated!

JEFF M. FETTIG  
Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive Officer

March 6, 2015

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NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The 2015 annual meeting of stockholders of WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION will be held at 120 East Delaware Place, 8th Floor, Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., Chicago time, for the following purposes:

1. to elect 11 persons to Whirlpool's Board of Directors;
2. to approve, on an advisory basis, Whirlpool's executive compensation;
3. to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Whirlpool's independent registered public accounting firm for 2015; and
4. to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be available for examination by any stockholder for any purpose relevant to the meeting during ordinary business hours for at least ten days prior to April 21, 2015, at Whirlpool's Global Headquarters, 2000 North M-63, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022-2692.

By Order of the Board of Directors

KIRSTEN J. HEWITT

Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs,  
General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

March 6, 2015

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## PROXY STATEMENT

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on April 21, 2015:

This Proxy Statement, the Accompanying Annual Report and Form 10-K are Available at: [investors.whirlpoolcorp.com/annuals.cfm](http://investors.whirlpoolcorp.com/annuals.cfm)

### Information about the Annual Meeting and Voting

Our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., Chicago time, at 120 East Delaware Place, 8th Floor, Chicago, Illinois. This proxy statement contains information about the matters being submitted to a vote of the stockholders. It also gives you information that we are required to provide under U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission rules and which is intended to help you make informed voting decisions.

Why am I receiving these materials?

You received these proxy materials because our Board of Directors (our "Board") is soliciting your proxy to vote your shares at our annual meeting of stockholders. By giving your proxy, you authorize persons selected by the Board to vote your shares at the annual meeting in the way that you instruct. All shares represented by valid proxies received before the annual meeting will be voted in accordance with the stockholder's specific voting instructions.

Why did I receive a Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials?

As permitted by Securities and Exchange Commission rules, we are making this proxy statement, our annual report and our Form 10-K (the "Proxy Materials") available to our stockholders electronically via the Internet. On or about March 10, 2015, we intend to mail to our stockholders a notice containing instructions on how to access the Proxy Materials and how to vote their shares online. If you receive a Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials (a "Notice") by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the Proxy Materials in the mail unless you specifically request them. Instead, the Notice instructs you on how to review Proxy Materials and submit your voting instructions over the Internet. If you receive a Notice by mail and would like to receive a printed copy of our Proxy Materials, you should follow the instructions contained in the Notice for requesting such materials.

What is "householding" and how does it affect me?

The Securities and Exchange Commission's rules permit us to deliver a single Notice or set of Proxy Materials to one address shared by two or more of our stockholders. This delivery method is referred to as "householding" and can result in significant cost savings. To take advantage of this opportunity, we have delivered only one Notice or set of Proxy Materials to multiple stockholders who share an address, unless we received contrary instructions prior to the mailing date. If you prefer to receive separate copies of the Notice or Proxy Materials, contact Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions, Inc. at (800) 542-1061 or in writing at Broadridge, Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717, and we will deliver a separate copy promptly. If you are currently a stockholder sharing an address with another stockholder and wish to receive only one copy of future Notices or Proxy Materials for your household, please contact Broadridge at the above phone number or address.

What does it mean if I receive more than one Notice, proxy card or instruction form?

This means that your shares are registered differently and are held in more than one account. To ensure that all shares are voted, please vote each account over the Internet or by telephone, or sign and return by mail all proxy cards and instruction forms. We encourage you to have all your accounts registered in the same name and address by contacting our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., Shareholder Services, at (877) 453-1504; TDD/TTY for hearing impaired: (800) 952-9245 or in writing at P.O. Box 30170, College Station, TX, 77842-3170. If you hold your shares through a bank or broker, you can contact your bank or broker to request consolidation.

Who can vote on matters presented at the annual meeting?

Stockholders of record of Whirlpool common stock as of the record date, February 23, 2015, are entitled to vote on matters presented at the annual meeting. Each of the approximately 78,475,146 shares of Whirlpool common stock issued and outstanding as of that date is entitled to one vote.

What is the difference between holding stock as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

If your shares are registered in your name with Whirlpool's transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., you are the "stockholder of record" of those shares. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account, bank or other holder of record, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of those shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other holder of record how to vote your shares by using the voting instruction card or by following their instructions for voting by telephone or on the Internet.

How do I vote my shares?

You may attend the annual meeting and vote your shares in person if you are a record holder. If you are a beneficial owner, you may obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank, or other holder of record, attend the annual meeting, and vote your shares in person. You may vote without attending the annual meeting by granting a proxy for shares of which you are the stockholder of record, or by submitting voting instructions to your broker or nominee for shares that you hold beneficially in street name. In most cases, you will be able to do this by using the Internet, by telephone, or by mail if you received a printed set of Proxy Materials.

By Internet - If you have Internet access, you may submit your proxy by following the instructions provided in the Notice, or if you received a printed set of Proxy Materials by mail, by following the instructions provided with your Proxy Materials and on your proxy card or voting instruction card.

By Telephone - If you have Internet access, you may obtain instructions on voting by telephone by following the Internet access instructions provided in the Notice. If you received a printed set of Proxy Materials, your proxy card or voting instruction card will provide instructions to vote by telephone.

By Mail - If you received a printed set of Proxy Materials, you may submit your proxy by mail by signing your proxy card if your shares are registered in your name or by following the voting instructions provided by your broker, nominee or trustee for shares held beneficially in street name, and mailing it in the enclosed envelope.

A Notice cannot be used to vote your shares. The Notice does, however, provide instructions on how to vote by using the Internet, or by requesting and returning a paper proxy card or voting instruction card.

What if I submit my proxy or voting instructions, but do not specify how I want my shares to be voted?

If you are a stockholder of record and you do not specify how you want to vote your shares on your signed proxy card or by voting over the Internet or telephone, then the proxy holders will vote your shares in the manner recommended by the Board for all matters presented in this proxy statement and as they determine in their discretion with respect to other matters presented for a vote at the annual meeting. If you are a beneficial owner and you do not give specific voting instructions, the institution that holds your shares may generally vote your shares on routine matters, but may not vote your shares on non-routine matters. If you do not give specific voting instructions to the institution that holds your shares with respect to a non-routine matter, the institution will inform the inspector of election that it does not have authority to vote on this matter with respect to your shares. This is called a broker non-vote. The only routine matter included in this proxy statement is the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Whirlpool's independent registered public accounting firm for 2015.

What if other business comes up at the annual meeting?

If any nominee named herein for election as a director is not available to serve, the accompanying proxy will be voted in favor of the remainder of those nominated and may be voted for a substitute person. Whirlpool expects all nominees to be available to serve and knows of no matter to be brought before the annual meeting other than those covered in this proxy statement. If, however, any other matter properly comes before the annual meeting, we intend that the accompanying proxy will be voted thereon in accordance with the judgment of the persons voting such proxy.

What if I want to revoke my proxy or change my vote?

If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised in any of three ways: (1) by submitting written notice of revocation to Whirlpool's Corporate Secretary; (2) by submitting another proxy via the Internet, by telephone, or by mail that is dated as of a later date and, if by mail, that is properly signed; or (3) by voting in person at the meeting. You may change your vote by submitting another timely vote by Internet, telephone or mail. If you are a beneficial owner, you must contact the institution that holds your shares to revoke your voting instructions or change your vote.

What if I hold shares through the Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan?

If you participate in the Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan and hold shares of Whirlpool stock in your plan account as of the record date, you will receive a request for voting instructions from the plan trustee (Vanguard) with respect to your plan shares. If you hold Whirlpool shares outside of the plan, you will vote those shares separately. You are entitled to direct Vanguard how to vote your plan shares. If you do not provide voting instructions to Vanguard by 11:00 a.m. Eastern time on April 17, 2015, the Whirlpool shares in your plan account will be voted by Vanguard in the same proportion as the shares held by Vanguard for which voting instructions have been received from other participants in the plan. You may revoke your previously provided voting instructions by submitting either a written notice of revocation or a properly executed proxy dated as of a later date prior to the deadline for voting plan shares.

What should I know about attending the annual meeting?

If you attend, please note that you will be asked to check in at the registration desk and present valid picture identification. If you are a beneficial owner, you will also need to bring a copy of your voting instruction card or brokerage statement reflecting your stock ownership as of the record date. If you wish to designate someone as a proxy to attend the annual meeting on your behalf, that person must bring a valid legal proxy containing your signature and printed or typewritten name as it appears in the list of registered stockholders or on your account statement if you are a beneficial owner. Cameras, recording devices, cell phones, and other electronic devices will not be permitted at the meeting other than those operated by Whirlpool or its designees. All bags, briefcases, and packages will need to be checked at the door or will be subject to search.

Who will count the votes?

Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions, Inc. will act as the independent inspector of election and will certify the voting results.

Will my vote be confidential?

Whirlpool's Board has adopted a policy requiring all votes to be kept confidential from management except when disclosure is made public by the stockholder, required by law, and/or in other limited circumstances.

What is the quorum for the annual meeting?

Stockholders representing at least 50% of the common stock issued and outstanding as of the record date must be present at the annual meeting, either in person or represented by proxy, for there to be a quorum at the annual meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present for establishing a quorum.

How many votes are needed to approve the proposals?

Item 1 (Election of Directors). For the election of directors (provided the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected), each director must receive the majority of the votes cast with respect to that director (number of shares voted "for" a director must exceed the number of votes cast "against" that director).

Item 2 (Advisory Vote to Approve Whirlpool's Executive Compensation). The affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote is required to approve Whirlpool's executive compensation.

Item 3 (Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP). The affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote is required to approve the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as Whirlpool's independent registered public accounting firm.

Other Business. The affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote is required to approve any other matter that may properly come before the meeting.



How are abstentions and broker non-votes treated?

Abstentions will have no effect on Item 1. Abstentions will be treated as being present and entitled to vote on Items 2 and 3, and therefore, will have the effect of votes against such proposals. If you do not provide your broker or other nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares held in street name, your broker or nominee will not be permitted to vote them on non-routine matters, such as Items 1 and 2, which will result in a broker non-vote. Shares subject to a broker non-vote will not be considered entitled to vote with respect to Items 1 and 2, and will not affect the outcome on those Items. We encourage you to provide instructions to your broker regarding how to vote your shares.

Who will pay for this proxy solicitation?

Whirlpool will pay the expenses of the solicitation of proxies. We expect to pay fees of approximately \$14,000 plus certain expenses for assistance by D.F. King & Co., Inc. in the solicitation of proxies. Proxies may be solicited by directors, officers, and Whirlpool employees and by D.F. King & Co., Inc., personally and by mail, telephone, or other electronic means.

How do I submit a stockholder proposal for the 2016 annual meeting?

Our annual meeting of stockholders is generally held on the third Tuesday in April. Any stockholder proposal that you intend to have us include in our proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders in 2016 must be received by the Corporate Secretary of Whirlpool at [corporate\\_secretary@whirlpool.com](mailto:corporate_secretary@whirlpool.com) by November 11, 2015, and must otherwise comply with the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules in order to be eligible for inclusion in the proxy statement and proxy form relating to this meeting. Other proposals or a nomination for director to be submitted from the floor of the annual meeting of stockholders in 2016 must be received by the Corporate Secretary of Whirlpool personally or by registered or certified mail by January 20, 2016, and must satisfy the procedures set forth in Whirlpool's By-laws.

Item 1 – Directors and Nominees for Election as Directors

As the world's leading global manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances with revenues of approximately \$20 billion and global operations, we believe our Board should be composed of individuals with sophistication and experience in many substantive areas that impact our business. We believe experience, qualifications, or skills in one or more of the following areas are most important: international operations; marketing/branded consumer products; manufacturing; sales and distribution; legal/regulatory and government affairs; accounting, finance, and capital structure; strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations; human resources and development practices; innovation, technology, and engineering; and board practices of other major corporations. These areas are in addition to the personal qualifications described in the section entitled "Director Nominations to be Considered by the Board" later in this proxy statement. We believe that all our current Board members possess the professional and personal qualifications necessary for service on our Board and have highlighted certain particularly noteworthy attributes for each Board member in the individual biographies below. In addition, length of service on our Board has provided several directors with significant exposure during various economic cycles to both our business and the industry in which we compete.

We currently have 12 directors on the Board; however, one of our directors will be retiring effective as of the date of the 2015 annual meeting. Directors who are elected will serve until our next annual meeting of stockholders and stand for reelection annually. Each of the nominees below has consented to be a nominee named in this proxy statement, and to serve if elected. The Board recommends a vote FOR the election of each of the directors nominated below.

SAMUEL R. ALLEN, 61, has served as a director since 2010. Mr. Allen has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Deere & Co., a farm machinery and equipment company, since February 2010, and a director since June 2009. Mr. Allen joined Deere & Co. in 1975 and since that time has held positions of increasing responsibility. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Allen possesses particular knowledge and experience in strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations; human resources and development practices; and innovation, technology and engineering that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

GARY T. DICAMILLO, 64, has served as a director since 1997. Mr. DiCamillo has been a Partner at Eaglepoint Advisors, LLC, a turnaround, restructuring, and strategic advisory firm, since January 2010. Prior to joining Eaglepoint Advisors, LLC, Mr. DiCamillo was President and Chief Executive Officer of Advantage Resourcing (formerly known as RADIA International), a professional and commercial staffing company, from 2002 until August 2009. From 1995 to 2002, Mr. DiCamillo served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Polaroid Corporation. Mr. DiCamillo is a director of Pella Corporation (1993 to 2007, and 2010 to present), The Sheridan Group, Inc. (since 1989), which was public within the past five years, and previously served as a director, as well as Lead Director, of 3Com Corporation (2000 to 2010). As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. DiCamillo possesses particular knowledge and experience in marketing/branded consumer products; strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations; and accounting, finance, and capital structure that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

DIANE M. DIETZ, 49, has served as a director since February 2013. Ms. Dietz served as an Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of Safeway, Inc., a leading food and drug retailer, from July 2008 to January 2015. Prior to joining Safeway, Inc., Ms. Dietz held positions of increasing responsibility with Procter and Gamble from 1989 through 2008. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Ms. Dietz possesses particular knowledge and experience in marketing/branded consumer products; manufacturing; sales and distribution; and strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

GERRI T. ELLIOTT, 58, has served as a director since February 2014. Ms. Elliott is the former Executive Vice President, Strategic Advisor of Juniper Networks, a producer of high-performance networking equipment, a position she held from February 2014 until her retirement in July 2014. Ms. Elliott served as the company's Executive Vice President and Chief Customer Officer from 2013 until February 2014; Executive Vice President and Chief Sales, Services and Support Officer from 2012 to 2013; Executive Vice President and Chief Sales Officer from 2011 to 2012 and as the company's Executive Vice President, Strategic Alliances, from 2009 to 2011. Before joining Juniper Networks, Ms. Elliott was at Microsoft Corporation, where she was Corporate Vice President, Worldwide Public Sector Organization from 2004 to 2008. Prior to joining Microsoft Corporation, Ms. Elliott spent 22 years at IBM Corporation, where she held several senior executive positions in the U.S. and internationally. Ms. Elliott is a director of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. (since 2014). As a result of these and other professional experiences, Ms. Elliott possesses particular knowledge and experience in sales and distribution; innovation, technology and engineering; and strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

JEFF M. FETTIG, 58, has served as a director since 1999. Mr. Fettig has been Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Whirlpool since 2004 after holding other positions of increasing responsibility since 1981. Mr. Fettig is also a director of The Dow Chemical Company (since 2003). As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Fettig possesses particular knowledge and experience in marketing/branded consumer products; sales and distribution; and strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

MICHAEL F. JOHNSTON, 67, has served as a director since 2003. Mr. Johnston retired from Visteon Corporation, an automotive components supplier, in 2008. At Visteon, he served as Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, and Chief Operating Officer at various times since 2000. In May 2009, Visteon filed for voluntary reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Before joining Visteon, Mr. Johnston held various positions in the automotive and building services industry. Mr. Johnston is also a director of Armstrong World Industries, Inc. (since 2010) and Dover Corporation (since 2013), and previously served as a director of Flowserve Corporation (1997-2013). As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Johnston possesses particular knowledge and experience in manufacturing; innovation, technology and engineering; board practices of other major corporations; and accounting, finance, and capital structure that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

JOHN D. LIU, 46, has served as a director since 2010. Mr. Liu has been the Chief Executive Officer of Essex Equity Management, a financial services company, and Managing Partner of Richmond Hill Investments, an investment management firm, since March 2008. Prior to that time, Mr. Liu was employed for 12 years by Greenhill & Co. Inc., a global investment banking firm, in positions of increasing responsibility including Chief Financial Officer. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Liu possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance, and capital structure; strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations; and legal/regulatory and government affairs that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

HARISH MANWANI, 61, has served as a director since 2011. Mr. Manwani is Global Executive Advisor for Blackstone Private Equity, a position he has held since February 2015. Mr. Manwani is the former Chief Operating Officer of Unilever, a global consumer product brands company, a position he was appointed to in September 2011 and held until his retirement in December 2014. He remains the non-executive Chairman of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL). Mr. Manwani joined HUL in 1976, becoming a member of the HUL board in 1995, and held positions of increasing responsibility in Unilever which have given him wide ranging international marketing and general management experience. Mr. Manwani is also a director of Pearson plc (since 2013), Qualcomm, Inc. (since 2014) and Nielsen N.V. (since 2015) and is a director of the Economic Development Board of Singapore. Mr. Manwani also previously served as a director of ING Group (2008 to 2010). He has also served on the boards of various other external bodies. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Manwani possesses particular knowledge and experience in international operations; sales and distribution; and strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

WILLIAM D. PEREZ, 67, has served as a director since 2009. Mr. Perez has been a Senior Advisor to Greenhill & Co., Inc., a global investment banking firm, since January 2010. Prior to joining Greenhill & Co., Inc., Mr. Perez was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company from 2006 to 2008, and President, Chief Executive Officer, and a member of the Board of Nike, Inc. from 2004 to 2006, after spending 34 years at S.C. Johnson at various positions, including Chief Executive Officer and President. Mr. Perez is also a director of Johnson & Johnson (since 2007) and previously served as a director of Kellogg Company (2000 to 2006) and Campbell Soup Company (2009 to 2012). As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Perez possesses particular knowledge and experience in sales and distribution; board practices of other major corporations; and international operations that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

MICHAEL A. TODMAN, 57, has served as a director since 2006. Mr. Todman was named Vice Chairman, Whirlpool Corporation, in November 2014. Prior to this role, Mr. Todman had been President, Whirlpool International since January 2010 after holding other positions of increasing responsibility since 1993. Mr. Todman is also a director of Newell Rubbermaid Inc. (since 2007) and Brown-Forman Corporation (since 2014). As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Todman possesses particular knowledge and experience in international operations; sales and distribution; and manufacturing that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

MICHAEL D. WHITE, 63, has served as a director since 2004. Mr. White has been President and Chief Executive Officer of DIRECTV, a leading provider of digital television entertainment services, since January 2010, Chairman of the Board since June 2010, and a director since November 2009. From February 2003 until December 2009, Mr. White was Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo International and Vice Chairman, PepsiCo, Inc. after holding positions of increasing importance with PepsiCo since 1990. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. White possesses particular knowledge and experience in marketing/branded consumer products; accounting, finance, and capital structure; and legal/regulatory and government affairs that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

The following director is not standing for reelection.

WILLIAM T. KERR, 73, has served as a director since 2006 after serving eight years on the board of Maytag Corporation. Mr. Kerr is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Arbitron, Inc., a media and marketing services company, a position he held from January 2010 until his retirement in January 2013, and was a director of Arbitron from 2007 until 2013. From January 1998 to January 2010, Mr. Kerr was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Meredith Corporation, a diversified media company, and since 1991 held various other positions at Meredith, including Chief Executive Officer, President, and Chief Operating Officer, and was a director of Meredith from 1994 to February 2010. Mr. Kerr is also a director of Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (since 2006), and previously served as a director of The Principal Financial Group (2001 to 2010), and Storage Technology Corporation (1998 to 2005). As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Kerr possesses particular knowledge and experience in marketing/branded consumer products; board practices of other major corporations; and legal/regulatory and government affairs that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

## Board of Directors and Corporate Governance

## I. Board of Directors and Committees

## Board of Directors

During 2014, our Board met eight times and had four committees. The committees consisted of an Audit Committee, which met eight times; a Human Resources Committee, which met four times; a Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, which met three times; and a Finance Committee, which met three times. Each director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board and the Board committees on which he or she served.

All directors properly nominated for election are expected to attend the annual meeting of stockholders. In 2014, all of our directors attended the annual meeting of stockholders.

The table below breaks down the current membership for each committee.

Name	Audit	Human Resources	Corporate Governance and Nominating	Finance
Mr. Allen		X	X	
Mr. DiCamillo	Chair			X
Ms. Dietz			X	X
Ms. Elliott	X	X		
Mr. Fettig				
Mr. Johnston	X		Chair	
Mr. Kerr	X	X		
Mr. Liu	X			X
Mr. Manwani			X	X
Mr. Perez		X		Chair
Mr. Todman				
Mr. White		Chair	X	

## Audit Committee

The members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. DiCamillo (Chair), Johnston, Kerr, and Liu, and Ms. Elliott. Pursuant to a written charter, the Audit Committee provides independent and objective oversight of our accounting functions and internal controls and monitors the objectivity of our financial statements. The Audit Committee assists Board oversight of:

1. the integrity of our financial statements;
2. our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
3. the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence; and
4. the performance of our internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm.

In performing these functions, the Audit Committee is responsible for the review and discussion of the annual audited financial statements, quarterly financial statements and related reports with management and the independent registered public accounting firm. These related reports include our disclosures under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.” The Audit Committee also monitors policies and guidelines with respect to risk assessment and risk management, assesses the adequacy of financial disclosure, retains and/or terminates our independent registered public accounting firm, and exercises sole authority to review and approve all audit engagement fees and terms. The Audit Committee approves in advance the nature, extent, and cost of all internal control-related and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm, and also reviews annual reports from the independent registered public accounting firm regarding its internal quality control procedures.

Under its charter, the Audit Committee is comprised solely of three or more independent directors who meet the enhanced independence standards for audit committee members set forth in the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) listing standards (which incorporates the standards set forth in the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission). The Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee satisfies the financial literacy qualifications of the NYSE listing standards and that Mr. DiCamillo satisfies the “audit committee financial expert” criteria established by the Securities and Exchange Commission and has accounting and financial management expertise as required under the NYSE listing rules.

#### Human Resources Committee

The members of the Human Resources Committee are Messrs. White (Chair), Allen, Kerr, and Perez, and Ms. Elliott. Pursuant to a written charter, the Human Resources Committee assures the adequacy of the compensation and benefits of Whirlpool’s officers and top management and compliance with any executive compensation disclosure requirements. In performing these functions, the Human Resources Committee has sole authority and responsibility to select, retain, and terminate any consulting firm assisting in the evaluation of director, CEO, or senior executive compensation. The Human Resources Committee has the following duties and responsibilities, among others:

- reviews and approves corporate goals and objectives relevant to CEO compensation, evaluates the CEO’s performance in light of these goals and objectives, and sets the CEO’s compensation level based on this evaluation and other relevant business information;
- determines and approves the compensation and other employment arrangements for Whirlpool’s executive officers;
- makes recommendations to the Board with respect to incentive compensation and equity-based plans; and
- determines and approves equity grants for executive officers and each individual subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Human Resources Committee has the authority to form subcommittees and delegate to those subcommittees certain actions. Under its charter, the Human Resources Committee is comprised solely of three or more independent directors who meet the enhanced independence standards for compensation committee members under the NYSE listing standards and qualify as “outside directors” for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code and “nonemployee directors” for purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. For information about the Human Resources Committee’s processes for establishing and overseeing executive compensation, refer to “Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Role of the Human Resources Committee.”



#### Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee

The members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee are Messrs. Johnston (Chair), Allen, Manwani, and White, and Ms. Dietz. Pursuant to a written charter, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee provides oversight on the broad range of issues surrounding the composition and operation of the Board, including:

1. identifying individuals qualified to become Board members;
2. recommending to the Board director nominees for the next annual meeting of stockholders;
3. recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles applicable to Whirlpool; and
4. recommending to the Board changes relating to director compensation.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee also provides recommendations to the Board in the areas of committee selection and rotation practices, evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the Board and management, and review and consideration of developments in corporate governance practices. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee retains the sole authority to retain and terminate any search firm to be used to identify director candidates, including sole authority to approve the search firm's fees and other retention terms. To assist the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee in identifying potential director nominees who meet the criteria and priorities established from time to time and facilitate the screening and nomination process for such nominees, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has retained third-party search firms. During 2014, we engaged Heidrick & Struggles to assist the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee in identifying and soliciting potential candidates to join our Board. On an annual basis, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee solicits input from the full Board and conducts a review of the effectiveness of the operation of the Board and Board committees, including reviewing governance and operating practices and the Corporate Governance Guidelines for Operation of the Board of Directors. Under its charter, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is comprised solely of three or more independent directors who meet the independence standards under the NYSE listing standards.

#### Finance Committee

The members of the Finance Committee are Messrs. Perez (Chair), DiCamillo, Liu, and Manwani, and Ms. Dietz. Pursuant to a written charter, the Finance Committee considers issues affecting our financial structure and makes recommendations to the Board. The Finance Committee develops capital policies and strategies to set an acceptable capital structure, regularly reviews dividend action, liquidity management, adequacy of insurance coverage, the annual business plan as it relates to funds flow, capital expenditure and financing requirements, capital investment projects, major financial transactions, and tax planning strategy and initiatives. The Finance Committee also provides oversight of the Pension Fund Committee with respect to pension plan investment policies and plan funding requirements.

## II. Corporate Governance

### Director Independence

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee conducts an annual review of the independence of the members of the Board and its committees, and reports its findings to the full Board. Ten of our 12 directors are nonemployee directors (all except Messrs. Fettig and Todman). Although the Board has not adopted categorical standards of materiality for independence purposes (other than those set forth in the NYSE listing standards), information provided by the directors and Whirlpool did not indicate any relationships (e.g., commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable, or familial), which would impair the independence of any of the nonemployee directors. Based on the report and recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Board has determined that each of its nonemployee directors satisfies the independence standards set forth in the listing standards of the NYSE.

### Board Leadership Structure

As noted above, our Board is currently comprised of ten independent and two employee directors. Mr. Fettig has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer since July 2004, and has been a member of our Board since June 1999. Since 2003, the Board has designated one of the independent directors as Presiding Director. We believe that the number of independent, experienced directors that make up our Board, along with the independent oversight of our Presiding Director, benefits Whirlpool and its stockholders.

We recognize that different board leadership structures may be appropriate for companies in different situations and believe that no one structure is suitable for all companies. We believe our current Board leadership structure is optimal for us because it demonstrates to our employees, suppliers, customers, and other stakeholders that Whirlpool is under strong leadership, with a single person setting the tone and having primary responsibility for managing our operations. Having a single leader for both the company and the Board eliminates the potential for confusion or duplication of efforts, and provides clear leadership for Whirlpool. We believe Whirlpool, like many U.S. companies, has been well-served by this leadership structure.

Because the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are held by the same person, the Board believes it is appropriate for the independent directors to elect one independent director to serve as a Presiding Director. In addition to presiding at executive sessions of nonemployee directors, the Presiding Director has the responsibility to: (1) coordinate with the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in establishing the annual agenda and topic items for Board meetings; (2) retain independent advisors on behalf of the Board as the Board may determine is necessary or appropriate; (3) assist the Human Resources Committee with the annual evaluation of the performance of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and in conjunction with the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, meet with the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer to discuss the results of such evaluation; and (4) perform such other functions as the independent directors may designate from time to time. Mr. Johnston is currently serving as the Presiding Director.

Our Board conducts an annual evaluation in order to determine whether it and its committees are functioning effectively. As part of this annual self-evaluation, the Board evaluates whether the current leadership structure continues to be optimal for Whirlpool and its stockholders. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide the flexibility for our Board to modify or continue our leadership structure in the future, as it deems appropriate.

### Risk Oversight

Our Board is responsible for overseeing Whirlpool's risk management. The Board focuses on Whirlpool's general risk management strategy and the most significant risks facing Whirlpool, and ensures that appropriate risk mitigation strategies are implemented by management. The Board is also apprised of particular risk management matters in connection with its general oversight and approval of corporate matters.

The Board has delegated to the Audit Committee oversight of Whirlpool's risk management process. Among its duties, the Audit Committee reviews with management: (1) Whirlpool's policies with respect to risk assessment and management of risks that may be material to Whirlpool, (2) Whirlpool's system of disclosure controls and system of internal controls over financial reporting, and (3) Whirlpool's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing major legislative and regulatory developments that could materially impact Whirlpool's contingent liabilities and risks. Our other Board committees also consider and address risk as they perform their respective committee responsibilities. All committees report to the full Board as appropriate, including when a matter rises to the level of a material or enterprise level risk.

Whirlpool's management is responsible for day-to-day risk management. Our treasury, risk management, and internal audit areas serve as the primary monitoring and testing function for company-wide policies and procedures and manage the day-to-day oversight of the risk management strategy for the ongoing business of Whirlpool. This oversight includes identifying, evaluating, and addressing potential risks that may exist at the enterprise, strategic, financial, operational, and compliance and reporting levels.

We believe the division of risk management responsibilities described above is an effective approach for addressing the risks facing Whirlpool and that our Board leadership structure supports this approach.

### Compensation Risk Assessment

Whirlpool regularly reviews its employee compensation programs based on several criteria, including the extent to which they may result in risk to the company. Our compensation function, with assistance from the risk management and internal audit functions, annually assesses whether our compensation programs create incentives or disincentives that materially affect risk taking or are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company. The Human Resources Committee, with the assistance of Frederic W. Cook & Co. ("Cook & Co."), evaluates the results of this assessment. As part of this assessment, management and the Human Resources Committee considered the following features of our compensation programs: (1) annual and long-term performance metrics used in our global compensation programs are multiple, balanced and more heavily weighted toward corporate-wide, audited metrics; (2) the metrics used in the executive compensation programs are approved by the Human Resources Committee which is composed solely of independent directors; (3) the Human Resources Committee retains an independent advisor that is involved with an ongoing review of the executive compensation program; (4) long-term incentive compensation represents a significant portion of our compensation mix; (5) significant stock ownership guidelines are in place for executives; (6) claw-back provisions for some compensation programs are in place to deal with misconduct; and (7) commission incentive programs are designed to pay out based on profitability and are subject to multiple layers of management review, including an annual review of plan design and results by regional senior management. Based on this assessment, the Human Resources Committee has concluded that our compensation programs do not create risks that would be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company.

#### Executive Sessions of Nonemployee Directors

The Board holds executive sessions of its nonemployee directors generally at each regularly scheduled meeting. The Presiding Director serves as the chairperson for these executive sessions.

#### Communications Between Stockholders and the Board

Interested parties, including stockholders, may communicate directly with the Chairman of the Audit Committee or the nonemployee directors as a group by writing to those individuals or the group at the following address: Whirlpool Corporation, 27 North Wacker Drive, Suite 615, Chicago, Illinois 60606-2800. This address is administered by an independent maildrop business. If correspondence is received by the Corporate Secretary, it will be forwarded to the appropriate person or persons in accordance with the procedures adopted by a majority of the independent directors of the Board with a copy to the Presiding Director. When reporting a concern, please supply sufficient information so that the matter may be addressed properly.

Although you are encouraged to identify yourself to assist Whirlpool in effectively addressing your concern, you may choose to remain anonymous, and Whirlpool will use reasonable efforts to preserve your anonymity to the extent appropriate or permitted by law.

#### Corporate Governance Guidelines for Operation of the Board of Directors

Whirlpool is committed to the highest standards of corporate governance. On the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Board adopted a set of Corporate Governance Guidelines for Operation of the Board of Directors. The desired experience and personal qualifications for director nominees are described in more detail below under the caption "Director Nominations to be Considered by the Board."

#### Majority Voting for Directors; Director Resignation Policy

Whirlpool's By-laws require directors to be elected by the majority of the votes cast with respect to such director in uncontested elections (number of shares voted "for" a director must exceed the number of votes cast "against" that director). In a contested election (a situation in which the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected), directors will be elected by a plurality of the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. If a nominee who is serving as a director is not elected at the annual meeting, under Delaware law the director would continue to serve on the Board as a "holdover director." However, under our Board's policy, any director who fails to be elected must offer to tender his or her resignation to the Board. The Board shall nominate for election or reelection as director only candidates who agree to tender, promptly following the annual meeting at which they are elected or reelected as director, irrevocable resignations that will be effective upon (1) the failure to receive the required vote at the next annual meeting at which they face reelection and (2) Board acceptance of such resignation. In addition, the Board shall fill director vacancies and new directorships only with candidates who agree to tender, promptly following their appointment to the Board, the same form of resignation tendered by other directors in accordance with this Board policy.

If an incumbent director fails to receive the required vote for reelection, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will act on an expedited basis to determine whether to accept the director's resignation and will submit such recommendation for prompt consideration by the Board. The Board expects the director whose resignation is under consideration to abstain from participating in any decision regarding that resignation. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Board may consider any factors they deem relevant in deciding whether to accept a director's resignation.

#### Code of Ethics

All of Whirlpool's directors and employees, including its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Accounting Officer, are required to abide by our long-standing Code of Ethics, augmented to comply with the requirements of the NYSE and Securities and Exchange Commission, to ensure that Whirlpool's business is conducted in a consistently legal and ethical manner. The Code of Ethics covers all areas of professional conduct, including employment policies, conflicts of interest, fair dealing, and the protection of confidential information, as well as strict adherence to all laws and regulations applicable to the conduct of our business. We intend to disclose future amendments to, or waivers from, certain provisions of the Code of Ethics for executive officers and directors on the Whirlpool website within four business days following the date of any such amendment or waiver.

#### Director Nominations to be Considered by the Board

Stockholders entitled to vote in the election of directors of the Board may nominate director candidates at times other than at the annual meeting. For a nomination to be properly made by any stockholder, considered for recommendation by the Board to the stockholders, and included in our proxy statement for the 2016 annual meeting, written notice of such stockholder's nomination must be given, either by personal delivery or by registered or certified United States mail, postage prepaid, to the Corporate Secretary of Whirlpool (and must be received by the Corporate Secretary) by November 11, 2015. Such notice shall set forth all of the information required by Article II, Section 11 of our By-laws. Our By-laws are posted for your convenience on the Whirlpool website: [www.whirlpoolcorp.com/by-laws](http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com/by-laws). Whirlpool believes that all nominees must, at a minimum, meet the selection criteria established by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. The Board evaluates director nominees recommended by stockholders in the same manner in which it evaluates other director nominees. Whirlpool has established, through its Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, selection criteria that identify desirable skills and experience for prospective Board members, including those properly nominated by stockholders.

The Board, with the assistance of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, selects potential new Board members using criteria and priorities established from time to time. Desired personal qualifications for director nominees include: intelligence, integrity, strength of character, and commitment. Nominees should also have the sense of timing required to assess and challenge the way things are done and recommend alternative solutions to problems; the independence necessary to make an unbiased evaluation of management performance and effectively carry out responsibilities of oversight; an awareness of both the business and social environment in which today's corporation operates; and a sense of urgency and spirit of cooperation that will enable them to interact with other Board members in directing the future, profitable growth of Whirlpool. Desired experience for director nominees includes: at least ten years of experience in a senior executive role with a major business organization, preferably as either Chief Executive Officer or Chairman (equivalent relevant experience from other backgrounds such as academics or government may also be considered); a proven record of accomplishment and line operating (or equivalent) experience; first-hand experience with international operations; a working knowledge of corporate governance issues and the changing role of the Board; and exposure to corporate programs designed to create stockholder value, while balancing the needs of all stakeholders. Director nominees should not be employed by or affiliated with any organization that has significantly competitive lines of business or that may otherwise present a conflict of interest. The composition, skills, and needs of the Board change over time and will be considered in establishing the profile of desirable candidates for any specific opening on the Board. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has determined that it is desirable for the Board to have a variety of differences in viewpoints, professional experiences, educational background, skills, race, gender, age, and national origin, and considers issues of diversity and background in its selection process.

Available Information

Whirlpool's current Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Ethics, and written charters for its Audit, Finance, Human Resources, and Corporate Governance and Nominating committees are posted on the Whirlpool website: [www.whirlpoolcorp.com/policies](http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com/policies). Stockholders may also request a free copy of these documents from: Investor Relations, Whirlpool Corporation, 2000 North M-63, Mail Drop 2609, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022-2692; (269) 923-2641.

### Nonemployee Director Compensation

The elements of our 2014 director compensation are reflected in the table below. Only nonemployee directors receive compensation for their services as a director. We believe that it is important to attract and retain outstanding nonemployee directors. One way we achieve this goal is through a competitive compensation program. To that end, in 2014, management evaluated competitive market data on nonemployee director compensation with Cook & Co. Based on that review, in December 2014, our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, which is responsible for making director compensation recommendations to the Board, recommended and the Board approved, effective January 1, 2015, an increase in the annual cash retainer from \$120,000 to \$125,000, an increase in annual equity compensation, to be paid in Whirlpool common stock, from \$120,000 to \$125,000, and an increase in the Presiding Director retainer from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

#### 2014 Nonemployee Director Compensation

Type of Compensation	Amount
Annual Cash Retainer	\$120,000
Annual Stock Awards Retainer*	792
Annual Retainer for Committee Chair (in addition to other retainers):	
Audit Committee	\$20,000
Human Resources Committee	\$15,000
All Other Committees	\$10,000
Annual Retainer for Presiding Director (in addition to other retainers)	\$20,000

\*See “Nonemployee Director Equity” below for an explanation of how the number of shares was calculated for 2014.

#### Nonemployee Director Equity

In 2014, our nonemployee director compensation program included the following equity payments from Whirlpool’s Amended and Restated 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan: (1) a one-time grant of 1,000 shares of common stock made at the time a director first joins the Board; and (2) a grant of stock on the date of the annual meeting of stockholders, with the number of shares to be issued determined by dividing \$120,000 by the price of a single share of Whirlpool common stock at the close of business on the day of the annual meeting of stockholders.

#### Deferral of Annual Retainer and Stock Grants

A nonemployee director may elect to defer any portion of the annual cash retainer and annual stock awards retainer until he or she ceases to be a director. Under this policy, when the director’s term ends, any deferred annual retainer will be made in a lump sum or in monthly or quarterly installments. In addition, payment of any deferred annual stock grant will be made as soon as is administratively feasible. Annual cash retainers deferred on or before December 31, 2004 accrue interest quarterly at a rate equal to the prime rate in effect from time to time. Annual cash retainers deferred after December 31, 2004 may be allocated to notional investments that mirror those available to participants in our U.S. 401(k) plan, with the exception of the Whirlpool stock fund.

#### Stock Ownership Guidelines

Stock ownership guidelines, which are approved by the Board, support the objective of increasing the amount of Whirlpool stock owned by nonemployee directors. Ensuring that our nonemployee directors have a significant stake in Whirlpool's long-term success aligns the interests of such directors with those of our stockholders. These ownership guidelines are based on a review of competitive market practice conducted by Cook & Co., our independent compensation consultant.

The Board has established a guideline for nonemployee directors to have equity ownership of Whirlpool stock equal in value to five times the basic annual cash retainer, with a five-year timetable to obtain this objective. Each nonemployee director's progress toward achieving the requisite level of ownership is reviewed annually. As of the end of 2014, all nonemployee directors met, or were on track to meet, this requirement.

#### Charitable Program

Through 2007, each nonemployee director, upon election or reelection to the Board, could choose to relinquish all or a portion of the annual cash retainer, in which case Whirlpool may, at its sole discretion, then make an award to a charitable organization upon the director's death. Under the program, the election to relinquish compensation is irreversible, and Whirlpool may choose to make contributions in the director's name to as many as three charities. The Board of Directors eliminated this program, prospectively, as of January 1, 2008. Mr. White is the only active director with an outstanding benefit under this program. In addition, a director's qualifying charitable contributions of up to \$10,000 will be matched by the Whirlpool Foundation annually.

#### Term Life and Travel Accident Insurance

Whirlpool pays the premiums to provide each nonemployee director who served on the Board as of January 1, 2011, with term life insurance while serving as a director, unless the director has opted out of coverage. The coverage amount is equal to one-tenth of the director's basic annual cash retainer times the director's months of service (not to exceed 120). In addition, Whirlpool also provides each nonemployee director who was on the Whirlpool Board as of January 1, 2011 with travel accident insurance of \$1 million when traveling on Whirlpool business.

#### Whirlpool Appliances

For evaluative purposes, Whirlpool permits nonemployee directors to test Whirlpool products for home use. The cost to Whirlpool of this arrangement in 2014 (based on distributor price of products and delivery, installation, and service charges) did not exceed \$73,482 for any one nonemployee director or \$90,912 for all nonemployee directors as a group. Directors are not reimbursed for any income taxes they incur as a result of this policy.

#### Business Expenses

Whirlpool reimburses nonemployee directors for business expenses related to their attendance at Whirlpool meetings, including room, meals and transportation to and from Board and committee meetings (e.g., commercial or private flights, cars and parking). On rare occasions, a director's spouse or other family member may accompany a director on a flight on Whirlpool aircraft. No additional operating cost is incurred by Whirlpool in such situations and the director is taxed on the value of the benefit. Directors are reimbursed for attendance at qualified third-party director education programs.



## Nonemployee Director Compensation Table

Name	Fees Earned or Paid		All Other Compensation (3) (\$)	Total (\$)
	in Cash (1) (\$)	Stock Awards (2) (\$)		
Samuel R. Allen	120,000	119,956	629	240,585
Gary T. DiCamillo	140,000	119,956	12,505	272,461
Diane M. Dietz	120,000	119,956	3,840	243,796
Gerri T. Elliott	104,000	256,616	74,241	434,857
Michael F. Johnston	150,000	119,956	859	270,815
William T. Kerr	120,000	119,956	2,568	242,524
John D. Liu	120,000	119,956	1,435	241,391
Harish Manwani	120,000	119,956	3,458	243,414
William D. Perez	130,000	119,956	4,539	254,495
Michael D. White	135,000	119,956	31,314	286,270

(1) The aggregate dollar amount of all fees earned or paid in cash for services as a director, including all annual retainer fees, before deferrals and relinquishments.

Reflects the fair value of shares of common stock, before deferrals, awarded in 2014 on the award date. The fair value of the stock awards for financial reporting purposes will likely vary from the amount the director actually receives based on a number of factors, including stock price fluctuations and timing of sale. See the

(2) "Share-based Incentive Plans" Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used to account for these awards. As of December 31, 2014, none of our nonemployee directors were deemed to have outstanding stock awards because all stock awards vest immediately.

(3) The table below presents an itemized account of 2014 nonemployee director "All Other Compensation."

Name	Life Insurance Premiums (\$)	Charitable Program (a) (\$)	Whirlpool	Total (\$)
			Appliances and Other Benefits (\$)	
Samuel R. Allen	-	-	629	629
Gary T. DiCamillo	-	-	12,505	12,505
Diane M. Dietz	-	-	3,840	3,840
Gerri T. Elliott	-	-	74,241	74,241
Michael F. Johnston	-	-	859	859
William T. Kerr	1,939	-	629	2,568
John D. Liu	1,005	-	430	1,435
Harish Manwani	-	-	3,458	3,458
William D. Perez	1,107	-	3,432	4,539
Michael D. White	2,401	28,284	629	31,314

(a) Includes 2014 interest cost related to the Charitable Program. The maximum amount payable under the Charitable Program upon Mr. White's death is \$1.5 million.

## Security Ownership

The following table presents the ownership on December 31, 2014 of the only persons known by us as of February 17, 2015 to beneficially own more than 5% of our common stock, based upon statements on Schedule 13G filed by such persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Schedule 13G Filed On	Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class
2/10/2015	The Vanguard Group Inc.(1) 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	5,804,242	7.44%
2/2/2015	BlackRock, Inc.(2) 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10022	4,196,194	5.38%

Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC by The Vanguard Group Inc. (“Vanguard Group”), a registered (1) investment advisor. Vanguard Group has sole voting power with respect to 134,315 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 5,678,454 shares, and shared dispositive power with respect to 125,788 shares.

(2) Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC by BlackRock, Inc. (“BlackRock”). BlackRock has sole voting power with respect to 3,490,162 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 4,196,194 shares.

## Beneficial Ownership

The following table reports beneficial ownership of common stock by each director, nominee for director, and the Named Executive Officers (as defined elsewhere in this proxy statement), and all directors and executive officers of Whirlpool as a group, as of February 2, 2015. Beneficial ownership includes, unless otherwise indicated, all shares with respect to which each director or executive officer, directly or indirectly, has or shares the power to vote or to direct the voting of such shares or to dispose or direct the disposition of such shares. The address of all directors and executive officers named below is c/o Whirlpool Corporation, 2000 North M-63, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022-2692.

Name	Shares Beneficially Owned (1)	Deferred Stock Units (2)	Shares Under Exercisable Options (3)	Total (4)	Percentage (* Less than 1%)
Samuel R. Allen	10,713	-	-	10,713	*
Marc R. Bitzer	62,381	34,739	38,519	135,639	*
Gary T. DiCamillo	6,174	14,254	12,337	32,765	*
Diane M. Dietz	2,819	-	-	2,819	*
Gerri T. Elliott	1,792	-	-	1,792	*
Jeff M. Fettig	278,466	213,037	1,072,290	1,563,793	1.97%
Michael F. Johnston	3,000	11,053	9,937	23,990	*
William T. Kerr	9,405	-	7,334	16,739	*
John D. Liu	1,000	4,968	-	5,968	*
Harish Manwani	3,103	-	-	3,103	*
William D. Perez	7,941	803	1,357	10,101	*
David T. Szczupak	38,020	-	13,592	51,612	*
Michael A. Todman	32,824	53,327	37,680	123,831	*
Larry M. Venturelli	21,717	5,972	21,158	48,847	*
Michael D. White	2,700	10,533	-	13,233	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (18 persons)	524,929	350,398	1,228,715	2,104,042	2.64%

Does not include 1,415,874 shares held by the Whirlpool 401(k) Trust (but does include 8,181 shares held for the (1) accounts of executive officers). Includes restricted stock units that become payable within 60 days of February 2, 2015, before deferrals and tax liabilities.

Represents the number of shares of common stock, based on deferrals made into the Deferred Compensation Plan II for Nonemployee Directors, one of the executive deferred savings plans, or the terms of deferred stock awards, (2) that we are required to pay to a nonemployee director when the director leaves the Board or to an executive officer when the executive officer is no longer an employee. None of these deferred stock units have voting rights.

(3) Includes shares subject to options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 2, 2015.

(4) May include restricted stock units and option shares which cannot be voted until vesting or exercise, as applicable.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires Whirlpool's directors and executive officers and persons who own more than 10% of Whirlpool's common stock (each a reporting person) to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Whirlpool's common stock. Based solely on its review of the copies of such reports furnished to or prepared by Whirlpool and written representations that no other reports were required, Whirlpool believes that all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to reporting persons were complied with during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

## Compensation Discussion and Analysis

### I. Executive Summary

#### 2014 Company Results

The 2014 fiscal year demonstrated our continued commitment to our key priority of value creation through revenue growth and margin expansion. Among other accomplishments, the company delivered the following value-creating results:

- 1 Whirlpool achieved record revenues of \$19.9 billion, an increase of approximately 5.9% over 2013.
- 1 Whirlpool's three year cumulative Total Shareholder Return (TSR) was in the Top 10 relative to the companies comprising the S&P 500. 2014 TSR: 26%  
3 Year TSR: 335%
- 1 Whirlpool continued to focus on product leadership and innovation, yielding more than 70 new product launches in 2014, which enabled Whirlpool to achieve 8% sales growth (excluding foreign exchange and BEFEIX tax credits).
- 1 Cash generated was used to maximize stockholder return through the completion of two major acquisitions, share repurchases, and increased quarterly dividend payments.
- 1 Whirlpool strengthened its international presence by acquiring a majority interest in Hefei Rongshida Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd., a leading home appliances manufacturer based in China; and completed the acquisition of Indesit Company S.p.A., a leading home appliances manufacturer headquartered in Europe.
- 1 Whirlpool's record ongoing EPS in 2014 was achieved despite a challenging external environment.
- 1 We continued to enhance the leadership talent pipeline while increasing engagement globally to Best in Class levels.

#### Pay-for-Performance Philosophy

Whirlpool is dedicated to global leadership and to delivering superior stockholder value. To achieve our objectives, we developed and employ a pay-for-performance philosophy based on the following guiding principles:

• Compensation should be incentive-driven with both a short-term and long-term focus.

• A significant portion of pay should be performance-based, with the proportion varying in direct relation to an executive's level of responsibility.

• Components of compensation should be linked to the drivers of stockholder value over the long term.

• Components of compensation should be tied to an evaluation of business results and individual performance.

In support of our pay-for-performance philosophy, and consistent with prior years, performance-based compensation in the form of short-term and long-term incentives constituted 89% of 2014 total target compensation for our CEO and an average of 78% of 2014 total target compensation for our other Named Executive Officers ("NEOs").

#### 2014 Compensation Program Review

The Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") considers the results of the annual "Say on Pay" vote, among other factors, in making decisions regarding executive compensation programs. We received very strong support (96%) for our 2013 executive compensation programs at our 2014 Annual Meeting. The Committee recognizes that market practices and stockholder views on executive compensation practices continue to evolve at a rapid pace. In recognition of this, the Committee continues to evaluate and make proactive changes to ensure the company has the appropriate compensation programs in place to most effectively link pay for performance, create stockholder value over the long term, and consistently apply good governance practices.

Whirlpool remains firmly committed to continued investor dialogue regarding the overall architecture of our executive compensation programs. Investor feedback is carefully considered and incorporated into program enhancements, and the Committee works closely with its independent advisor and the management team to stay abreast of evolving market practices and investor preferences.

#### Compensation Program Highlights

Below we summarize executive compensation practices that we have implemented to drive performance, as well as practices we avoid because we do not believe they serve investors' long-term interests.

##### What We Do

- ü Pay for performance
- ü Use an independent compensation consulting firm which provides no other services to Whirlpool
- ü Cap short and long-term incentive awards
- ü Set robust stock ownership guidelines for our executives (7x multiple for CEO)
- ü Subject all variable pay to compensation recovery "claw-back" policy
- ü Have "double-trigger" Change in Control agreements
- ü Mitigate risk in our compensation programs
- ü Provide limited, market-competitive prerequisites necessary to attract and retain top talent

##### What We Don't Do

- û Allow hedging or pledging of Whirlpool stock by executive officers and directors
- û Gross up compensation for excise or income taxes
- û Enter into employment contracts except as required by local law or prevailing market practice
- û Grant Restricted Stock Units that pay dividends or dividend equivalents prior to vesting
- û Reprice stock options

## II. How Compensation Decisions Are Made

### Role of the Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee has overall responsibility for Whirlpool's executive compensation programs. Typically, the Committee adopts the compensation goals and objectives for awards under our short-term and long-term incentive plans at its meeting in February of each year. The Committee considers and makes decisions on the principal elements of each NEO's compensation package at this meeting. The Committee also performs its evaluation of CEO performance for the most recently completed year and establishes target CEO compensation for the current year at this meeting. Throughout the year, the Committee evaluates the overall effectiveness of our compensation philosophy and programs in supporting our business strategy and human resources objectives. In addition, the Committee reviews management's recommendations regarding hiring, promotion, retention, severance, and individual executive compensation packages related to those events.

In making its determinations, the Committee reviews and considers various factors and assigns different weightings to these factors depending on the type of determination and the circumstances related to each specific action. For example, in determining base salary, the Committee may rely more heavily on market data and the guidance of its independent compensation consultant. Likewise, in determining the payout of incentive awards, the Committee predominantly considers company performance and management's assessment of individual performance. As a final example, in setting long-term compensation, the Committee may give more weight to the scope and complexity of the individual's position and impact on overall company results. While the Committee solicits and reviews recommendations from its independent compensation consultant, and in some circumstances management, ultimately the Committee makes decisions regarding these matters in the exercise of its sole discretion.

### Role of the Compensation Consultant

The Committee engages an independent compensation consultant to advise the Committee on Whirlpool's executive compensation program. The Committee has the sole authority to approve the independent compensation consultant's fees and terms of engagement. The Committee continued to retain Frederic W. Cook & Co. ("Cook & Co.") in 2014 as its independent compensation consultant because of its extensive expertise and its independence due to the lack of an existing business relationship with Whirlpool.

Cook & Co. did not perform any services for Whirlpool in 2014 other than those for the Committee related to executive compensation as discussed below, as well as a review of nonemployee director compensation for the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. Cook & Co. also analyzed the effectiveness of pay-for-performance programs and assisted the Committee with a variety of other ongoing items, including review of materials prepared by management in advance of Committee meetings and the review of public disclosures, including this Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the accompanying tables and narrative footnotes.

As part of its ongoing role, Cook & Co. assists the Committee in reviewing executive compensation market practices and trends in general, and reviewing the compensation packages provided to the NEOs, and other senior executives, based on a marketplace assessment of the compensation for the NEOs and other senior executives in comparable positions within the comparator group. With respect to the CEO, Cook & Co. provides alternatives, without the CEO's input, to the Committee regarding the CEO's compensation package (base salary, target incentive award levels, and mix of pay components).

The Committee has determined that the work of Cook & Co. did not raise any conflicts of interest in 2014. In making this assessment, the Committee considered the independence factors enumerated under SEC and NYSE rules, including the fact that Cook & Co. does not provide any other services to Whirlpool, the level of fees received from Whirlpool as a percentage of Cook & Co.'s total revenue, policies and procedures employed by Cook & Co. to prevent conflicts of interest, and whether Cook & Co. or the individual Cook & Co. advisors to the Committee own any Whirlpool stock or have any business or personal relationships with members of the Committee or our executive officers.

#### Role of Management

Each year, the CEO and Chief Human Resources Officer make recommendations to the Committee regarding the design of the compensation and benefit programs for all Executive Officers. In addition, the CEO makes recommendations with respect to base salary, short-term cash incentives, long-term incentive compensation, and the total compensation levels for NEOs other than himself, based on his assessment of individual performance and contribution to Whirlpool. The CEO and Chief Human Resources Officer recommend the performance metrics to be used in establishing performance goals for the short-term cash incentive and long-term equity and cash incentive programs for adoption by the Committee. The Committee has authority to adopt or modify these metrics in its sole discretion. In addition, the CEO assesses the individual performance of the other NEOs to assist the Committee in making determinations regarding awards to be paid out under incentive programs.

#### Benchmarking

For 2014, the Committee utilized the comparator group listed below to benchmark executive compensation. These 17 companies were selected because they have national and global business operations and are similar to Whirlpool in sales volumes, margins, employment levels, lines of business, and required management skills. Additionally, companies in the comparator group are recognized for their excellence in the areas of consumer focus and trade customer relations, and for possessing highly complex global supply chains and manufacturing footprints. Whirlpool's revenues approximate the median of the comparator group. Additional factors used to determine the comparator group consisted of market capitalization, income, assets, and number of employees.

We use publicly disclosed compensation data contained in proxy statements, as well as proprietary surveys purchased from third-party consulting firms to acquire market compensation data for companies in the comparator group, as well as broader general industry practice. These independently conducted surveys generally include data from numerous organizations from across various industry groupings and specific international regions and also allow for comparisons to be made on the basis of job scope and other measures relevant to Whirlpool.

#### 2014 Comparator Group

3M Company	Ingersoll-Rand plc
Cummins, Inc.	Johnson Controls
Colgate-Palmolive Company	Kellogg Company
Deere & Company	Motorola Solutions Inc.
Eaton Corporation plc	Parker Hannifin
Emerson Electric Co.	Stanley Black & Decker Inc.
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company	Textron
Honeywell International, Inc.	Xerox
Illinois Tool Works, Inc.	



### III. What We Pay and Why

The Human Resources Committee sets compensation using a market-based approach, with differentiation based on individual and company performance. The elements of our compensation program reflect our pay-for-performance philosophy. The Committee creates a compensation package for each NEO that contains a mix of compensation elements that it believes best addresses each NEO's responsibilities, and best achieves our overall compensation objectives. In establishing target compensation, the Committee considers factors discussed below such as market compensation values and job responsibility.

Our compensation program is designed so that an individual's target compensation level rises as job responsibility increases, with the portion of performance-based compensation rising as a percentage of total target compensation. This ensures that the senior-most executives who are responsible for development and execution of our strategic plan are held most accountable for operational performance results and changes in stockholder value over time. As a result, actual total compensation of an executive in relation to the total compensation of his or her subordinates is more dependent on performance, resulting in larger increases and decreases in realized pay relative to target during periods of above-target and below-target performance. In addition, the Committee makes distinctions in the mix of cash and equity components based on job responsibility in shaping each NEO's compensation package. Generally, the proportion of equity compensation rises with increasing job responsibility to ensure strong alignment between executive and long-term stockholder interests.

Element	Characteristics
Base Salary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fixed component based on responsibility, experience and performance</li> <li>- Target is the median range for similar positions in the comparator group and is influenced by performance and experience</li> </ul>
Short-term Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performance-based variable cash incentives based on annual financial and individual performance</li> <li>- Target is the median range for similar positions in the comparator group</li> </ul>
Long-term Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performance-based variable equity and cash incentives in the form of performance restricted stock units and stock options, as well as time-based restricted stock units and performance cash units for certain positions</li> <li>- Target is the median range for similar positions in the comparator group</li> </ul>
Other Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health and welfare benefits available to substantially all salaried employees</li> <li>- Limited perquisites designed to support a competitive compensation package</li> </ul>
Retirement Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NEOs participate in tax-qualified and non-qualified defined benefit and defined contribution plans</li> <li>- Target is the median income replacement ratio for a broad-based group of companies</li> </ul>

In support of our pay-for-performance philosophy, short-term and long-term incentives constituted 89% of 2014 total target compensation for our CEO and an average of 78% of 2014 total target compensation for our other NEOs.

#### Program Design & Elements

##### Base Salary

In reviewing base salary levels for 2014, the Committee considered the comparative market data and recommendations provided by Cook & Co. and, with respect to other NEOs, the CEO's recommendations and the company's established policy for 2014 salary increases. Effective in March 2014, the Committee increased Mr. Fetting's salary to \$1,450,000, Mr. Venturelli's salary to \$600,000, Mr. Todman's salary to \$900,000, Mr. Bitzer's salary to \$915,000, and Mr. Szczupak's salary to \$715,000 from levels previously established in 2013. These increases were implemented to remain consistent with our compensation philosophy of targeting NEO base salaries at the median range of the comparator group in 2014. In some cases, base salaries may be higher or lower than the market median based on factors such as executive performance, experience, and responsibilities.

##### Short-term Incentives

Consistent with Whirlpool's pay-for-performance philosophy, our short-term cash incentive program, the Executive Performance Excellence Program (PEP), is designed to focus attention on short-term drivers of stockholder value creation, reflect company financial and individual performance, and complement the metrics used in our long-term incentive program to create a balanced focus on the key drivers of our multi-year financial and operational strategy. PEP ensures that a significant portion of our NEOs' short-term cash compensation is directly tied to key performance measurements and therefore variable.

At the beginning of fiscal 2014, the Committee established short-term incentive target opportunities as a percentage of base salary for each NEO, taking into account comparative market data. The target award levels are generally set at the median of the comparator group and are as follows for each NEO:

NEO	2014 Short-term Incentive Target Award (as a % of Base Salary)	Change from 2013 Target Levels
Jeff M. Fetting	150%	—
Larry M. Venturelli	100%	—
Michael A. Todman	100%	—
Marc R. Bitzer	100%	—
David T. Szczupak	85%	+5%

In February 2014, the Committee established a 2014 Return on Equity (“ROE”) target of 8% as the objective performance measure for PEP, which was met with an actual 2014 ROE achievement level of 12.7%. As in prior years, achievement of the ROE target established the maximum award level for each NEO and failure to attain the 8% threshold would have resulted in forfeiture of each NEO’s entire PEP opportunity. Once the 8% threshold is reached, the actual payouts are based on consideration of other performance metrics and the exercise of negative discretion by the Committee as described below.

#### Illustration of Whirlpool's 2014 Short-term Incentive Award for NEOs

The Committee approved formulas and metrics after reviewing the 2014 business plan and program design alternatives with management. The performance metrics and relative weightings selected by the Committee reflected Whirlpool's priorities and critical objectives for 2014.

In determining actual payouts for NEOs, the Committee first confirmed that the 8% ROE goal was attained, which, as described above, funded the overall payouts at the maximum award opportunity for each NEO. The Committee then applied negative discretion to adjust the maximum award down to the actual payout based on the Company Performance Factor and the Individual Performance Factor. In doing so, the Committee reviewed performance under previously established, weighted Company Performance Factors for each NEO, each with a range of 0% to 150% of the target award. The Committee could then choose to increase or decrease resulting awards secured by company performance by as much as +/- 25%, based on significant individual accomplishments or shortfalls. In defining the Company Performance Factor for 2014, the Committee determined that company performance in line with expected performance would result in a Performance Factor of 100%. Company performance substantially above expected performance could result in a Performance Factor of up to 150%, and performance below expected performance could result in a Performance Factor as low as 0%, with no award being paid out under PEP. The maximum opportunity for award achievement is 187.5% of target, which represents a 150% Company Performance Factor times a 125% individual performance multiplier.

The Committee set objectives to be used in determining the Company Performance Factor for the 2014 performance period. The Committee adopted objectives based on the following financial metrics: Ongoing Earnings Before Interest & Taxes (EBIT) (75% weighting), and Free Cash Flow (25% weighting). As with the ongoing business measures used by the company to communicate with the investment community about the Company’s financial results, these measures are calculated to exclude items that may not be indicative of, or are unrelated to, results from our ongoing business operations. The Ongoing EBIT measure consists of GAAP Operating Profit plus sundry income (expense) and excluding restructuring expense, investment expense, acquisition related transition costs, inventory purchase price allocation adjustments, Brazilian (BEFIEX) tax credits, and antitrust and contract resolutions. The Free Cash Flow measure consists of cash provided by operating activities after capital expenditures and proceeds from the sale of assets and businesses and changes in restricted cash.

	Ongoing EBIT	Free Cash Flow
Threshold	\$1,000M	\$500M
Target	\$1,444M	\$700M
Maximum	\$1,570M	\$800M
Actual Results	\$1,355M	\$854M

The Committee determined levels of achievement based on Whirlpool's financial results as follows:

Ongoing EBIT of \$1,355 million was below the established target of \$1,444 million;

Free Cash Flow of \$854 million was above the established target of \$700 million;

These financial results yielded a Company Performance Factor of 103.6%. Since the impact of the Indesit acquisition on Ongoing EBIT and Free Cash Flow was not contemplated when the performance targets were established in February 2014, the Committee elected to disregard the transaction's positive contribution to achievement of those targets. As a result, the Committee reduced the Company Performance Factor to 65.8%.

The Committee annually reviews each NEO's performance based on individual achievements during the performance period relative to established goals. With respect to NEOs other than the CEO, the Committee takes into account the assessment of individual performance provided by the CEO. These NEOs are reviewed based on established criteria for results, scope, leadership, talent development, and demonstration of Whirlpool values. As a result of this process, each NEO receives one of the following performance ratings: Extraordinary Results, Very Strong Results, Strong Results, Results Need to be Improved, or Unacceptable Results.

The Committee may reduce or increase resulting awards based on individual performance. In determining the individual performance rating, the CEO and the Committee consider each NEO's absolute performance, performance relative to internal peers, any unforeseen factors that influenced the results of each NEO, and the extent to which the leadership of each NEO has contributed to Whirlpool's success during the performance period based on qualitative measures. For 2014, each NEO received a performance rating of "Strong Results" or higher.

Based on this review, the Committee determined the actual PEP payout to each NEO by multiplying the NEO's target award by the applicable Company Performance Factor and using judgment based on individual NEO performance.

Refer to pages 37-38 for a description of individual performance factors considered.

#### Long-term Incentives

The Committee makes annual grants of long-term incentives to ensure that executives are focused on Whirlpool's longer-term financial and strategic objectives, to create commonality of interest between the management team and stockholders, and to support Whirlpool's objectives related to attracting and retaining executive talent. The Committee establishes long-term incentive target opportunities as a percentage of each NEO's base salary. Taking into account comparative market data, the Committee generally targeted the median level of the comparator group and established 2014 long-term incentive target award levels for the NEOs as follows:

NEO	2014 Long-term Incentive Target Award (as a % of Base Salary)	Change from 2013 Target Levels
Jeff M. Fetting	650%	+25%
Larry M. Venturelli	250%	+25%
Michael A. Todman	250%	—
Marc R. Bitzer	300%	+50%
David T. Szczupak	200%	+25%

Long-term awards typically consist of a combination of stock options, and performance restricted stock units which are distributed in stock. Depending on a NEO's responsibilities, the long-term award may include performance cash units and time-based restricted stock units as well (as was the case for Mr. Szczupak in 2014). Generally, the Committee grants these equity awards to employees, including NEOs, on a single date at its regularly scheduled meeting in February. This meeting usually occurs after we release our final earnings for the prior fiscal year, which permits material information regarding our performance for the prior fiscal year to be disclosed to the public before equity-based grants are made. The Committee determines equity award values based on the closing stock price on the date of grant. Because the Committee determines the number of any stock options to be granted, and the target number of any restricted stock units, based on the closing stock price on the date of grant, the number of shares granted may vary significantly from year to year as a result of changes in the stock price.

Performance restricted stock units and performance cash units are tied directly to Whirlpool's financial and strategic performance over a preset period beginning each January 1 and continuing for three years. Each set of performance measures rewards the achievement of specific long-term strategic goals designed to deliver long-term stockholder value. The length of the performance period as well as the performance measures are established by the Committee. The Committee allocates each NEO's long-term incentive target award among performance-based restricted stock units, restricted stock units, performance cash units, and stock options based on the officer's position and ability to impact components of company performance and stock value over the longer term.

The Committee determines the number of stock options and time-based restricted stock units, and the target number of performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash units granted to each NEO based on the closing price of Whirlpool stock in February when the long-term incentive awards are established under the terms of the Amended and Restated 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan. For award determination purposes, the value of stock options was set using a Black-Scholes option valuation methodology.

Stock options generally vest over a three-year term in equal annual installments and are exercisable over a ten-year period, promoting a focus on long-term stock value creation, as well as executive retention. Time-based restricted stock units also vest in equal installments over a three-year period and promote retention of top talent. Stock options and restricted stock units granted by the company have a one year minimum vesting period.

For 2014, the Committee selected a three-year performance period for the achievement of performance goals, with the number of performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash units earned to be determined and vested in 2017 based on 2014 through 2016 performance.

The 2014 long-term incentive target award allocations for each NEO were as follows:

NEO	Performance-based Restricted Stock Units (as % of Target Award)	Stock Options (as % of Target Award)	Performance Cash Units (as % of Target Award)	Restricted Stock Units (as % of Target Award)
Jeff M. Fettig	50%	50%	—	—
Larry M. Venturelli	50%	50%	—	—
Michael A. Todman	50%	50%	—	—
Marc R. Bitzer	50%	50%	—	—
David T. Szczupak	25%	25%	25%	25%

As with PEP, the Committee established a ROE target of 8% as the objective performance measure for performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash units. Achievement of the ROE target will establish the maximum award level for each NEO. Actual payouts will be based on consideration of other performance metrics and the exercise of negative discretion by the Committee.

For 2014, the Committee established that performance in line with target objectives would result in a payout equal to 100% of the target award, while performance substantially above objectives could result in a maximum payout of up to 200% of the target award. Performance below set objectives could result in no long-term incentive award payout for the performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash unit awards.

For awards granted in 2014, the performance goals were identical for the performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash units and consisted of Ongoing Earnings Per Share (75% weighting) and Absolute Revenue Growth (25% weighting) as target metrics. These goals will be measured over a three-year performance period, and the Committee established ranges from 0% to 200% for performance against each of these measures. These metrics were chosen because they represent critically important measures of profitability and liquidity, which are key drivers of sustainable stockholder value creation.

#### Resulting Awards for the 2012-2014 Performance Period

In February 2012, the Committee established a 2012-2014 average Return on Equity (“ROE”) target of 8% as the objective performance measure for performance-based restricted stock unit and performance cash unit awards, which was met with an actual 2012-2014 average ROE achievement level of 14.9%. As in prior years, achievement of the ROE target established the maximum award level for each NEO and failure to attain the 8% threshold would have resulted in forfeiture of each NEO’s entire award opportunity. Once the 8% threshold is reached, the actual payouts are based on consideration of other performance metrics and the exercise of negative discretion by the Committee as described below.

For awards granted in 2012 (with a performance period from 2012-2014) the Committee established ranges from 0 to 200% for performance against the established goals. As the basis for determining the Performance Factor, the Committee adopted the following equally weighted financial metrics: External Operating Profit (EOP) Margin, and Free Cash Flow.

Illustration of Whirlpool's 2012-2014 Performance-Based Incentive Award for NEOs

When setting financial objectives and evaluating actual results, the Committee determined target financial objectives to exclude items which do not reflect ongoing business performance. For purposes of the Company Performance Factor, the EOP Margin metric was based on GAAP Operating Profit excluding restructuring expenses, and Brazilian (BEFIEX) tax credits and dividing by Net Sales excluding BEFIEX. For purposes of the Company Performance Factor, the Free Cash Flow metric was defined as cash provided by operating activities after capital expenditures, changes in restricted cash and proceeds from the sale of assets and businesses, and excluding U.S. Pension contributions.

	EOP Margin	Free Cash Flow
Threshold	3.7%	\$445M
Target	5.7%	\$1,645M
Maximum	7.3%	\$2,245M
Actual Results	6.6%	\$2,182M

The Committee determined levels of achievement based on Whirlpool's financial results as follows:

EOP Margin of 6.6% was above the established target of 5.7%;

Free Cash Flow of \$2,182 million was above the established target of \$1,645 million;

With respect to the Company Performance Factor, the Committee determined that above-target performance was achieved. Based on these formulaic performance results, the Committee determined a Performance Factor of 170.3%.

Benefits

We provide limited perquisites to executives, including financial planning services, limited use of Whirlpool owned and leased property, product discounts, home security, relocation assistance, and comprehensive health evaluations. These perquisites are designed to support a market-based competitive total compensation package, which serves our overall attraction and retention objectives, enhances the efficiency of our management team by enabling them to focus their efforts on Whirlpool business, and ensures that Whirlpool derives the most value from our overall compensation and benefits expenditures. For purposes of personal security and immediate availability, Mr. Fettig may use company aircraft for personal use, and other executives may be granted limited use of the aircraft with the permission of the CEO. The value of this benefit is treated as taxable income, and the executive is responsible for all associated taxes.

#### Retirement

NEOs are eligible for retirement benefits designed to provide, in total, a market-competitive level of income replacement upon achieving retirement eligibility by using a combination of qualified and non-qualified plans. These plans are intended to attract and retain high quality executives by providing market-competitive benefit levels, and also support our leadership development objectives by ensuring that senior executives have sufficient resources to retire from the company at appropriate times, thereby enabling an orderly succession of talent throughout the organization.

We assess retirement benefits for the company's senior leaders, including each of the NEOs, against data provided to the Towers Watson Employee Benefits Information Center ("Towers Watson") by other U.S. companies that provide survey data on executive benefits. In 2014 we reviewed with Towers Watson comparisons of data obtained from over 250 companies, approximately a third of which were companies with revenues of \$10 billion or more. Accordingly, this survey tool includes data on a much broader base of companies than those included in the executive compensation comparator group.

This review is an important factor used in determining the median retirement income replacement ratio among similarly situated executives at such companies and in setting the target amount of total retirement benefits for our NEOs. As a result of the current mix of our retirement plans, we believe that total retirement benefits for the NEOs are currently at a competitive level when compared to the other companies in the survey.

#### Recognition and Retention Awards

The Committee occasionally grants additional "off-cycle" awards to key employees, including NEOs, in connection with promotions, increased responsibilities, recruitment and retention efforts, succession planning, or significant accomplishments or achievements. No such grants were made to any of the NEOs in 2014.



## Officer Performance Assessment and Resulting Awards

Jeff M. Fettig

Chairman and CEO

Mr. Fettig's total pay mix in 2014 was \$12,651,289. This value is based on a combination of base salary earned, PEP earned, and the fair value of equity on date of grant.

Compensation Element	Value	Rationale
Salary	\$1,444,375	Mr. Fettig received a 2.4% increase to base salary in 2014, consistent with performance level, market positioning, and other factors.
Short-term incentive (PEP)	\$1,782,000 (65.8% company performance and 125% individual performance discretion applied)	Mr. Fettig's PEP payout was based on Whirlpool's performance against established Ongoing EBIT and Free Cash Flow goals, as well as his individual performance for the year. Among the individual factors taken into consideration by the Committee were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Led the company to deliver record revenues in 2014.</li> <li>- Developed senior leadership talent and continued to strengthen executive committee succession candidates.</li> <li>- Accelerated the growth of Whirlpool's innovation pipeline and ability to bring products to market.</li> <li>- Strengthened Whirlpool's international presence by acquiring a majority interest in Hefei Rongshida Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd., and completing the acquisition of Indesit Company S.p.A.</li> </ul>
Long-term incentive (SEP)	\$9,424,914	Represents the fair value of the target award for the 2014-2016 period on the date of grant in 2014.

## Other Named Executive Officers

The CEO's recommendations for the other NEOs were based on company performance and his review of individual performance. The following information provides highlights of specific individual and business performance considered in the pay recommendations for the other NEOs, and the resulting awards under PEP. Included below are select accomplishments for each NEO.

Larry M. Venturelli, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Venturelli is responsible for developing and implementing Whirlpool's financial and accounting plans and maintaining positive relationships with investors and regulators. His 2014 achievements included:

- 1 Planned and executed stockholder friendly use of cash through the completion of two major acquisitions, share repurchases, and increased quarterly dividend payments.
- 1 Performed financial planning for the Hefei Sanyo and Indesit acquisitions.
- 1 Planned and hosted an investor meeting, including an Investor Day to communicate performance, share future guidance and goals, and obtain direct investor feedback.
- 1 Using a Company multiplier of 65.8%, the Committee determined that Mr. Venturelli's resulting PEP award for 2014 performance was \$392,058.

Michael A. Todman, Vice Chairman

Mr. Todman is responsible for leading Whirlpool's operations in the Asia and the Latin America regions. His 2014 achievements included:

- 1 Achieved strong margin results in the Latin America region despite material and cost inflation.
- 1 Strengthened Whirlpool's presence in Asia by acquiring a majority interest in Hefei Sanyo, a leading home appliances manufacturer based in Hefei, China.
- 1 Led a global initiative to grow brand leadership across key global markets.
- 1 Using a Company multiplier of 65.8%, the Committee determined that Mr. Todman's resulting PEP award for 2014 performance was \$589,458.

Marc R. Bitzer, Vice Chairman

Mr. Bitzer is responsible for leading Whirlpool's operations in the North America and the Europe, Middle East and Africa regions. His 2014 achievements included:

- 1 Achieved record operating results in the North America region, improvement in EMEA results, and led strong product and brand leadership initiatives.
- 1 Led the acquisition of Indesit, a leading home appliances manufacturer based in Europe.
- 1 The Committee determined that Mr. Bitzer's individual performance warranted a discretionary adjustment of 125% of target. Combined with the Company multiplier of 65.8%, Mr. Bitzer's resulting PEP award for 2014 performance achieved was \$747,104.

David T. Szczupak, Executive Vice President Global Product Organization

Mr. Szczupak is responsible for leading Whirlpool's global product organization, which includes design, engineering, procurement, and advanced manufacturing. His 2014 achievements included:

- 1 Led Whirlpool's Global Product leadership initiative leading to the launch of over 70 innovative new products into the marketplace.
- 1 Drove record best levels of product quality.
- 1 Made significant progress in product development speed and efficiency.
- 1 Using a Company multiplier of 65.8%, the Committee determined that Mr. Szczupak's resulting PEP award for 2014 performance was \$393,786.



#### IV. Policies and Practices

##### Stock Ownership Guidelines

Stock ownership guidelines, which are approved by the Committee, support the objective of increasing the amount of Whirlpool stock owned by the company's senior leaders. Ensuring that our NEOs and other senior leaders have a significant stake in Whirlpool's long-term success aligns the interests of executives with those of our stockholders. These ownership guidelines take into account a review of competitive market practice conducted by Cook & Co. The guidelines are expressed as multiples of base salary and vary based on an individual's level in the organization. Ownership guidelines for the NEOs are as follows: CEO (7x), Vice Chairman (5x), and Executive Vice President (4x).

The guidelines state that each executive should achieve the respective level of stock ownership within five years. For these guidelines, ownership consists of shares purchased on the open market, shares owned jointly with spouses and children, shares held in the Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan, shares obtained through stock option exercises (but not including unvested shares or unexercised stock options), stock award distributions, and vested stock units (including those on which the executive has deferred distribution).

The Committee annually reviews each of the NEOs progress towards achieving the applicable level of ownership. During the Committee's most recent review of ownership levels, it was determined that each NEO currently meets or exceeds the applicable stock ownership guideline for the stated timeframe.

##### Compensation Recovery Policy (Claw-back)

The PEP and omnibus stock incentive plans include "claw-back" provisions under which the repayment of awards may be required under certain circumstances. Under these plans, the Committee may require repayment of an award if the participant is terminated or otherwise leaves employment with the company within two years following the vesting date of the award and such termination of employment is in any way connected with any misconduct or violation of company policy. The plans also contain provisions that include the potential claw-back of granted equity in the event of a material financial restatement. Moreover, these plans provide that the Committee may require repayment of awards if a participant becomes employed with a competitor within the two-year period following termination of employment, or for any other reason considered by the Committee in its sole discretion to be detrimental to the company or its interests.

##### Hedging and Pledging

Ownership of Whirlpool stock helps align the interests of executives with those of stockholders. In 2012, the Committee approved trading guidelines for Whirlpool stock prohibiting hedging by any employee or director, and pledging or trading on margin by executive officers and directors. The employees, directors, and executive officers are also prohibited from engaging in transactions that have the effect of any of the foregoing actions.

##### Non-Competition / Non-Solicitation Agreements

The company maintains non-competition and non-solicitation agreements with leaders of the company, including each of our NEOs, to protect confidential information and trade secrets from unauthorized use or disclosure. Violation of these agreements may result in claw-back or forfeiture of incentive compensation awards.

#### Post-Employment Provisions

Our NEOs are eligible to receive benefits under a severance policy generally available to U.S. salaried employees. We have also entered into Compensation Benefits and Assurance Agreements with each NEO, to provide benefits in the event of a qualifying termination following a change in control of Whirlpool. These agreements are intended to ensure that our NEOs are not deterred from exploring opportunities that will result in maximum value for stockholders, including actions that may result in a change in their position or standing within Whirlpool, and to promote orderly succession of talent and support our overall attraction and retention objectives. These agreements align Whirlpool's change in control severance program with current best practices in this area by requiring consummation of a merger or consolidation transaction to trigger the protections afforded under the program and imposing a "double-trigger" requirement under which benefits are triggered only upon the occurrence of both a change in control event and the termination of the employment relationship by Whirlpool without cause or by the executive for good reason. The agreements do not provide "golden parachute" excise tax gross-ups.

#### Employment Contracts

Generally, we have no employment contracts with our employees, unless required or customary based on local law or practice. We do not have an employment contract with any of the NEOs.

#### Compensation Tax Deductibility

The Committee intends to preserve the tax deductibility of executive compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code to the extent practicable while focusing on consistency with its compensation philosophy, the needs of Whirlpool, and stockholder interests. Whirlpool's stockholders have approved the PEP and our omnibus stock and incentive plans that award our short-term cash and long-term incentives to executives. Many of the types of awards authorized in these stockholder-approved plans should be considered qualifying "performance-based" compensation which is excluded in the determination of the \$1 million deduction limit under Section 162(m). However, the Committee retains the ability to make payments in one or more of the programs as previously discussed that may not qualify for tax deductibility under Section 162(m).

#### Human Resources Committee Report

The Human Resources Committee of Whirlpool's Board of Directors reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this proxy statement.

Based upon this review and discussion, the Human Resources Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in Whirlpool's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as incorporated by reference from this proxy statement.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Michael D. White, Chair	William T. Kerr
Samuel R. Allen	William D. Perez
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## Executive Compensation Tables

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth compensation information for our NEOs during the 2014, 2013, and 2012 fiscal years. The table may not reflect the actual compensation received by any NEO for the periods indicated. For example, amounts recorded in the stock awards and options columns reflect the fair market value of the awards at the award date and the targeted compensation for certain performance-based equity awards. The actual value of compensation realized by a NEO will likely vary from any targeted equity award amount due to company performance relative to established incentive award criteria, the stock price on award distribution dates, and, in the case of stock options, differences between the original stock option valuation assumptions and the stock price on exercise. As a second example, the amounts reported in the Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings column represent an actuarial present value which may significantly increase or decrease reportable compensation in any given year depending on interest rates and other factors.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (1) (\$)	Option Awards (2) (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (3) (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (4) (\$)	All Other Compensation (5) (\$)	Total (\$)
Jeff M. Fettig Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2014	1,444,375	—	4,712,426	4,712,488	1,782,000	4,682,026	211,252	17,544,567
	2013	1,409,375	—	5,425,723	4,425,775	3,200,000	—	244,932	14,705,805
	2012	1,375,000	—	4,124,996	4,124,999	3,100,000	3,037,608	200,943	15,963,546
Larry M. Venturrelli Executive Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer	2014	595,833	—	749,887	749,962	392,058	474,781	64,477	3,026,998
	2013	566,667	—	646,827	646,844	726,467	71,194	69,605	2,727,604
	2012	519,792	—	1,235,283	524,984	597,760	283,121	48,286	3,209,226
Michael A. Todman Vice Chairman	2014	895,833	—	1,124,969	1,124,985	589,458	1,400,904	185,732	5,321,881
	2013	871,667	—	1,093,706	1,093,749	1,117,477	—	160,122	4,336,721
	2012	855,000	—	2,844,467	1,068,746	983,250	981,950	171,128	6,904,541
Marc R. Bitzer Vice Chairman	2014	908,333	—	1,372,437	1,372,461	747,104	453,873	142,748	4,996,956
	2013	862,500	—	2,219,806	1,093,749	1,382,156	168,229	123,681	5,850,121
	2012	800,000	—	2,775,710	1,000,000	1,600,000	145,148	110,596	6,431,454
David T. Szczipak Executive Vice President, Global Product Organization	2014	710,833	—	714,970	357,475	878,076	330,351	62,087	3,053,792
	2013	683,333	—	603,632	301,847	805,951	129,106	97,215	2,621,084
	2012	650,000	—	923,816	284,373	598,000	215,417	57,614	2,729,220

(1) Reflects fair value of target performance-based restricted stock unit awards and time-based restricted stock unit awards on the award date. See our “Share-based Incentive Plans” Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the applicable fiscal year for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used to account for these awards. Performance-based restricted stock units have a potential payout of 0% to 200% of the target amount. The fair values of the maximum

possible performance-based restricted stock unit awards as of the award dates are as follows:

Name	2012 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Jeff M. Fettig	8,249,992	10,851,446	9,424,852
Larry M. Venturelli	1,049,965	1,293,654	1,499,774
Michael A. Todman	2,137,435	2,187,412	2,249,938
Marc R. Bitzer	1,999,921	2,187,412	2,744,874
David T. Szczupak	568,666	603,632	714,970

For the actual number of performance-based restricted stock units earned in the 2012-2014 performance period as well as the 2013 and 2014 target awards, see the “Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End” table.

Reflects the fair value of stock option awards on the award date. See our “Share-based Incentive Plans” Note to the (2) Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the applicable fiscal year for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating these values.

Represents the sum of cash incentive awards earned in 2014 under PEP, Whirlpool's short-term incentive program. (3) For Mr. Szczupak, this amount also includes 484,290 performance cash units earned, which had a performance period from 2012-2014, and were distributed on February 20, 2015.

Reflects the change in actuarial present value of these benefits from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014. (4) See the “Pension Benefits” table for the actuarial present value of these benefits. None of our NEOs received above-market earnings on their non-qualified deferred compensation accounts.

The following table presents an itemized account of the amounts shown in the “All Other Compensation” column for each NEO in 2014: (5)

Name	Personal Use of Other		Defined Contribution Plan Contributions (c) (\$)	Relocation (d) (\$)	Total (f) (\$)
	Whirlpool Aircraft (a) (\$)	Perquisites (b) (\$)			
Jeff M. Fettig	47,352	62,794	101,106	—	211,252
Larry M. Venturelli	—	22,485	41,992	—	64,477
Michael A. Todman	96,622	25,380	63,730	—	185,732
Marc R. Bitzer	12,923	14,086	63,583	52,156	142,748
David T. Szczupak	—	11,737	50,350	—	62,087

Our incremental cost for personal use of Whirlpool aircraft is calculated by multiplying the aircraft's hourly variable operating cost by a trip's flight time, which includes any flight time of an empty return flight. Variable operating costs are based on industry standard rates of variable operating costs, including fuel costs, trip-related (a) maintenance, landing/ramp fees, and other miscellaneous variable costs. On certain occasions, a spouse or other family member may accompany one of our NEOs on a flight. No additional operating cost is incurred in such situations under the foregoing methodology. We do not pay our NEOs any amounts in connection with taxes on income imputed to them for personal use of our aircraft.

Represents the incremental cost to Whirlpool of: Whirlpool products offered at discounted prices, financial planning and tax services, personal use of property that we own or lease primarily for business purposes, (b) comprehensive health evaluations, and home security. In 2014, Whirlpool paid for estate planning services conducted for Mr. Fettig, valued at \$46,285. Individually, none of these categories of perquisites or personal benefits exceeded \$25,000 for the other NEOs.

(c) Represents Whirlpool's contributions to the 401(k) Retirement Plan and the 401(k) Restoration Plan for our NEOs.

(d) For Mr. Bitzer, this includes shipment of goods, and other costs typical for an international assignee.



#### Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table provides additional information about plan-based compensation disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table. In February 2014, we granted short-term cash incentives to our NEOs under the PEP and long-term incentives using performance-based restricted stock units, performance cash units, restricted stock units, and non-qualified stock options under the Whirlpool Corporation Amended and Restated 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan. Information regarding the terms of these awards is set forth below and under the "Potential Post-Termination Payments" section later in the proxy statement.

The Committee established both target and maximum award levels of performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash units with actual awards to be determined based on the achievement of specified objectives over a three-year performance period (2014-2016). Upon completion of the performance period, the Committee will approve award amounts in February 2017, basing the number of performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash units awarded on the level of achievement of performance period objectives. These awards, once determined, vest three years from the date the terms of the award are established.

Generally, an executive must be employed by Whirlpool on the last day of the performance period in order to obtain PEP, performance-based restricted stock unit, or performance cash unit awards. However, if an executive retires after a minimum of six months of the first year of the performance period has elapsed, but prior to the end of the performance period, and at the end of the performance period the Committee determines that the performance objectives have been met, the Committee may determine to award the executive or his beneficiaries, if applicable, a portion of the award.

With respect to performance-based restricted stock unit and performance cash unit awards, if an executive dies or becomes disabled during the performance period, the award is prorated based on the amount of service already completed over the three-year performance period. With respect to restricted stock unit awards, if an executive dies, becomes disabled, or retires during the vesting period but prior to the vesting date of the award, vesting and distribution are accelerated.

Stock option grants are issued based on performance with an exercise price equal to the closing price of Whirlpool common stock on the NYSE on the award date. The option term is ten years and options vest in three equal annual installments. If the executive dies or becomes disabled, the stock options immediately vest and expire three years from the date of the event or the original expiration date (whichever occurs first), provided that some options may allow for an exercise period of at least one year from termination. If the executive retires, the stock options immediately vest and expire five years from the date of the event or the original expiration date (whichever occurs first). Options cannot be exercised before the first anniversary of the grant.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (\$)			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards (#)			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (1) (\$)
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)				
Jeff M. Fettig											
PEP - Cash (2)	—	0	2,175,000	4,078,125	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Performance RSUs (3)	2/17/2014	—	—	0	34,010	68,020	—	—	—	—	4,712,426
Stock Options	2/17/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	111,987	138.56	—	4,712,488
Larry M. Venturelli											
PEP - Cash (2)	—	0	600,000	1,125,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Performance RSUs (3)	2/17/2014	—	—	0	5,412	10,824	—	—	—	—	749,887
Stock Options	2/17/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,822	138.56	—	749,962
Michael A. Todman											
PEP - Cash (2)	—	0	900,000	1,687,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Performance RSUs (3)	2/17/2014	—	—	0	8,119	16,238	—	—	—	—	1,124,969
Stock Options	2/17/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	26,734	138.56	—	1,124,985
Marc R. Bitzer											
PEP - Cash (2)	—	0	915,000	1,715,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Performance RSUs (3)	2/17/2014	—	—	0	9,905	19,810	—	—	—	—	1,372,437
Stock Options	2/17/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	32,615	138.56	—	1,372,461
David T. Szczupak											
PEP - Cash (2)	—	0	607,750	1,139,531	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Performance RSUs (3)	2/17/2014	—	—	0	2,580	5,160	—	—	—	—	357,485

Stock Options	2/17/2014—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,495	138.56	357,475
Restricted Stock Units	2/17/2014—	—	—	—	—	—	2,580	—	—	357,485
(4) Performance Cash Units	2/17/2014	357,500	715,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(5)										

Represents the fair value at the award date for the stock options. For the performance-based restricted stock units (1) for each NEO, the amount represents the fair market value at the award date based upon the probable outcome of the performance conditions.

Represents estimated possible payouts of short-term incentive awards for 2014 under PEP. See the column (2) captioned “Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation” in the Summary Compensation Table for the actual payout amounts for 2014.

(3) Represents target performance-based restricted stock unit grants made in 2014. Final award determination will be made in 2017 by the Committee. Target grants may be adjusted upward or downward depending on performance.

(4) Represents the fair value on the award date for the restricted stock unit awards granted by the Committee in February 2014. Mr. Szczupak’s grant of 2,580 restricted stock units will vest in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

(5) Represents target performance cash unit grants made in 2014. Final award determination will be made in 2017 by the Committee. Target grants may be adjusted upward or downward depending on performance.

#### Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The table below lists outstanding equity grants for each NEO as of December 31, 2014. The table includes outstanding equity grants from past years, as well as the current year.

Name	OPTION AWARDS					STOCK AWARDS			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (Exercisable) (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (Unexercisable) (#) (1)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) (2)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, or Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Jeff M. Fettig									
Stock Options									
2006	83,200	—		89.16	2/20/2016				
2007	91,000	—		94.47	2/19/2017				
2008	120,700	—		88.49	2/18/2018				
2009	300,000	—		31.82	2/16/2019				
2011	137,925	—		85.45	2/14/2021				
2012	141,593	69,739		71.03	2/20/2022				
2013	45,701	88,710		107.57	2/20/2023				
2014	—	111,987		138.56	2/17/2024				
Performance RSUs									
2012						98,900(3)	19,160,886(4)		
2013								50,439(5)	9,772,052
2014								34,010(6)	6,589,097
Performance RSUs						16,086(7)	3,116,502		
Larry M. Venturelli									
Stock Options									
2012	—	8,875		71.03	2/20/2022				
2013	—	12,446		111.33	2/18/2023				
2014	—	17,822		138.56	2/17/2024				
Performance RSUs									
2012						12,586(3)	2,438,412(4)		
2013								5,810(5)	1,125,629
2014								5,412(6)	1,048,521
Performance RSUs						17,500(8)	3,390,450		

Michael A.  
 Todman  
 Stock

Options				
2012	—	18,068	71.03	2/20/2022
2013	—	21,044	111.33	2/18/2023
2014	—	26,734	138.56	2/17/2024

Performance

RSUs

2012			25,623(3)	4,964,200(4)	
2013					9,824(5) 1,903,302
2014					8,119(6) 1,572,975
RSUs			62,451(9)	12,099,257	

Name	OPTION AWARDS					STOCK AWARDS		Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, or Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, or Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (Exercisable) (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (Unexercisable) (#) (1)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)		
Marc R. Bitzer									
Stock Options									
2012	—	16,906		71.03	2/20/2022				
2013	—	21,044		111.33	2/18/2023				
2014	—	32,615		138.56	2/17/2024				
Performance RSUs									
2012						23,974(3)	4,644,723(4)		
2013								9,824(5)	1,903,302
2014								9,905(6)	1,918,995
Performance RSUs						84,888(10)	16,446,201		
David T. Szczupak									
Stock Options									
2012	—	4,807		71.03	2/20/2022				
2013	2,992	5,808		111.33	2/18/2023				
2014	—	8,495		138.56	2/17/2024				
Performance RSUs									
2012						6,817(3)	1,320,726(4)		
2013								2,711(5)	525,229
2014								2,580(6)	499,849
Performance RSUs						18,102(11)	3,507,081		

(1) As shown in the table above, each NEO has three awards with remaining unvested stock options listed in this column. These awards represent grants from 2012, 2013, and 2014. Stock options generally vest and become exercisable in equal installments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant date. As of the last day of our 2014 fiscal year, the awards made in 2012 have one remaining vesting date: February 20, 2015. The awards made in 2013 have two vesting dates remaining: February 18, 2015, and February 18, 2016. The determination for

Mr. Fettig's stock option grant was made on February 20, 2013, thus his stock options have two remaining vest dates: February 20, 2015, and February 20, 2016. The awards made in 2014 have three vesting dates remaining: February 17, 2015, February 17, 2016, and February 17, 2017.

Represents unvested restricted stock units multiplied by the closing price of our common stock (\$193.74) on (2) December 31, 2014, the last trading day of the year. The ultimate value of the awards will depend on the value of our common stock on the actual vesting date.

(3) Represents earned, but unvested performance restricted stock units granted in 2012, with a performance period from 2012-2014. Shares were distributed on February 20, 2015.

The value of the performance restricted stock unit awards vesting February 20, 2015 are as follows: Mr. Fettig, (4) \$21,092,403; Mr. Venturelli, \$2,684,216; Mr. Todman, \$5,464,617; Mr. Bitzer, \$5,112,935; and Mr. Szczupak, \$1,453,862.

Represents target performance restricted stock units granted in 2013, with a performance period of 2013-2015.

(5) Final award determination will be made after the completion of the 2015 performance year, and any distribution will be made on February 18, 2016. Mr. Fettig's grant determination was made on February 20, 2013, and any distribution will be made on February 20, 2016.

- Represents target performance restricted stock units granted in 2014, with a performance period of 2014-2016.
- (6) Final award determination will be made after the completion of the 2016 performance year, and any distribution will be made on February 17, 2017.
- (7) Represents unvested time-based restricted stock units that will vest and be distributed in shares of common stock upon a qualified retirement. Units vesting upon retirement are credited with dividend equivalents until distribution. Represents unvested time-based restricted stock units that will vest and be distributed in shares of common stock as follows: 5,000 shares on February 20, 2015; 7,500 shares on February 14, 2016; and 5,000 shares on February 20, 2017.
- (9) Includes 37,451 unvested time-based restricted stock units that will vest and be distributed in shares of common stock upon a qualified retirement. Units vesting upon retirement are credited with dividend equivalents until distribution. Also included are 25,000 time-based restricted stock units which vest February 20, 2015, and will be distributed in equal installments in 2015 and 2016.
- (10) Includes 29,888 unvested time-based restricted stock units that will vest and be distributed in shares of common stock upon a qualified retirement. Units vesting upon retirement are credited with dividend equivalents until distribution. Also included are time-based restricted stock units which vest as follows: 12,500 on February 20, 2015; 10,000 on June 15, 2015; 10,000 on February 19, 2016; 12,500 on February 20, 2017; 10,000 on June 15, 2020.
- (11) Represents time-based restricted stock units that will vest and be distributed in shares of common stock as follows: 792 on February 17, 2015; 894 on February 18, 2015; 1,320 on February 20, 2015; 5,000 on February 20, 2015; 7,500 on February 14, 2016; 851 on February 17, 2016; 894 on February 18, 2016; and 851 on February 17, 2017.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The table below summarizes the value received from stock option exercises and RSUs vested in 2014.

Name	OPTION AWARDS		STOCK AWARDS	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (1) (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (2) (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (3) (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (4) (\$)
Jeff M. Fettig	—	—	21,898	3,034,187
Larry M. Venturelli	16,758	1,093,311	13,221	1,838,052
Michael A. Todman	84,622	7,056,020	5,673	786,051
Marc R. Bitzer	38,782	2,555,800	5,418	750,718
David T. Szczupak	28,851	2,215,247	11,631	1,613,189

- (1) Option awards exercised by Mr. Venturelli were granted on February 14, 2011 (1,471), February 20, 2012 (8,875), and February 18, 2013 (6,412). Option awards exercised by Mr. Todman were granted on February 16, 2009 (25,301), February 14, 2011 (11,792), February 20, 2012 (36,686), and February 18, 2013 (10,843). Option awards exercised by Mr. Bitzer were granted on February 14, 2011 (11,033), February 20, 2012 (16,906), and February 18, 2013 (10,843). Option awards exercised by Mr. Szczupak were granted on July 7, 2008 (6,412), February 14, 2011 (12,677), and February 20, 2012 (9,762).

- (2) The dollar value realized on the exercise of stock options represents the pre-tax difference (fair market value of Whirlpool common stock on the exercise date minus the exercise price of the option) multiplied by the number of shares of common stock covered by the stock options held by the respective NEO.



(3) Reflects vesting of restricted stock unit awards as shown below.

Name	2011 Performance Restricted Stock Unit Awards	Restricted Stock Unit Awards	Total Shares Vested
Jeff M. Fettig	21,898	—	21,898
Larry M. Venturelli	721	12,500	13,221
Michael A. Todman	5,673	—	5,673
Marc R. Bitzer	5,418	—	5,418
David T. Szczupak	1,984	9,647	11,631

(4) The dollar value realized represents the pre-tax value received by each NEO upon the vesting of the stock unit awards. The value realized is based on the closing stock price of Whirlpool stock on the NYSE on the vesting date.

#### Pension Benefits

##### Defined Benefit Plans

Messrs. Fettig, Venturelli, and Todman accrued benefits under the Whirlpool Employees Pension Plan (“WEPP”) and the associated Whirlpool Retirement Restoration Plan (the “Pension Restoration Plan”) through December 31, 2006, when plan benefits were frozen. Messrs. Fettig, Venturelli, Todman, Bitzer, and Szczupak, participated in the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (“SERP”). These plans provide a defined benefit upon retirement relative to salary and annual cash incentives earned during the employment period. The following table describes the estimated actuarial present value of accrued pension benefits through the end of our 2014 fiscal year for each of the NEOs listed in the table. Messrs. Fettig, Todman, and Szczupak were eligible for retirement benefits as of the last day of our 2014 fiscal year. The number of years of service credited to each NEO equals the NEO's length of eligible service with Whirlpool. Whirlpool currently has a policy against crediting additional years of service under its pension plans. WEPP is a qualified plan that provided all eligible employees, which included most Whirlpool salaried employees in the United States, with a defined pension benefit upon reaching retirement eligibility. For benefits under WEPP, the formula is:

$2\% \times \text{years of credited service} \times \text{average base salary}$

In this formula:

“years of credited service” for salaried employees is generally based on hours worked as a salaried employee and also includes hours paid but not worked (such as vacations and holidays), hours of military service required to be recognized under federal law, and hours for up to 24 months of long-term disability;

“average base salary” generally means the average of base salary in effect during the 60 sequential (but not necessarily consecutive) full calendar months of a participant's last 120 or fewer consecutive full calendar months of service before retirement or other termination of service that will produce the largest average monthly amount; and the maximum number of years of service credited under the plan is 30 years.

Retirement benefits under this formula are limited by the Internal Revenue Code. Benefits can be paid to plan participants in a variety of annuity forms or as a lump sum amount. The benefits payable to our NEOs from this plan were frozen as of December 31, 2006.

After reaching age 55 and completing five years of service with Whirlpool, salaried participants in this plan are eligible for early retirement benefits under the plan. Benefits paid prior to age 65 are reduced. The factors used to determine this reduction vary with the participant's age. For example, salaried participants whose benefits have vested and who retire from active service at age 55, have their retirement benefits reduced to 55% of the full retirement benefit payable at age 65. As of the close of our 2014 fiscal year, Messrs. Fettig and Todman are eligible for retirement benefits under WEPP.

Under the Pension Restoration Plan, the retirement eligibility and benefit formula are the same as under WEPP, except that in this plan statutory benefit limitations are not applied in calculating benefits under the formula. With respect to our NEOs who participate in this plan, payments are made in accordance with their distribution elections. Participants in this plan may select among the following payment distribution options: lump sum seven months following termination, lump sum in April following the first anniversary of termination, or ten annual installments commencing seven months after termination. The benefits payable to our NEOs from this plan were frozen as of December 31, 2006.

SERP is a non-qualified plan that provides benefits in excess of Internal Revenue Code limitations under WEPP. SERP provides a benefit based on annual cash incentive compensation which supplements the benefit calculated on base salary under WEPP. With respect to benefits under SERP, the formula is:

$2\% \times \text{years of credited service} \times \text{average of the highest 5 PEP awards received over the last ten years}$

In this formula:

•“years of credited service” has the same meaning as it does under WEPP described above; and

•the maximum number of years of service credited under the plan is 30 years.

After completing five years of service, our NEOs are eligible for benefits under SERP upon termination of employment for any reason except a termination for cause, provided they have received one or more PEP awards within the last ten calendar years preceding their termination of employment. Participants in this plan may select among the same payment distribution options as as in the Pension Restoration Plan, as described above.

The actuarial present values of benefits under these plans are calculated in accordance with the following assumptions:

(1) discount rate: 2014 - 4.15% and 2013 - 5.00%; (2) assumed retirement age: 65; (3) no pre-retirement decrements; (4) assumed form of payment: lump sum, determined as equal to the present value of the life annuity provided by the plans' formulas and calculated based on the plans' provisions, including an interest rate based on high-quality corporate bond yields (assumed to be 4.15%) and mortality assumption that is based on the RP-2000 Table. The actuarial increase during our 2014 fiscal year of the projected retirement benefits can be found in the Summary Compensation Table in the “Change in Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings” column (all amounts reported under that heading represent actuarial increases in our plans).

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Jeff M. Fettig	WEPP	26	1,047,448	—
	DB Restoration	26	3,285,711	—
	SERP	30	17,267,901	—
			Total	21,601,060
Larry M. Venturelli	WEPP	5	148,440	—
	DB Restoration	5	5,026	—
	SERP	13	1,147,394	—
			Total	1,300,860
Michael A. Todman	WEPP	14	548,479	—
	DB Restoration	14	873,508	—
	SERP	22	4,459,150	—
			Total	5,881,137
Marc R. Bitzer	WEPP	—	—	—
	DB Restoration	—	—	—
	SERP	6	904,935	—
			Total	904,935
David T. Szczupak	WEPP	—	—	—
	DB Restoration	—	—	—
	SERP	7	878,676	—
			Total	878,676

#### Defined Contribution Plans

The Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan provides a defined contribution retirement benefit qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. This plan offers participants a pre-tax retirement savings vehicle, plus employer contributions that encourage participant retirement savings and provide additional assets for employees' retirement. Most U.S.-based employees of Whirlpool, including the NEOs, are eligible to participate in this plan, although different levels of employer contributions apply to different groups. This plan provides an automatic employer contribution of 3% of pay. The 401(k) plan provides for an employer match of up to 4% of pay, provided that participants contributed at least 5% of pay on a pre-tax basis to the plan and subject to contribution and benefit limitations under the Internal Revenue Code.

#### Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

The table below provides information about the non-qualified defined contribution deferred compensation plans in which our NEOs participate. Some of our NEOs participate in the Whirlpool Corporation Executive Deferred Savings Plan ("EDSP I") and in the Whirlpool Corporation Executive Deferred Savings Plan II ("EDSP II"). EDSP I was designed to provide executives with pre-tax deferral opportunities beyond those offered by the Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan. Participants may no longer make deferrals to EDSP I. EDSP II became effective January 1, 2005, to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

EDSP II includes two components: the traditional component is known as EDSP II and the added component is known as the Whirlpool Executive Restoration Plan (the “401(k) Restoration Plan”). The traditional EDSP II is designed to provide executives with pre-tax deferral opportunities beyond those offered by the Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan and the 401(k) Restoration Plan. Eligible executives may elect to contribute up to 75% of their short-term incentives and long-term incentives under this component. For our NEOs, the 401(k) Restoration Plan treats base salary as the only form of compensation eligible for deferral under the plan.

An EDSP I participant may elect distribution following termination of employment in the form of a lump sum or in a number of monthly installments designated by the participant. A participant in EDSP II may select among the following post-termination distribution options: lump sum seven months following termination, lump sum in April following the first anniversary of termination, or ten annual installments commencing seven months following termination. EDSP I and EDSP II (including both the traditional component and the 401(k) Restoration Plan component) are unfunded non-qualified plans that are secured by our general assets. Amounts deferred are credited to recordkeeping accounts for participants, and the recordkeeping balances are credited with earnings and losses measured by investments generally similar to those selected by executives and available in the Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan. Participants may not make withdrawals during their employment, except in the event of hardship, as approved by the Committee.

Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY (1) (\$)	Registrant Contributions in Last FY (2) (\$)	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY (3) (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE (4) (\$)
Jeff M. Fettig					
EDSP I	—	—	634,909	—	4,010,231
EDSP II	—	—	4,525,910	—	22,041,779
401(k) Restoration	49,219	82,906	45,364	—	1,460,378
Total	49,219	82,906	5,206,183	—	27,512,388
Larry M. Venturelli					
EDSP I	—	—	—	—	—
EDSP II	117,898	—	358,083	—	2,591,546
401(k) Restoration	6,994	23,792	32,973	—	448,523
Total	124,892	23,792	391,056	—	3,040,069
Michael A. Todman					
EDSP I	—	—	175,204	—	1,251,309
EDSP II	—	—	36,367	—	295,027
401(k) Restoration	22,522	45,530	29,353	—	548,217
Total	22,522	45,530	240,924	—	2,094,553
Marc R. Bitzer					
EDSP I	—	—	—	—	—
EDSP II	—	—	—	—	—
401(k) Restoration	27,917	45,383	21,856	—	458,018
Total	27,917	45,383	21,856	—	458,018
David T. Szczupak					
EDSP I	—	—	—	—	—
EDSP II	—	—	—	—	—
401(k) Restoration	12,964	32,150	20,103	—	305,244
Total	12,964	32,150	20,103	—	305,244

The amount of the contributions made by each NEO, as reported above, is also included in each NEO's (1) compensation reported under the Summary Compensation Table, either as "Salary," "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation," or "Stock Awards."

(2) Represents the amount of the contributions made by Whirlpool to each NEO under the 401(k) Restoration Plan. These amounts are also reflected in the "All Other Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table.

(3) The aggregate earnings (and losses) are not reported in the Summary Compensation Table.

The aggregate balance at December 31, 2014, as reported above, reflects amounts that are either currently reported (4) or were previously reported as compensation in the Summary Compensation Table for 2014 or prior years, except for the aggregate earnings on deferred compensation.

#### Potential Post-Termination Payments

The tables below describe compensation and benefits payable to each of our NEOs in each of the following circumstances: involuntary termination by Whirlpool for cause, involuntary termination by Whirlpool without cause, resignation, retirement, death, disability, and change in control (with a qualifying termination). The amounts shown in the tables below assume that termination of employment or a change in control occurred as of December 31, 2014, and estimate certain amounts which would be paid to our NEOs upon the specified event. The amounts shown in the tables below are calculated using the December 31, 2014 closing stock price. Due to the number of factors that affect the nature and amounts of compensation and benefits provided upon the events discussed below, the actual amounts paid or distributed may be different. Factors that could greatly affect these amounts include the timing during the year of any such event, Whirlpool's stock price, and the NEO's age.

The narrative disclosure and tables below describe and quantify the compensation and benefits that are paid in addition to compensation and benefits generally available to salaried employees. Examples of compensation and benefits generally available to salaried employees, and thus not included below, are distributions under the Whirlpool 401(k) Retirement Plan, accrued vacation pay, amounts payable under the U.S. salaried employee severance plan and, in certain circumstances, vested equity.

Also, information previously disclosed under the "Pension Benefits" and "Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation" tables is not repeated, except to the extent that the amounts payable to the NEO would be enhanced by the termination event described.

#### Involuntary Terminations and Resignation

Generally, we provide no additional benefits to any of our NEOs in the event that the NEO resigns from Whirlpool. We do not have employment agreements with any of our NEOs that would provide benefits in the event that we terminate the NEO's employment involuntarily for cause. Under our long-term incentive programs, resignation and involuntary termination result in forfeiture of performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash units, as well as all unvested, and vested but unexercised, options. Certain legacy time-based restricted stock units accelerate upon an involuntary termination without cause. Generally, in the event we terminate the employment of an NEO involuntarily without cause, the payment of the value of these unvested time-based restricted stock units is the only benefit to which the NEO is entitled. The Committee may, in its discretion, approve severance benefits designed to mitigate economic injury to the NEO as a direct result of involuntary termination.

#### Retirement

As of the last day of our 2014 fiscal year, Messrs. Fettig, Todman, and Szczupak were retirement eligible. If any of our other NEOs chose to “retire” as of the last day of our 2014 fiscal year, the effect of that “retirement” would be the same as if the NEO had resigned, as described immediately above. In the event of retirement, our NEOs may be entitled to certain short-term and long-term incentive awards. The possible short-term incentive payout, if approved by the Committee, would consist of a prorated cash payout under PEP for the fiscal year in which the NEO retires, provided that the objective performance goal for that year is met. Proration is based on the ratio of the number of days worked during the performance period to the total number of days in the performance period. The Committee met on February 16, 2015, and determined the PEP awards earned for 2014. A NEO who retired during 2014 would receive a payout based on the amounts approved by the Committee.

A retirement-eligible NEO would receive accelerated vesting of all applicable unvested stock option awards upon retirement. Stock options must be exercised within five years of retirement or before the original expiration date (whichever occurs first) or the unexercised stock options will be cancelled. Depending on the type of award, restricted stock units may accelerate or be forfeited upon retirement.

With respect to performance-based restricted stock units and performance cash unit awards, provided that the objective performance goal is met, a retirement-eligible NEO receives a prorated award based on his period of service during the performance period, if the NEO retires at least six months into, but prior to the completion of, the performance period. If the NEO retires at least one year after the beginning of the performance period, the NEO receives the full amount of the award. In either case, the amount of the award received is based on actual performance as determined by the Committee following completion of the performance period. The amount of any 2014 performance awards which are earned upon retirement will be determined by the Committee in 2017.

#### Death and Disability

In the event of death or disability, a NEO may receive an award under PEP at the discretion of the Committee, provided that the objective performance goal is met and that the award shall be based on the actual amount the NEO would have received if the performance period had been completed.

Upon the death or disability of one of our NEOs, performance-based restricted stock unit and performance cash unit awards granted in 2012, 2013, and 2014 would be prorated based on the NEO's period of service during each applicable performance period. The amount of the award received is based on actual performance as determined by the Committee following the completion of each applicable performance period. The amount of any 2014 performance awards payable in the event of death or disability will be determined by the Committee in 2017. Depending on the type of award, restricted stock unit awards may vest or be forfeited in the event of death or disability prior to vesting.

The vesting of stock options accelerates upon death or disability. In the event of disability, stock options must be exercised by the earlier of three years from the date of termination due to disability or the original expiration date (whichever occurs first). In the event of death, stock option awards granted in 2012 and prior years provide that options must be exercised by the earlier of the third anniversary of death or the one year anniversary of the expiration date. Stock option awards granted in 2013 and later provide for exercise of options by the earlier of the third anniversary of death or the expiration date. Options which are not exercised within the applicable period are canceled. In no event may an option be exercised within one year of the grant date.

The following table shows the possible payouts to each of our NEOs for the specified type of employment termination. As detailed above, the values for the retirement portion of the table assume that our NEOs were retirement-eligible as of the last day of the 2014 fiscal year. The designated beneficiaries of our NEOs would receive the same life insurance benefits generally available to all salaried employees.

Name	RESIGNATION	INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION		RETIREMENT				DISABILITY		
	(\$)	With Cause (\$)	Without Cause (\$)	Short-term Incentives PEP (\$)	Long-term Incentives Performance RSUs (\$) (1)	Long-term Incentives Performance Cash (\$)	Stock Options (\$) (2)	RSUs (\$)	TOTAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
Jeff M. Fettig	—	—	3,116,502	1,782,000	35,522,035	—	43,694,189	—	80,998,224	76,464,709
Larry M. Venturelli	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,418,926
Michael A. Todman	—	—	7,255,757	589,458	8,440,477	—	5,426,542	—	14,456,477	24,872,521
Marc R. Bitzer	—	—	5,790,501	—	—	—	—	—	—	29,355,028
David T. Szczupak	—	—	—	393,786	2,345,804	1,143,665	1,783,829	1,085,331	6,752,415	8,326,833

(1) These amounts assume that the 2013 and 2014 performance RSU grants meet their objective performance goals and pay out at target in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

(2) These amounts assume options are exercised on December 31, 2014.

#### Change in Control

Upon the occurrence of a qualifying termination following a change in control as described more fully below, our NEOs may receive accelerated vesting and payout of previously unvested, performance cash units, performance-based restricted stock units, stock options, and restricted stock units under the terms of those awards. In the event a successor corporation does not assume or substitute for unvested equity awards those awards may accelerate vesting and become exercisable. Certain legacy restricted stock unit awards with extended vesting periods would accelerate and be paid out upon a change in control. The values of these legacy awards as of December 31, 2014 are as follows: Mr. Fettig, \$3,116,502; Mr. Todman, \$7,255,757; and Mr. Bitzer, \$5,790,501.

As provided in the table below, additional equity awards become payable only upon a qualifying termination following a change in control. In addition, we have change in control agreements with the NEOs. A “change in control” in accordance with these agreements is generally defined to include the acquisition by any person or group of 30% or more of Whirlpool's voting securities, a change in the composition of the Board such that the existing Board or persons who were approved by a majority of directors or their successors on the existing Board no longer constitute a majority, and consummation of a merger or consolidation of Whirlpool. These agreements contain a “best net” approach to address the potential for any excise tax to be imposed for severance payments and benefits that would constitute an “excess parachute payment” under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code. We will not provide a gross-up payment and will instead reduce payments to the NEO such that the aggregate amount equals the maximum amount that can be paid without triggering imposition of the excise tax, if the net amount received by the NEO on an after-tax basis would be greater than it would be absent such a reduction.

Under these agreements, benefits are payable to our NEOs after a change in control, but only after a qualifying termination occurs. Qualifying terminations include: involuntary termination of the NEO by Whirlpool; voluntary termination by the NEO for good reason, as defined in the agreement; or a material breach of the change in control agreement by Whirlpool.





Cash severance arising from these change in control agreements is paid out in a lump sum payment equal to:

- the NEO's unpaid base salary;
- unreimbursed business expenses; and
- all other items earned by and owed to the NEO through and including the date of the termination.

These agreements also provide for the lump sum cash payment of:

for Messrs. Fettig, Todman and Bitzer, the greater of three times the NEO's base salary on the date of the termination or the NEO's base salary at any time during the 12 months prior to the change in control; for Messrs. Venturelli and Szczupak, the greater of two times the NEO's base salary on the date of the termination or the NEO's base salary at any time during the 12 months prior to the change in control;

for Messrs. Fettig, Todman and Bitzer, the greater of three times the current target bonus opportunity (in terms of a percentage of base salary) under PEP or the NEO's highest target bonus opportunity at any time during the 12 months prior to the change in control; for Messrs. Venturelli and Szczupak, the greater of two times the current target bonus opportunity (in terms of a percentage of base salary) under PEP or the NEO's highest target bonus opportunity at any time during the 12 months prior to the change in control; and

- the greater of the NEO's pro rata target bonus opportunity (in terms of a percentage of base salary) under PEP or the highest target bonus opportunity at any time during the 12 months prior to the change in control, or the actual bonus earned through the date of the termination under PEP based on the NEO's current level of goal achievement.

Our NEOs are also entitled to receive continued health and life benefits for 18 months in connection with a termination after a change in control. The severance benefits provided to the NEOs in the event of a change in control include an amount, payable at the same time and in the same form as if paid from the non-qualified defined benefit pension plans, equal to the additional benefits to which the NEO would be entitled under our non-qualified defined benefit pension plans if the NEO's benefits had fully vested.

The continuation of the NEO's benefits will be calculated at the same cost and at the same level of coverage as in effect on the date of termination.

The amount of cash severance and benefits will be offset by any other severance-type payments the NEO may be eligible or entitled to receive from any other sources. The following table shows possible payouts to our NEOs as of December 31, 2014, triggered upon the occurrence of a change in control and a subsequent qualifying termination.

CHANGE IN CONTROL WITH QUALIFYING TERMINATION

Name	Equity	Cash Compensation			Health,	Enhanced	Incremental	TOTAL (\$)
	Payouts	Severance	Annual	Long-term	Welfare	Pension	Excise Tax	
	TOTAL	Payments	Incentives	Incentive	and Other	Benefits	Gross-Up	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Cash (\$)	Benefits	(\$)	(\$)	
Jeff M. Fettig	82,332,726	10,832,813	1,782,000	—	19,812	—	—	94,967,351
Larry M. Venturelli	7,710,706	2,383,332	392,058	—	15,510	—	—	10,501,606
Michael A. Todman	21,122,776	5,374,998	589,458	—	17,040	—	—	27,104,272
Marc R. Bitzer	19,865,987	5,449,998	747,104	—	23,961	—	—	26,087,050
David T. Szczupak	5,214,964	2,630,082	393,786	1,143,665	3,600	—	—	9,386,097

## Item 2 – Advisory Vote to Approve Whirlpool's Executive Compensation

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 enable our stockholders to vote to approve, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers ("NEOs") as disclosed in this proxy statement.

As discussed in detail above under the caption "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," we are dedicated to global leadership and to delivering superior stockholder value. To achieve our objectives, we have developed and employ a pay-for-performance philosophy based on the following guiding principles:

• Compensation should be incentive-driven with both a short-term and long-term focus

• A significant portion of pay should be performance-based, with the proportion varying in direct relation to an executive's level of responsibility

• Components of compensation should be linked to the drivers of stockholder value over the long-term

• Components of compensation should be tied to an evaluation of business results and individual performance

In support of our pay-for-performance philosophy, performance-based compensation in the form of short-term and long-term incentives constituted 89% of 2014 total target compensation for our CEO and an average of 78% of 2014 total target compensation for our other NEOs.

Our policies and provisions that are intended to support best practices in executive compensation include, among others:

• Elimination of "golden parachute" excise tax gross-ups and adoption of double-trigger change in control equity vesting

• Approval of trading guidelines for Whirlpool stock prohibiting hedging by any employee or Director and pledging or trading on margin for executive officers and Directors

• Adoption of significant stock ownership guideline levels to reinforce the link between the interests of our NEOs (7x for our CEO) and those of stockholders

• Implementation of claw-back provisions in both our Performance Excellence Plan ("PEP") and omnibus stock incentive plans under which the repayment of awards may be required in certain circumstances

• Decision-making by a fully independent compensation committee advised by an independent compensation consultant

For the reasons discussed above, we are asking our stockholders to indicate their support for our NEO compensation as described in this proxy statement by voting "FOR" the following resolution. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our NEOs and the philosophy, policies and practices described in this proxy statement.

RESOLVED, that the stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in Whirlpool Corporation's Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Summary Compensation Table, and the other related tables and disclosure.

This vote is advisory, and therefore not binding on Whirlpool, the Board, or the Human Resources Committee. The Board and the Human Resources Committee value the opinions of Whirlpool's stockholders and, to the extent there is any significant vote against the NEO compensation as disclosed in this proxy statement, we will consider such stockholders' concerns and the Human Resources Committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Item 2 for the approval of the compensation of Whirlpool's NEOs, as disclosed in this proxy statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Related Person Transactions

The Board has adopted written procedures relating to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee's review and approval of transactions with related persons that are required to be disclosed in proxy statements by Securities and Exchange Commission regulations ("related person transactions"). A "related person" is defined under the applicable Securities and Exchange Commission regulation and includes our directors, executive officers, and owners of 5% or more of our common stock. The Corporate Secretary administers procedures adopted by the Board with respect to related person transactions and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee reviews and approves all such transactions. At times, it may be advisable to initiate a transaction before the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has evaluated it, or a transaction may begin before discovery of a related person's participation. In such instances, management consults with the Chairman of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee to determine the appropriate course of action. Approval of a related person transaction requires the affirmative vote of the majority of disinterested directors on the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. In approving any related person transaction, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee must determine that the transaction is fair and reasonable to Whirlpool. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee periodically reports on its activities to the Board. The written procedures relating to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee's review and approval of related person transactions is available on our website: [www.whirlpoolcorp.com/policies](http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com/policies).

#### Human Resources Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During fiscal 2014, Messrs. Allen, Kerr, Perez, and White and Ms. Elliott served as members of the Human Resources Committee. No member of the Human Resources Committee was at any time during 2014 an officer or employee of Whirlpool and no member of the Human Resources Committee has formerly been an officer of Whirlpool. In addition, no "compensation committee interlocks" existed during fiscal year 2014.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table presents information as of December 31, 2014, with respect to Whirlpool's compensation plans under which equity securities are authorized for issuance.

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (\$)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (1)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	3,219,727(2)	88.62(3)	7,590,585
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	-	-	-
Total	3,219,727	88.62	7,590,585

Excluding securities in the "Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and (1)rights" column. Represents shares available under Whirlpool's Amended and Restated 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan.

(2) This amount includes 2,115,599 shares subject to outstanding stock options with a weighted average remaining contractual term of 6.3 years, and 1,104,128 shares subject to outstanding restricted stock units.

(3) The weighted-average exercise price information does not include any outstanding restricted stock units.

## Matters Relating to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

## Fees

In the years indicated, Ernst & Young LLP billed Whirlpool the following fees (in millions):

	Year ended December 31,	
	2013	2014
Audit Fees	\$10.02	\$13.96
Audit-Related Fees	\$0.46	\$0.99
Tax Fees	\$3.81	\$4.55
All Other Fees	\$0.04	\$0.10
Total	\$14.33	\$19.60

Audit-related fees are principally comprised of fees for services provided in connection with employee benefit plan audits and consultation with management as to the accounting or disclosure treatment of various transactions or events. Tax fees are principally comprised of fees for services provided in connection with worldwide tax planning and compliance services, and assistance with tax audits and appeals. All other fees are principally comprised of fees for providing access to an online research tool and services provided to comply with local statutory, regulation and attestation requirements.

**Advance Approval Policy for Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Services**

Pursuant to its written charter, the Audit Committee, or a subcommittee thereof, is responsible for approving in advance all audit, internal control-related, and permitted non-audit services the independent registered public accounting firm performs for us. In recognition of this responsibility, the Audit Committee has established a policy to approve in advance all audit, permissible non-audit, and internal control-related services the independent registered public accounting firm provides. Prior to engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm for the next year's audit, management submits to the Audit Committee a request for approval of services expected to be rendered during that year. This request outlines each of the four categories listed above, and the Audit Committee approves these services by category. The fees are budgeted and the Audit Committee requires the independent registered public accounting firm and management to report actual fees in comparison to the budget at least once per year (additionally if fees exceed pre-approved amounts) by category of service. During the year, circumstances may arise when it may become necessary to engage the independent registered public accounting firm for additional services not contemplated in the original advance approval. In those instances, the Audit Committee requires specific approval in advance before engaging the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee may delegate authority to make advance approval to one or more of its members. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated must report, for information purposes only, any such approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. A copy of the Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy for Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Services appears on Whirlpool's website: [www.whirlpoolcorp.com/policies](http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com/policies).

#### Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee provides independent oversight of Whirlpool's accounting functions and monitors the objectivity of the financial statements prepared under the direction of Whirlpool's management. In addition, the Audit Committee retains our independent registered public accounting firm; reviews major accounting policy changes by Whirlpool; reviews and approves the scope of the annual internal and independent audit processes; reviews and monitors our assessment of internal controls; approves in advance audit, permitted non-audit, and internal control-related services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm; approves all fees paid to the independent registered public accounting firm; and monitors our activities designed to assure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as well as Whirlpool's ethical standards. The Audit Committee is composed of directors who have been determined by the Board to be "independent" and "financially literate" pursuant to the NYSE listing requirements. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board.

The Audit Committee has reviewed our audited consolidated financial statements for 2014 with management, and management has represented to the Audit Committee that these financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The Audit Committee discussed with management the quality and the sufficiency of the accounting principles employed, including all critical accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements and related notes, the reasonableness of judgments made, and the clarity of the disclosures included in the statements.

The Audit Committee also reviewed our consolidated financial statements for 2014 with Ernst & Young LLP ("Ernst & Young"), our independent registered public accounting firm for 2014, which is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Further, the Audit Committee reviewed with Ernst & Young its judgment as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of Whirlpool's accounting principles. In addition, the Audit Committee met with Ernst & Young, with and without management present, to discuss the results of its examinations, its evaluations of our internal controls, and the overall quality of our financial reporting. The Audit Committee met eight times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the Rule 3526 letter from Ernst & Young required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, as modified or supplemented, and has discussed with Ernst & Young its independence. The Audit Committee considered the compatibility of non-audit services Ernst & Young provided to us with Ernst & Young's independence. Finally, the Audit Committee discussed with Ernst & Young the matters required to be discussed under the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 16, Communications with Audit Committees (AS 16).

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board, and the Board has approved, the inclusion of the consolidated financial statements in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Audit Committee has selected Ernst & Young as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2015.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Gary T. DiCamillo, Chair      William T. Kerr  
Michael F. Johnston          John D. Liu  
Gerri T. Elliott

Item 3 – Ratification of the Appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Whirlpool's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP to audit the Consolidated Financial Statements and related internal control over financial reporting of Whirlpool and its subsidiaries for fiscal 2015, made by the Audit Committee with the concurrence of the Board, is hereby ratified.

The Audit Committee has appointed, and the Board has concurred subject to stockholder ratification, Ernst & Young LLP to audit and report on the Consolidated Financial Statements and related internal control over financial reporting of Whirlpool and its subsidiaries for fiscal 2015. Ernst & Young LLP served as Whirlpool's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014.

Before making its determination on appointment, the Audit Committee carefully considers the qualifications and competence of candidates for the independent registered public accounting firm. For Ernst & Young LLP, this has included a review of its performance in prior years, its independence and processes for maintaining independence, the results of the most recent internal quality control review or Public Company Accounting Oversight Board inspection, the key members of the audit engagement team, the firm's approach to resolving significant accounting and auditing matters including consultation with the firm's national office, as well as its reputation for integrity and competence in the fields of accounting and auditing.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP will attend the annual meeting of stockholders and may make a statement if they wish. They will be available to answer appropriate questions at the annual meeting. To pass, this proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common stock present in person or by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote. In the event that the selection of Ernst & Young LLP is not ratified by the stockholders, the Audit Committee will take that event into account in connection with any future decisions as to the selection of a firm to serve as Whirlpool's independent registered public accounting firm, although by law the Audit Committee has final authority over the determination of whether to retain Ernst & Young LLP or another firm at any time.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR Item 3, which ratifies the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for Whirlpool and its subsidiaries for fiscal 2015.





