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ROYALE ENERGY ANNOUNCES TWO NATURAL GAS DISCOVERIES THAT LEAD TO ADDITIONAL FIELD DEVELOPMENT

SAN DIEGO, December 12, 2006—Royale Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: ROYL) has drilled two new natural gas discoveries 8 miles north of the Arbuckle field in the Sacramento Basin.

The two wells located in one of Royale's core areas of operation were drilled on the Company's 33 sq. mile proprietary 3-D seismic survey and will lead to further development and extension of the field.

The O'Sullivan well extends the field to the west and encountered 2 Forbes pay zones including a new deeper pool natural gas discovery. The initial flow rate from one zone is 500,000 cubic ft. per day.

The Lonestar #5 well is a development well in the center of the field and will be completed in several zones of stacked pay. The initial flow rate from one of the lower zones is 800,000 cubic ft. per day.

Additional prospects are being prepared for further drilling in the area.

About the Company

Headquartered in San Diego, Royale Energy, Inc. is an independent energy company. The Company is focused on development, acquisition, exploration, and production of natural gas and oil in California, Texas and the Rocky Mountains. It has been a leading independent producer of oil and natural gas for nearly 20 years. The Company's strength is continually reaffirmed by investors who participate in funding over 50% of the Company's new projects. Additional information about Royale Energy, Inc. is available on its web site at www.royl.com.

Forward Looking Statements

In addition to historical information contained herein, this news release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause the company's actual results to differ materially from those in the "forward-looking" statements. While the company believes its forward looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, there are factors that are difficult to predict and that are influenced by economic and other conditions beyond the company's control. Investors are directed to consider such risks and other uncertainties discussed in documents filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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