



## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### ROYALE ACCELERATES DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### *YEAR END OPERATIONS IN FULL SWING*

**San Diego, December 3, 2009 – Royale Energy, Inc (NASDAQ:ROYL)** today announced that it has begun drilling the NW Parks well, the third prospect in the newly discovered lower Forbes formation. This well is a Follow up to the company's Goddard #7-1 and Wylie #1 discoveries, designed to test the down-dip limits, helping to define the total field extent. The rig is expected to reach reservoir depth by December 12, when it will be moved to the Vann #1 drill-site.

The Vann #1 well further develops this new deeper objective and is expected to reach total depth by the end of the year. Following completion of the NW Parks and Vann, natural gas will flow through the company's existing infrastructure, tied into the neighboring Lonestar field. Construction of the pipeline for delivery of the gas from the Goddard and Wylie wells is now underway. This extension is engineered to transport the higher rates and pressures of these and future wells.

By year-end, Royale also expects to have results from two additional wells drilled in the Thornton gas field. These high potential, shallow prospects are located in the southern end of the Sacramento basin.

With the California Natural Gas market strengthening to \$5.48 per MCF, the company is confident in its planning for 2010 drilling expenditures of no less than 10 new wells.

#### **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 over 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](http://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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