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ROYALE ENERGY INCREASES NATURAL GAS SALES NEW FIELD BEGINS PRODUCING

San Diego, December 22, 2009 – **Royale Energy, Inc (NASDAQ:ROYL)** today announced that it has begun selling natural gas from its recent discovery well.

The Wylie #1 went into production December 17 at a restricted rate, which stabilized at 1050 MCF per day. Royale expects production to climb closer to the test rate of 2048MCF per day, as the initial flow data is evaluated.

The Wylie #1 was drilled three miles southeast of the first discovery well, the Goddard 7-1, which is also expected to begin gas sales early in the first quarter. The recent storm caused temporary delays in the installation of pipeline and drilling activity. These operations are expected to resume in the first week of January.

The new production is being sold into the California gas market that has risen to a \$6.16 per MCF in recent days. This increased cashflow will add to the company's drilling investments, significantly increasing proved reserves and leading to first quarter profitability.

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.

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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