

January 27, 2010

Unitholders of the Torch Energy Royalty Trust (“Trust”)

Re: Trust Form 1099 Reporting
CUSIP No.: 891013104

Dear Unitholder, Broker or Nominee:

You should have recently received the Trust’s Form 1099 for 2009 as a unitholder of the Trust or a broker or nominee of a unitholder of the Trust. The information on the Form 1099 was provided in response to Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-5 which provides reporting rules for widely held fixed investment trusts.

This letter serves to remind all recipients of the Form 1099 for 2009 that the cash distribution information contained in the Form 1099 for 2009 reflects the total cash distribution from the Trust paid in 2009 to the unitholder. As disclosed in the Trust’s periodic reports on Form 10-K and Forms 10-Q for 2008 and in the Forms 8-K in 2009 with respect to the cash distributions, the Form 1099 reports for 2009 include cash distribution amounts from (i) a release of funds from the cash reserve account which represented certain net proceeds pertaining to underlying property production for the quarterly periods in 2008 and (ii) certain net proceeds relating to underlying property production for the quarterly periods in 2009. Unitholders should review the Trust’s SEC filings and the 2009 Income Tax Information booklet that is anticipated to be distributed in March 2010 to unitholders, brokers and nominees for further information regarding the details of the Trust’s income for 2009 and the cash distributions received by the Unitholders in 2009. A unitholder should consult his or her own tax advisor regarding all tax compliance matters relating to the Trust.

For more information on the Trust, please see www.torchroyalty.com.

Cordially yours,

TORCH ENERGY ROYALTY TRUST

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