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**Subject: New Royalty Framework (NRF) Shadow Billing**

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The New Royalty Framework is scheduled to commence with the January, 2009 production month. In an effort to assist industry to understand the changes to the Crown oil royalty calculation, Alberta Energy is producing a gross royalty shadow billing for the production months of October, November and December 2008.

Beginning with the October 2008 production month, industry clients will receive a Comma-Separated Values (CSV) file titled “NRF Oil Shadow Billing Production Month 2008-XX”. The “XX” will be the current production month for the royalty cycle. A broadcast message will appear on the Petroleum Registry of Alberta (PRA) when these files are available. These files will not include the ‘Transitional Royalty Rates’ calculations announced on November 19, 2008.

The shadow billing will utilize the pool densities as populated on the PRA by the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB), an estimated par price using the postings for the four new density levels (light, medium, heavy and ultra heavy), and the current month’s volumetrics.

The shadow billing is a tool to assist industry with the upcoming NRF calculation and will be created using the most current data available at the time of the calculation. Alberta Energy accepts no responsibility for any discrepancies due to changes in the data.

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