



## NEWS RELEASE

### PARAMOUNT ENERGY TRUST ANNOUNCES JULY 2005 DISTRIBUTION

**Calgary, Alberta – July 19, 2005** (TSX – PMT.UN) Paramount Energy Trust (“PET” or “the Trust”) is pleased to confirm that its distribution to be paid on August 15, 2005 in respect of income received by PET for the month of July 2005, for Unitholders of record on July 29, 2005, will be \$0.22 per Trust Unit. The ex-distribution date is July 27, 2005. This brings cumulative distributions in respect of PET’s income in 2005 to \$1.54 per Trust Unit and cumulative distributions paid since the inception of the Trust to-date to \$6.604 per Trust Unit, representing a return of approximately 131 percent in the form of distributions alone on the Trust’s February 2003 Rights Offering at the start-up of the Trust which was priced at \$5.05 per Trust Unit.

PET continues to project that monthly cash distributions are sustainable at \$0.22 per Trust Unit for the remainder of 2005 and for the foreseeable future, based upon the Trust’s current hedges and the forward market for natural gas prices. With the Trust’s current estimates for production, natural gas prices and cash flow, this level of distribution reflects a payout ratio going forward for the foreseeable future of approximately 70 percent of PET’s estimated distributable income. Future distributions are subject to change as dictated by changes in commodity price markets, operations and future business development opportunities.

Paramount Energy Trust is a natural gas-focussed Canadian energy trust. PET's trust units are listed on the TSX under the symbol "PMT.UN". Further information with respect to PET can be found at its website at [www.paramountenergy.com](http://www.paramountenergy.com).

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