Aera Energy LLC is one of California’s largest oil and gas producers, accounting for approximately 30% of the state’s production. With headquarters in Bakersfield, most of Aera’s production is centered in the San Joaquin Valley. The company also has oilfield operations in the LA Basin and in Ventura and Monterey Counties. Aera produces approximately 185,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day and has proved oil and gas reserves equivalent to approximately 860 million barrels of oil. The company, which began operating on June 1, 1997, consists of the California onshore and offshore exploration and production assets previously operated by Shell, Mobil, and ARCO. Aera is jointly owned by Shell and ExxonMobil and is operated as a stand-alone company through its own board of managers (directors).

Chevron Corporation is one of the world’s leading integrated energy companies. With more than 59,000 employees, Chevron subsidiaries conduct business in 180 countries across the entire energy spectrum — exploring for, producing and transporting crude oil and natural gas; refining, marketing and distributing fuels and other energy products and services; manufacturing and selling petrochemical products; generating power; and developing and commercializing the energy resources of the future, including biofuels and other renewables. In 2006, Chevron produced more than 2.67 million barrels of net oil equivalent per day. Approximately 71 percent of the volume came from more than 20 different countries other than the United States. Operations in Chevron’s San Joaquin Valley Strategic Business Unit, located in Bakersfield, California, include Coalinga, Cymric, Kern River, Kettleman Hills, Lost Hills, Midway Sunset, San Ardo and with non-operator joint venture interest at Elk Hills. Chevron’s Kern River Field recently achieved a 2 billion barrel production milestone. Chevron is based in San Ramon, Calif. More information about Chevron is available at www.chevron.com.

Halliburton adds value across the entire lifecycle of oil and gas reservoirs, starting with exploration and development, moving through production, operations, maintenance, conversion and refining, and finally to infrastructure and abandonment. They operate in nearly 70 countries working in two major business segments: 1) Drilling and Evaluation & 2) Completion and Production. These segments offer a broad array of products and services to upstream oil and gas customers worldwide, ranging from integrated software and services to drilling tools, logging, and perforating technology, from manufacturing of drill bits and other down-hole and completion tools to pressure pumping services. Halliburton’s vision is to be the preferred upstream service company for the development of global oil and gas assets.
Occidental Petroleum Corporation is an international oil and gas exploration and production company with operations in the United States, Middle East/North Africa and Latin America regions. Oxy is the fourth largest U.S. oil and gas company, based on equity market capitalization. Oxy is an industry leader in applying advanced technology to boost production from mature oil and gas fields and access hard-to-reach reserves. Headquartered in California since 1920, Oxy is the largest natural gas producer and third-largest oil producer in the state. Oxy's wholly owned subsidiary, OxyChem, manufactures and markets chlor-alkali products and vinyls. Oxy is committed to safeguarding the environment, protecting the safety and health of employees and neighboring communities and upholding high standards of social responsibility in all of the company's worldwide operations.

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