

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 0396-06

DATE: October 11, 2006

TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Corporate Trust

FROM: Jaime Pineda

ATTENTION: Operations Manager

SUBJECT: Additions to the List of Direct Registration System (DRS)
Profile Modification

The following issues will be eligible for the Direct Registration System (DRS)/ Profile Modification System:

CUSIP	Description	Transfer Agent	LPA	Effective Date
003830106	Abraxas Petroleum	American Stock	7805	10/25/06
667655104	Northwest Natural Gas	American Stock	7805	10/25/06
G24182100	Cooper Industries	Computershare	7802	10/25/06

All Participant Withdrawal-by-Transfer (WT) requests that do not specify a DRS indicator in the requests will default to a DRS book-entry position (an S transaction).

These issues will be identified with special indicators on the Eligible Corporate Securities File (ELISC) and (ELISCD) on CCF and the Eligible Securities Inquiry (GWIZ) on PTS.

For further information, please contact your Relationship Management representative