

MESA ROYALTY TRUST/TX
Form 8-K
October 17, 2007

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 17, 2007 (October 10, 2007)**

Mesa Royalty Trust

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-07884
(Commission
File Number)

76-6284806
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**The Bank of New York Trust Company,
N.A., Trustee**
919 Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

78701
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **1-800-852-1422/512-479-2562**

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously announced in 2006, Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. (Pioneer USA) reached an agreement to settle claims made in the lawsuit of *John Steven Alford and Robert Larrabee, individually and on behalf of a Plaintiff Class v. Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.* The plaintiffs in the lawsuit are royalty owners in oil and gas properties located in the Hugoton field, which are owned by Pioneer USA, a subsidiary of Pioneer Natural Resources Company (Pioneer). The plaintiffs sued a predecessor company to Pioneer USA asserting various claims relating to alleged improper deductions in the calculation of royalties. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Pioneer USA has made two installment cash payments to settle the plaintiffs' claims with respect to production occurring on and before December 31, 2005.

By letter dated October 10, 2007, Pioneer informed the Trustee that during the course of Pioneer USA's analysis of the payments under the terms of the settlement agreement, Pioneer USA has now determined that Mesa Royalty Trust (the Trust) should not bear any portion of the second installment payment and that Pioneer USA should reimburse the Trust for the portion of the first installment payment previously charged to the Trust and paid in September 2006. As a result, Pioneer USA will make an adjustment, including any interest on such amounts to be reimbursed, to the distribution made to the Trust in October 2007, and no portion of the second installment payment will be charged to the Trust.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Mesa Royalty Trust

By: THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY,
N.A., AS TRUSTEE

Date: October 17, 2007

By: /s/ Mike Ulrich
Mike Ulrich
Vice President