

TORCH ENERGY ROYALTY TRUST

Form SC 13D/A

February 07, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1 )**

Torch Energy Royalty Trust

(Name of Issuer)

Units of Beneficial Interest

(Title of Class of Securities)

891013104

(CUSIP Number)

Douglas C. Neff, 19800 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 700, Irvine, California 92612, (949) 851-2121

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

February 1, 2007

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

1 FAIRCHILD ENERGY INVESTMENT CO. LLC

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

20-8179930

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2 (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY:

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e):

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

DELAWARE

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7

NUMBER OF 764,100

SHARED VOTING POWER:

SHARES BENEFICIALLY 8

OWNED BY

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| EACH             | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:   |
| REPORTING PERSON | <b>9</b><br>764,100       |
| WITH             | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
|                  | <b>10</b>                 |

**11** AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:  
764,100

**12** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
o

**13** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):  
8.88%(1)

**14** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
OO

(1) The number of outstanding Units of Beneficial Interest for purposes of this calculation consists of 8,600,000 units outstanding as of September 30, 2006.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

DOUGLAS C. NEFF

**1**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

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(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

**3**

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

**4**

OO

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e):

**5**

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

**6**

UNITED STATES

SOLE VOTING POWER:

**7**

NUMBER OF

SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8**

SHARED VOTING POWER:

764,100

EACH REPORTING PERSON      9      SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

WITH      10      SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
764,100

11      AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:  
764,100

12      CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
o

13      PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):  
8.88%(1)

14      TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
IN, HC

(1) The number of outstanding Units of Beneficial Interest for purposes of this calculation consists of 8,600,000 units outstanding as of September 30, 2006.

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D ( Amendment ) amends the Schedule 13D filed on January 25, 2007 by Fairchild Energy Investment Co. LLC ( Fairchild ) and Douglas C. Neff (each, a Reporting Person and, collectively, the Reporting Persons ).

All capitalized terms used in this Amendment and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Amended Schedule 13D.

**Item 2. Identity and Background**

Item 2 is amended to reflect the following:

As of the date of this filing, the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of, in the aggregate, 764,100 Units, representing approximately 8.88% of the Units presently outstanding.

**Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

Item 3 is amended to reflect the following:

As of February 6, 2007, Fairchild had acquired 199,600 of its Units in the Trust in open market transactions for an aggregate (including broker s fees and commissions) of approximately \$1,430,805.50. Fairchild acquired 564,500 of its Units pursuant to contribution agreements in exchange for membership interests in Fairchild valued at the cost basis of the Units in the hands of the contributing member. The aggregate cost basis of all Units contributed to Fairchild was \$3,946,929.20. The transactions effected in the past 60 days are described in the attached Schedule I.

All open market purchases were funded by working capital, which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business. In such instances, the positions held in the margin account are held as collateral security for repayment of debit balances in the accounts.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

Item 5 is amended to reflect the following:

(a) - (b) As of February 6, 2007, Fairchild beneficially owns an aggregate of 764,100 Units, representing 8.88% of the Units presently outstanding based upon the 8,600,000 Units reported by the Trust to be issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2006 in its Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2006. Fairchild has sole voting and dispositive power with regard to the 764,100 Units. As the sole manager of Fairchild and the person with the power to direct Fairchild s voting and disposition of the Units in the Trust, Douglas C. Neff has shared voting and dispositive power and may be deemed to beneficially own the 8.88% Units owned by Fairchild. Mr. Neff disclaims beneficial ownership of the Units owned by Fairchild except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(c) The transactions effected by the persons named in Item 5(a) above during the past 60 days are described in the attached Schedule 1.

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**SCHEDULE I**

The Units have been acquired by Fairchild in exchange for membership interests and in open market purchases. Four members of Fairchild contributed Units to Fairchild in exchange for membership interests pursuant to contribution agreements dated as of January 2, 2007, although the Units were not deposited into Fairchild's account until January 24, 2007.

The following table sets forth all transactions with respect to Units effected in the past sixty (60) days by any of the Reporting Persons inclusive of any transaction effected as of 5:30 p.m. Standard Eastern Time, on February 6, 2007.

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Units Purchased</b> | <b>Transaction Type</b>           |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fairchild   | 1/2/07      | 262,500                | Capital Contribution <sup>1</sup> |
| Fairchild   | 1/2/07      | 246,100                | Capital Contribution <sup>2</sup> |
| Fairchild   | 1/2/07      | 52,800                 | Capital Contribution <sup>3</sup> |
| Fairchild   | 1/2/07      | 3,100                  | Capital Contribution <sup>4</sup> |
| Fairchild   | 1/23/07     | 26,200                 | Open Market <sup>5</sup>          |
| Fairchild   | 1/24/07     | 13,300                 | Open Market <sup>6</sup>          |
| Fairchild   | 1/25/07     | 18,900                 | Open Market <sup>7</sup>          |
| Fairchild   | 1/26/07     | 32,400                 | Open Market <sup>8</sup>          |
| Fairchild   | 1/29/07     | 17,000                 | Open Market <sup>9</sup>          |
| Fairchild   | 1/30/07     | 3,000                  | Open Market <sup>10</sup>         |
| Fairchild   | 1/31/07     | 8,600                  | Open Market <sup>11</sup>         |
| Fairchild   | 2/1/07      | 19,300                 | Open Market <sup>12</sup>         |
| Fairchild   | 2/2/07      | 12,600                 | Open Market <sup>13</sup>         |
| Fairchild   | 2/5/07      | 23,900                 | Open Market <sup>14</sup>         |
| Fairchild   | 2/6/07      | 24,400                 | Open Market <sup>15</sup>         |

(1) Pacific Land & Investment Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ( "PLI" ), of which Douglas C. Neff acts as a manager, contributed 262,500 Units to Fairchild in exchange for a membership interest valued at \$1,902,516.80, PLI's cost basis in such Units. PLI purchased



1,800 of these Units on the open market on December 26, 2006 at \$6.15 per Unit for a total cost of \$11,070. Other than the December 26, 2006 purchase and the contribution to Fairchild, PLI has not engaged in any transactions in the Units during the past sixty (60) days. All Units beneficially owned by PLI were contributed to Fairchild.

- (2) Douglas C. Neff, a Reporting Person, contributed, through a trust, 246,100 Units to Fairchild in exchange for a membership interest valued at \$1,671,055.30 (subject to outstanding balances in a margin account), Mr. Neff's cost basis in the Units. Other than the purchases set forth in the table

below and the contribution to Fairchild, Mr. Neff has not effected any transactions in the Units during the past sixty (60) days. Mr. Neff has contributed all Units beneficially owned by Mr. Neff to Fairchild.

The following is a table which sets forth all transactions with respect to the Units beneficially owned by Douglas C. Neff during the past sixty (60) days. All of the Units beneficially owned by Douglas C. Neff, including the Units in the table below, have been contributed to Fairchild.

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All transactions described below were effected in the open market and the total cost of each trade includes commissions and fees. The per Unit prices below do not include commissions and fees.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Number of Units</b> | <b>Price Per Unit</b> | <b>Total Cost</b> |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 12/26/06    | 17,700                 | \$6.25                | \$ 111,153.59     |
| 12/27/06    | 6,000                  | \$6.43                | \$ 38,750.90      |
| 12/28/06    | 6,000                  | \$6.67                | \$ 40,189.10      |
| 12/29/06    | 46,200                 | \$6.84                | \$317,262.92      |
| 1/03/07     | 30,000                 | \$6.60                | \$201,617.90      |
| 1/16/07     | 25,200                 | \$6.60                | \$166,910.06      |
| 1/17/07     | 32,300                 | \$6.80                | \$220,544.07      |
| 1/18/07     | 22,300                 | \$6.80                | \$152,211.55      |
| 1/19/07     | 56,300                 | \$6.97                | \$393,646.87      |
| 1/22/07     | 4,100                  | \$6.99                | \$ 23,777.52      |

Total Units contributed: 246,100

Total cost of contributed Units: \$1,671,055.30

Total commissions paid: \$4,912.14

- (3) A member contributed 52,800 Units to Fairchild pursuant to a contribution agreement in exchange for a membership interest in Fairchild valued at \$351,931.05, Such member's cost basis in the Units. The member has not engaged in any transactions in the Units, other than the contribution to Fairchild, during the past sixty (60) days. All Units beneficially owned by the member were contributed to Fairchild.
- (4) Another member of Fairchild contributed 3,100 Units to Fairchild in exchange for a membership interest valued at \$21,426.05, such member's cost basis in the Units. Such member has not engaged in any transactions in the Units, other than the contribution to Fairchild, during the past sixty (60) days. All Units beneficially owned by such member were contributed to Fairchild
- (5) On January 23, 2007, Fairchild purchased 26,200 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.10 for an aggregate purchase price of \$185,999.04. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$657.90 on this transaction.
- (6) On January 24, 2007, Fairchild purchased 13,300 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.09 for an aggregate purchase price of \$94,295.67. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$335.40 on this transaction.
- (7) On January 25, 2007, Fairchild purchased 18,900 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.09 for an aggregate purchase price of \$133,965.09. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$475.40 on this transaction.
- (8) On January 26, 2007, Fairchild purchased 32,400 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.04 for an aggregate purchase price of \$228,044.16. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$812.90 on this transaction.

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- (9) On January 29, 2007, Fairchild purchased 17,000 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.15 for an aggregate purchase price of \$121,497.30. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$427.90 on this transaction.
- (10) On January 30, 2007, Fairchild purchased 3,000 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.05 for an aggregate purchase price of \$21,156.00. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$77.90 on this transaction.
- (11) On January 31, 2007, Fairchild purchased 8,600 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.18 for an aggregate purchase price of \$61,740.26. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$217.90 on this transaction.
- (12) On February 1, 2007, Fairchild purchased 19,300 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.18 for an aggregate purchase price of \$138,512.24. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$485.40 on this transaction.
- (13) On February 2, 2007, Fairchild purchased 12,600 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.16 for an aggregate purchase price of \$90,256.32. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$317.90 on this transaction.
- (14) On February 5, 2007, Fairchild purchased 23,900 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.23 for an aggregate purchase price of \$173,227.20. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$600.40 on this transaction.
- (15) On February 6, 2007, Fairchild purchased 24,400 Units on the open market at a per Unit price of \$7.26 for an aggregate purchase price of \$177,090.32. Fairchild paid total commissions and fees of \$612.90 on this transaction.

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

FAIRCHILD ENERGY INVESTMENT CO. LLC

Dated: February 6, 2007

By: /s/ Douglas C. Neff  
Name: Douglas C. Neff  
Title: Manager

/s/ Douglas C. Neff  
DOUGLAS C. NEFF