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PENN WEST ENERGY TRUST ANNOUNCES CASH DISTRIBUTION

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PENN WEST ENERGY TRUST (TSX – PWT.UN) is pleased to confirm cash distributions for April 2006

(Calgary, April 20, 2006) / CNW / - Penn West Energy Trust ("the Trust") confirms that its April 2006 cash distribution will be \$0.34 per trust unit payable on May 15, 2006 to unitholders of record on April 28, 2006. The ex-distribution date is April 26, 2006.

Penn West Energy Trust is a senior oil and natural gas energy trust based in Calgary, Alberta that trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol PWT.UN.

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