File No. 2055 Board Order No. 2055-1

February 1, 2019

SURFACE RIGHTS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ACT, R.S.B.C., C. 361 AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP 110 PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN EPP83947 (The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Margrit Weitzel

(APPLICANT)

AND:

Ranch Energy Corporation

(RESPONDENT)

BOARD ORDER

This is an application brought under sections 164 and 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act.*

The Applicant, Margrit Weitzel, is the owner of the Lands described as: SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP 110 PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN EPP83947. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well site and access road on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of operating the well and access road is pursuant to a surface lease dated January 11, 2000 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$6,300.00 to Margrit Wetzel. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by January 11, 2019.

The Board finds that Ranch Energy Corporation has failed to pay rent owing under a surface lease. Pursuant to section 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*, the Board determines that Ranch Energy Corporation owes Margrit Weitzel \$6,300.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from January 11, 2019. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Margrit Weitzel the sum of \$6,300.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from January 11, 2019.

DATED: February 1, 2019

FOR THE BOARD

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Cheryl Vickers, Chair