

**File No. 1989**  
**Board Order No. 1989-1**

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**July 16, 2018**

**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  
LOT 3 BLOCK 4 SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT PLAN 9925  
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Lorne Walter Hope

(APPLICANT)

AND:

Ranch Energy Corporation

(RESPONDENT)

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**BOARD ORDER**

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

The Applicant, Lorne Walter Hope, is the owner of the Lands described as: LOT 3 BLOCK 4 SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT PLAN 9925. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well located on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of operating the well is pursuant to a Board Order originally dated October 26, 1961 and succeeded by an Agreement effective June 29, 2013 between Lorne Walter Hope and Penn West Petroleum Ltd, succeeded in interest by Predator Oil BC Ltd and then by Ranch Energy Corporation (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$41,000.00 to Lorne Walter Hope. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by June 29, 2018.

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 Lorne Walter Hope \$41,000.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from June 29, 2018. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Lorne Walter Hope the sum of \$41,000.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from June 29, 2018.

DATED: July 16, 2018

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair