

File No. 2070
Board Order No. 2070-1

May 17, 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
THE WEST ½ OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 88 RANGE 19 WEST OF THE 6TH
MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Black Willow Bison Inc.

(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, Black Willow Bison Inc., is the owner of the Lands described as: THE WEST ½ OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 88 RANGE 19 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well site on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of operating the well is pursuant to a surface lease dated July 12, 2000 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$4,000.00 to Black Willow Bison Inc.. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by July 12, 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 Black Willow Bison Inc. \$4,000.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from July 12, 2018. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Black Willow Bison Inc. the sum of \$4,000.00.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from July 12, 2018.

DATED: May 17, 2019

FOR THE BOARD



Cheryl Vickers, Chair