

**June 14, 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 NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 17 WEST OF THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN 17291  
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Evan Lawrence Leslie

(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, Evan Lawrence Leslie, is the owner of the Lands described as: THE NORTH EAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 17 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN 17291. 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 is pursuant to a surface lease dated June 29, 2005 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$4,500.00 to Evan Lawrence Leslie. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payments required by June 29, 2018 and June 29, 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 Evan Lawrence Leslie \$4,500.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from June 29, 2018 and \$4,500.00 in unpaid rent and interest from June 29, 2019. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Evan Lawrence Leslie the sum of \$4,500.00.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from June 29, 2018; and
2. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Evan Lawrence Leslie the sum of \$4,500.00.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from June 29, 2019.

DATED: June 14, 2019

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair