

**File No. 2105**  
**Board Order No. 2105-1**

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**September 27, 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 EAST ½ OF SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP 88 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT  
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Elgin Neil Hunt

(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, Elgin Neil Hunt, is the owner of the Lands described as: THE EAST ½ OF SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP 88 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. 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 surface lease dated July 26, 1973 as amended by agreement effective July 26, 2013 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$5,900.00 to Elgin Neil Hunt. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by July 26, 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 Elgin Neil Hunt \$5,900.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from July 26, 2019. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Elgin Neil Hunt the sum of \$5,900.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from July 26, 2019.

DATED: September 27, 2019

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair