

October 8, 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 WEST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE
6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Brenda Dianne Birley and
Richard Douglas Walter Birley

(APPLICANTS)

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 Applicants, Brenda Dianne Birley and Richard Douglas Walter Birley, are the owners of the Lands described as: THE NORTH WEST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH 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 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$3,808.00 to Brenda Dianne Birley and Richard Douglas Walter Birley. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by November 1, 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 Brenda Dianne Birley and Richard Douglas Walter Birley \$3,808.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from November 1, 2018. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Brenda Dianne Birley and Richard Douglas Walter Birley the sum of \$3,808.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from November 1, 2018.

DATED: October 8, 2019

FOR THE BOARD



Cheryl Vickers, Chair