

**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 SOUTH EAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT  
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Richard Douglas Walter Birley

(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, Richard Douglas Walter Birley, is the owner of the Lands described as: THE SOUTH EAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP 83 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 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$2,650.00 to Richard Douglas Walter Birley. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by September 1, 2018 and September 1, 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 Richard Douglas Walter Birley \$2,650.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from September 1, 2018 and September 1, 2019. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Richard Douglas Walter Birley the sum of \$2,650.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from September 1, 2018, and
2. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Richard Douglas Walter Birley the sum of \$2,650.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from September 1, 2019.

DATED: October 8, 2019

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair