File No. 2118 Board Order No. 2118-1

October 31, 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 ¼ OF SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 88 RANGE 19 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT (The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Meharam Persaud Sugrim and Mohanie Sugrim

(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, Meharam Persaud Sugrim and Mohanie Sugrim, are the owners of the Lands described as: THE SOUTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 88 RANGE 19 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well and access road located on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of operating the well and access road is pursuant to a surface lease (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payment of \$5,200.00 to Meharam Persaud Sugrim and Mohanie Sugrim Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payments required by May 10, 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 Meharam Persaud Sugrim and Mohanie Sugrim \$5,200.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from May 10, 2019. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Meharam Persaud Sugrim and Mohanie Sugrim the sum of \$5,200.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from May 10, 2019.

DATED: October 31, 2019

FOR THE BOARD

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Cheryl Vickers, Chair