

**January 21, 2020**

**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 14 TOWNSHIP 84 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLANS 26655 27406 28049  
PGP37632 PGP38180 PGP38181 AND BCP33190  
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

James Roy Van Patten and  
Brenda Joyce Van Patten

(APPLICANTS)

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 Applicants, James Roy Van Patten and Brenda Joyce Van Patten, are the owners of the Lands described as: THE SOUTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP 84 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLANS 26655 27406 28049 PGP37632 PGP38180 PGP38181 AND BCP33190. 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 dated December 6, 2004 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$3,500.00 to James Roy Van Patten and Brenda Joyce Van Patten. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by December 6, 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 James Roy Van Patten and Brenda Joyce Van Patten \$3,500.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from December 6, 2019. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to James Roy Van Patten and Brenda Joyce Van Paten the sum of \$3,500.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from December 6, 2019.

DATED: January 21, 2020

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair