

File No. 2129
Board Order No. 2129-1

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

LOT A SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 84 RANGE 19 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN
PEACE RIVER DISTRICT PLAN PGP39193 EXCEPT PLAN EPP5968
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Harry Christian Wuthrich and Timothy Karl Wuthrich
Executors of the Will of Magdalena Wuthrich

(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, Harry Christian Wuthrich and Timothy Karl Wuthrich Executors of the Will of Magdalena Wuthrich, are the owners of the Lands described as: LOT A SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 84 RANGE 19 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT PLAN PGP39193 EXCEPT PLAN EPP5968. 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 March 17, 2001 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$5,200.00. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by March 17, 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 Harry Christian Wuthrich and Timothy Karl Wuthrich Executors of the Will of Magdalena Wuthrich \$5,200.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from March 17, 2019. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Harry Christian Wuthrich and Timothy Karl Wuthrich Executors of the Will of Magdalena Wuthrich the sum of \$5,200.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from March 17, 2019.

DATED: January 21, 2020

FOR THE BOARD



Cheryl Vickers, Chair