File No. 2132 Board Order No. 2132-1

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

THE SOUTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT, EXCEPT PLANS A1633 AND PGP41744 (The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Phyllis Ruth Large

(APPLICANT)

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 Applicant, Phyllis Ruth Large, is the owner of the Lands described as: THE SOUTH EAST ¹/₄ OF SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT, EXCEPT PLANS A1633 AND PGP41744. 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 20, 1956 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$4,020.00 to Phylllis Ruth Large. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payments required by December 20, 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 Phyllis Ruth Large \$4,020.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from December 20, 2019. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Phyllis Ruth Large the sum of \$4,020.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from December 20, 2019.

DATED: January 21, 2020

FOR THE BOARD

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Cheryl Vickers, Chair