

February 10, 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 NORTH WEST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 84 RANGE 20 WEST OF THE
6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Richard Stewart Hopkins and
Crystal Marie Hopkins

(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, Richard Stewart Hopkins and Crystal Marie Hopkins, are the owners of the Lands described as: THE NORTH WEST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 84 RANGE 20 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of an oil and gas installation on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of conducting an oil and gas activity is pursuant to a surface lease (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$4,025.00 to Richard Stewart Hopkins and Crystal Marie Hopkins. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by October 5, 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 Stewart Hopkins and Crystal Marie Hopkins \$4,025.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from October 5, 2019. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Richard Stewart Hopkins and Crystal Marie Hopkins the sum of \$4,025.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from October 5, 2019.

DATED: February 10, 2020

FOR THE BOARD



Cheryl Vickers, Chair