

**File No. 2157**  
**Board Order No. 2157-1**

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**May 5, 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 EAST ¼ OF SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 19 WEST OF THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN 26616  
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Viggo Højfeldt Pedersen and  
Doreen Ellen Pedersen

(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, Viggo Højfeldt Pedersen and Doreen Ellen Pedersen, are the owners of the Lands described as: THE NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 19 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN 26616. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of an oil and gas activity located on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of operating the 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 \$2,800.00 to Viggo Højfeldt Pedersen and Doreen Ellen Pedersen. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by April 4, 2018, April 4, 2019 and April 4, 2020.

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 Viggo Højfeldt Pedersen April 4, 2018, April 4, 2019 and April 4, 2020. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Viggo Højfeldt Pedersen and Doreen Ellen Pedersen the sum of \$2,800.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from April 4, 2018.
2. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Viggo Højfeldt Pedersen and Doreen Ellen Pedersen the sum of \$2,800.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from April 4, 2019.
3. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Viggo Højfeldt Pedersen and Doreen Ellen Pedersen the sum of \$2,800.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from April 4, 2020.

DATED: May 5, 2020

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair