File No. 2003 Board Order No. 2003-
August 31, 2018

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 ¼ OF SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLANS A938, 19652 AND PARCEL A (74451M)

(The "Lands")

	BOARD ORDER	
		(RESPONDENT)
AND:	Ranch Energy Corporation	
		(APPLICANTS)
	Sandra May Emma Gunn, Sally Nina Marion Birley, and Susan Elsie Mary Birley	
BETWEEN:		

This is an application brought under sections 164 and 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*.

The Applicants, Sandra May Emma Gunn, Sally Nina Marion Birley, and Susan Elsie Mary Birley are the owners of the Lands described as: THE NORTH WEST ¼ OF SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT EXCEPT PLANS A938, 19652 AND PARCEL A (74451M). The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well located on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of operating the well is pursuant to a surface lease (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$3,600.00 to Sandra May Emma Gunn, Sally Nina Marion Birley, and Susan Elsie Mary Birley. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by August 10, 2018.

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 Sandra May Emma Gunn, Sally Nina Marion Birley, and Susan Elsie Mary Birley \$3,600.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from August 10, 2018. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Sandra May Emma Gunn, Sally Nina Marion Birley, and Susan Elsie Mary Birley the sum of \$3,600.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from August 10, 2018.

DATED: August 31, 2018

FOR THE BOARD

Cheryl Vickers, Chair