

September 24, 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 SOUTH EAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT  
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Frank Cole Busche and  
Sandra Lee Busche

(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, Frank Cole Busche and Sandra Lee Busche, are the owners of the Lands described as: THE SOUTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. 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 Board Order made February 27, 1957 and a surface lease entered August 9, 2001 (the Surface Leases).

Pursuant to the Surface Leases, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$4,968.00 and \$824.00 to Frank Cole Busche and Sandra Lee Busche. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment of \$4,968.00 required by April 24, 2018 and of \$824.00 required by August 9, 2018.

The Board finds that Ranch Energy Corporation has failed to pay rent owing under a Board Order. Pursuant to section 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*, the Board determines that Ranch Energy Corporation owes Frank Cole Busche and Sandra Lee Busche \$4,968.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from April 24, 2018 and \$824.00 in unpaid rent and interest from August 9, 2018. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Frank Cole Busche and Sandra Lee Busche the sum of \$4,968.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from April 24, 2018; and
2. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay Frank Cole Busche and Sandra Lee Busche the sum of \$824.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from August 9, 2018.

DATED: September 24, 2018

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair