File No. 2020 Board Order No. 2020-1

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October 23, 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

PARCEL A (027268) OF DISTRICT LOT 2756 PEACE RIVER DISTRICT (The "Lands")

	BOARD ORDER	
		(RESPONDENT)
	Ranch Energy Corporation	
AND:		
		(APPLICANTS)
	Shawn Dace Pittman and Debra Pauline Pittman	
BETWEEN:		

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

The Applicants, Shawn Dace Pittman and Debra Pauline Pittman, are the owners of the Lands described as: PARCEL A (027268) OF DISTRICT LOT 2756 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 surface lease dated October 12, 2004 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$4,900.00 to Shawn Dace Pittman and Debra Pauline Pittman. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by October 12, 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 Shawn Dace Pittman and Debra Pauline Pittman \$4,900.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from October 12, 2018. The Applicants are entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Shawn Dace Pittman and Debra Pauline Pittman the sum of \$4,900.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from October 12, 2018.

DATED: October 23, 2018

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FOR THE BOARD

Cheryl Vickers, Chair