

File No. 2023
Board Order No. 2023-1

November 14, 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

**EAST ½ OF SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP 110 PEACE RIVER DISTRICT,
EXCEPT PLAN 17351
(The “Lands”)**

BETWEEN:

Margrit Weitzel

(APPLICANT)

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 Applicant, Margrit Weitzel, is the owner of the Lands described as: EAST ½ OF SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP 110 PEACE RIVER DISTRICT, EXCEPT PLAN 17351. 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 31, 1960 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$3,300.00 to Margrit Weitzel. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by October 31, 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 Margrit Weitzel \$3,300.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from October 31, 2018. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Margrit Weitzel the sum of \$3,300.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from October 31, 2018.

DATED: November 14, 2018

FOR THE BOARD



Cheryl Vickers, Chair