

**File No. 2024**  
**Board Order No. 2024-1**

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**November 15, 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 EAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 16 WEST OF THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT  
(The "Lands")**

**BETWEEN:**

**Peter Beuckert and  
Sandra Annette Bueckert**

**(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, Peter Bueckert and Sandra Annette Bueckert, are the owner of the Lands described as: THE NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP 83 RANGE 16 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 surface lease dated May 3, 1989 (the Surface Lease).

The Applicants seeks an Order for payment of unpaid rent in accordance with sections 164 and 176(b) of the *Act* and an Order suspending the right of entry pursuant to section 176(a) of the *Act*. Ranch Energy Corporation is in receivership. The Amended Receivership Order of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench of August 7, 2018 effectively stays the enforcement of any rights or remedies against Ranch Energy Corporation. The Board is satisfied that it may determine the amount owing under the Surface Lease and make an Order for payment, but that an Order suspending the right of entry would be in the nature of an enforcement proceeding stayed by the Amended Receivership Order. Consequently, the Board will make an Order for payment, but finds the Amended Receivership Order effectively prevents it from making an Order pursuant to section 176(a) of the *Act* suspending the right of entry.

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$1,750.00 to Peter Bueckert and Sandra Annette Buekert. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by September 27, 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 Peter Bueckert and Sandra Annette Buekert \$1,750.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from September 27, 2018. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Peter Bueckert and Sandra Annette Bueckert the sum of \$1,750.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from September 27, 2018.

DATED: November 15, 2018

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair