

December 20, 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 10 TOWNSHIP 85 RANGE 20
WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT
THE NORTH WEST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 85 RANGE 20
WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Cheryl Ann Creighton and
Roland Earl Creighton

(APPLICANTS)

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 Applicants, Cheryl Ann Creighton and Roland Earl Creighton, are the owners of the Lands described as: THE NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 85 RANGE 20 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT and THE NORTH WEST ¼ OF SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 85 RANGE 20 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well and access road located on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of operating the well and access road is pursuant to two surface leases each dated May 28, 2005 (the Surface Leases).

Pursuant to the Surface Leases, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$4,500.00 to Cheryl Ann Creighton and Roland Earl Creighton (\$3,000 annually respecting NE 10-85-20 and \$1,500 annually respecting NW 10-85-20). Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payments required by May 28, 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 Cheryl Ann Creighton and Roland Earl Creighton \$4,500.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from May 28, 2018. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Cheryl Ann Creighton and Roland Earl Creighton the sum of \$4,500.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from May 28, 2018.

DATED: December 20, 2018

FOR THE BOARD



Cheryl Vickers, Chair