File No. 2051 Board Order No. 2051-1 January 15, 2019

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 $^{1}\!\!\!/$ OF SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 82 RANGE 17 WEST OF THE 6 HERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT (The "Lands")

	BOARD ORDER	
		(RESPONDENT)
AND:	Ranch Energy Corporation	
BETWEEN:	Erik Kidholm Pedersen	(APPLICANT)
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This is an application brought under sections 164 and 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*.

The Applicant, Erik Kidholm Pedersen, is the owner of the Lands described as: THE NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 82 RANGE 17 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well (15-32) 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 January 4, 1996 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$4,850.00 to Erik Kidholm Pedersen. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payments required by January 4, 2019.

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 Erik Kidholm Pedersen \$4,850.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from January 4, 2019. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Erik Kidholm Pedersen the sum of \$4,850.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from January 4, 2019.

DATED: January 15, 2019

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FOR THE BOARD

Cheryl Vickers, Chair