

**File No. 2053**  
**Board Order No. 2053-1**

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**January 22, 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 SOUTH WEST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 87 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT  
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Leslie Darren Willms and  
Hannah Noel Willms

(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, Leslie Darren Willms and Hannah Noel Willms, are the owner of the Lands described as: THE SOUTH WEST ¼ OF SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 87 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well site and access road 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 December 4, 1997 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$5,045.00 to Leslie Darren Willms and Hannah Noel Willms. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by December 4, 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 Leslie Darren Willms and Hannah Noel Willms \$5,045.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from December 4, 2018. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Leslie Darren Willms and Hannah Noel Willms the sum of \$5,045.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from December 4, 2018.

DATED: January 22, 2019

FOR THE BOARD



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Cheryl Vickers, Chair