

File No. 2057
Board Order No. 2057-1

March 5, 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP 87 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE
6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Sten Peterson

(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, Sten Peterson, is the owner of the Lands described as: THE NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP 87 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH 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 and access road is pursuant to a surface lease dated February 15, 1985 (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments of \$5,750.00 to Sten Peterson. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by February 15, 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 Sten Peterson \$5,750.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from February 15, 2019. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Sten Peterson the sum of \$5,750.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from February 15, 2019.

DATED: March 5, 2019

FOR THE BOARD



Cheryl Vickers, Chair