



LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL

Date: 2023-07-19

File No.: RC2021.1594

Order No.: LPRT904406/2023

In the matter of a proceeding commenced under section 36 of the *Surface Rights Act*, RSA 2000, c S-24 (the “Act”)

And in the matter of land in the Province of Alberta within the:

SW 1/4-18-47-8-W4M as described in Certificate of Title No. 112 290 583 (the “Land”), particularly the area granted for Alberta Energy Regulator Licence No. 0044293 (the “Site”).

Between:

Sequoia Resources Corp.,
Questfire Energy Corp.
and
Alberta Selecta Corporation,

Operators,

- and -

Prior Bros. Farms Ltd.

Applicant.

SECTION 36(6) DIRECTION TO PAY

The Tribunal directs the Minister to pay out of the General Revenue Fund the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND FORTY-EIGHT and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,048.00) (the “Compensation”) to Prior Bros. Farms Ltd. of Irma in the Province of Alberta for compensation that became due in the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

DECISION AND REASONS

[1] The Applicant filed an application under section 36 of the Act seeking recovery of unpaid compensation due under a Surface Lease Agreement dated November 13, 1972 for the above site (the “Right of Entry Instrument”).

ISSUES

[2] The issues before the Panel are:

- (1) Which of the parties should be named as the Operators for the purposes of section 36 of the *Act*?
- (2) Is there money past due and unpaid by the Operators to the Applicant under the Right of Entry Instrument?
- (3) If money is past due and unpaid, is there any reason why the Tribunal should direct the Minister to pay a reduced amount?

- (4) Should the Tribunal direct the Minister to pay any of the amount owed to the Applicant out of the General Revenue Fund?
- (5) Should the Tribunal suspend and terminate the Operator's rights?

DECISION

[3] The Panel decides:

- (1) For the purposes of section 36 of the Act, the Operators are Sequoia Resources Corp., Questfire Energy Corp. and Alberta Selecta Corporation.
- (2) Compensation of \$8,048.00 is payable to the Applicant by the Operators.
- (3) There is no reason to direct the Minister to pay a reduced amount.
- (4) The Tribunal directs the Minister to pay the full amount of the Compensation payable to the Applicant.
- (5) The decision to suspend or terminate the Operator's rights is reserved.

REASONS

[4] The Operators are as defined under section 36(1) of the Act and a reclamation certificate has not issued so the Operators are responsible to pay compensation to the Applicant.

[5] The Panel is satisfied that the demand for payment and notice to the Operators meets the requirements of the Act pursuant to s. 36(4) and the *Interpretation of Section 36(4) Surface Rights Act Guideline*, ABSRB 2020-1.

[6] After a review of the completed Application Form, signed declaration and supporting documents, the Panel is satisfied that the Compensation is owed by the Operators to the Applicant for annual payments due under the Right of Entry Instrument. This amount is calculated as four payments of \$2,012.00 due for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

[7] There is no evidence to convince the Panel that payment of the full Compensation would result in overpayment to the Applicant.

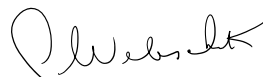
[8] The Minister is directed to make full payment of the Compensation out of the General Revenue Fund.

[9] The Panel is satisfied that the prerequisites to directing the Minister to pay under section 36(6) have been met.

[10] The decision to suspend or terminate the Operator's rights is reserved.

Dated at the City of Calgary in the Province of Alberta this 19th day of July, 2023.

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Ivan Weleschuk, Member