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- (f) deletion of the salt protection string will provide Mitchell with the same opportunity as the offsetting operators who have not been required to pay the costs of salt protection strings in their wells thereby protecting Mitchell's correlative rights;
- (g) the expected producing life of these wells is estimated to be approximately 8.5 years.

(15) Mitchell's experts on drilling, completing and producing these wells presented evidence which demonstrated that:

- (a) these wells can be drilled, cased, cemented, completed and produced by deleting the "salt protection string" without risk to miner's safety or causing the undue waste of commercial deposits of potash;
- (b) each of these wells will have surface casing set in the "Red Bed" section of the basal Rustler formation immediately above the salt section in such a manner as to protect any and all fresh water, and then shall be cemented using a combination DV tool and external casing packer such that there shall be a continuous column of cement from the surface to the total depth of each well isolating all formations including the Salado ("salt") section from the 4-1/2" production casing;
- (c) prior to completing each well, a temperature survey or a cement bond log shall be run and any necessary remedial cementing operations shall be conducted in accordance with Division procedures;
- (d) each of these wells will be monitored during its productive life for mechanical integrity including detection of casing leaks and any effects of corrosion;
- (e) the wellbore integrity of these wells is expected to continue for a longer time than the time required to produce the wells to abandonment.

(16) Mitchell's potash expert presented evidence that:

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