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1 significant one and, as we may discuss later, went on for
2 almost another 18 months before it was brought to a
3 reasonably -- a reasonable resolution.

4 Q. We know that there had been discussions about the
5 possible establishment of a coal mine in this area for
6 some years. Had the DEVCO opposition to it been
7 developed over those previous years, or did it only
8 crystallize with the Westray application?

9 A. Well, to my knowledge, it crystallized over the
10 Westray application.

11 Q. All right. What other factors were involved?

12 A. Well, there was certainly a range of environmental
13 concerns.

14 Q. What were they?

15 A. They were numerous. There were issues of the impact
16 on the salmon spawning beds upstream from the intended
17 development would result from ice scouring.

18 There was an issue of whether the environmental
19 impact had been properly assessed of trucking large
20 quantities of coal daily from the mine site to the
21 generating plant.

22 There was issues on the construction of a railway
23 access line.

24 There were issues on whether this very attractive
25 low sulphur content coal really would accomplish the