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1 A. The indicated requirement of the generating station
2 No. 6 was, as I recall, 710,000 tonnes a year. In
3 addition to that, there was a commitment by the Nova
4 Scotia Government to take or pay for an additional
5 275,000 tonnes of coal. That would be a total, I guess,
6 of 985,000 tonnes of coal a year.

7 We wanted to ensure that that was a commitment, that
8 we understood that it wasn't simply a verbal undertaking,
9 that there was a firm contractual document that existed.
10 And there was initially resistance to making that
11 document available to me by the Government of Nova
12 Scotia. So, I mean, that's -- it's a handful of the
13 sorts of issues that this case involved.

14 Q. What about any issues that would have arisen perhaps
15 from the private sector through departments, by the coal
16 mining industry itself?

17 A. Yes, quite early in the piece, the Coal Association
18 of Canada, which represented some 99 percent of coal
19 producers in the country registered their vehement
20 opposition to federal funding of such a mine development.
21 That is because it would -- it was only in May of 1987
22 that the Government had adopted a policy of not, in fact,
23 providing support for mining development in the country,
24 believing that there was adequate incentive and markets
25 for that to be done independently by the developers