

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Minister of the Environment, and he wasn't his -- the
2 full Cabinet of the Province of Nova Scotia. But I took
3 the -- I took the conversation seriously enough to ensure
4 that it was transmitted to Ministers.

5 Q. All right. And then you -- I see the last sentence
6 in that main paragraph, "Finally, we continue to be
7 concerned that the level of financial assistance
8 requested by Westray is not warranted in view of the
9 projected financial returns to the company. And, again,
10 this is continuation of that same point, that you had
11 been negotiating with Westray?

12 A. This is an example of the company continuing to be
13 unbending, and our belief that they didn't need to agree.

14 Q. Had they bent at all up to this point on the -- what
15 they were looking for in the way of financial assistance?
16 I don't see any trace here of changing positions through
17 the piece?

18 A. No. No. It was two ships passing in the night on
19 this subject.

20 Q. Uh-huh. All right.

21 COMMISSIONER Mr. Merrick, are we getting away from the
22 T.O.P. agreement?

23 MR. MERRICK No, we'll see references to it.

24 COMMISSIONER Yeah. What I'm wondering about is some
25 indication as to the frequency of such an agreement in