

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 mineral resource exploitation programs. There was some  
2 evidence came out earlier on that this is a pretty common  
3 thing in coal and other resource industries. I'm just  
4 wondering if this witness would have any insights into  
5 that?

6 MR. MERRICK What do you say, Mr. Rogers?

7 A. No, I have no -- I have no knowledge of anything,  
8 with this being a practice or not. This is --

9 COMMISSIONER Okay, thank you.

10 A. -- first in my experience, so --

11 MR. MERRICK So you've got no opinion as to whether  
12 it's unusual in this --

13 A. No.

14 Q. -- in the energy sector?

15 A. No.

16 COMMISSIONER But it was the first in your experience?  
17 Yeah.

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 COMMISSIONER Yeah. Yeah.

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. MERRICK All right. So that's the letter that you  
22 send to Merriam. If you can flip over to the next page,  
23 we see a letter back to you within a couple of days by  
24 Mr. Merriam, and we see where he seems to be responding  
25 to all three of the points that you had raised with him.