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1 time. No one would build a plant at that period of time
2 without making -- taking some effort to reduce the
3 sulphur.

4 Q. At what point was the decision made that it would be
5 low sulphur coal in that power plant as opposed to using
6 scrubbers?

7 A. Well, I suppose when they signed a letter of intent
8 back in 1986 with Suncor. That's where they were going
9 to burn the coal, the low sulphur coal.

10 Q. At what point did you personally come to a decision
11 that there should be a new mine in the Pictou area to
12 supply that coal?

13 A. Well, it wasn't my decision, that decision was made
14 before I even came -- even was Minister.

15 Q. I acknowledge that --

16 A. I started in '86, '87, '88. That wasn't my
17 decision. It was a decision by the private sector that
18 came in and said, "Here's an opportunity. There's low
19 sulphur coal here. They want it at the Trenton plant.
20 They have a pollution problem, and we're going to spend
21 six, seven million dollars exploring for that coal."

22 Q. You're quite right. I didn't mean "decision" in the
23 sense of governmental decision. I'm talking about you
24 personally. When did you come to the conclusion yourself
25 that there should be a mine to supply that coal in Pictou