

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 so I do recall them saying, "Well, let's put it over
2 there," and they said, "No, we don't want it." And,
3 finally, Novaco got it. But I remember the discussion
4 that no one wanted to -- to get involved. And I thought,
5 "Well, no wonder, all -- every day it's raised in the
6 press. It's..." You know, it became a circus.

7 Q. Do you recall your staff telling you that your
8 Department did not have the legal authority to enter into
9 a take-or-pay agreement?

10 A. They may have told me that.

11 Q. Do you recall them saying it to you in writing?

12 A. I can't recall now, but it -- they must have because
13 we didn't do it.

14 Q. Do you recall -- and it goes on to say here, the
15 next paragraph, "Since Don Cameron can't get work done
16 in-house, he goes to MCR." I assume that's McInnes,
17 Cooper, Robertson, the law firm. "MCR also advise he has
18 no authority and the take-or-pay not in best interests of
19 the Province." Is that an accurate statement?

20 A. I don't know. I didn't go to MCR; it was the
21 Department. I didn't recommend them, so --

22 Q. Was MCR hired to assist the Department in the take-
23 or-pay negotiations?

24 A. I understood they were hired to do the whole deal
25 because there was such a backlog of documents that had to