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1 Act, Department of Regional Industrial Expansion Act,  
2 that bestowed a special authority up DRIE to be able to  
3 do things that were not present in the Acts of other  
4 departments such as: to acquire shares, to acquire  
5 assets, dispose of assets, to create companies, to do a  
6 number of things that facilitated business activities of  
7 government, but not activities that were widely delegated  
8 to other departments. So that very often when you had  
9 what you would describe as special cases, those powers  
10 were important to have so that Government could act in a  
11 businesslike fashion.

12 Q. Have I got it correct then that your Department  
13 would become involved either because a regional project  
14 might impinge or be affected by a policy of your  
15 Department or because the dollar amounts were such that  
16 your Department was brought in to sort of coordinate, I  
17 guess, the differing interests, or where your special  
18 legislative powers were required because of the  
19 characteristics of the project?

20 A. You summarized very well what I said in a much  
21 greater number of words.

22 Q. All right. Let's now go to -- let's go to the  
23 Westray application itself. Do you know how that  
24 actually started at the very beginning?

25 A. I do, although, as you know, I was not involved from