

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. No.

2 Q. Do you know why it petered out?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you know if it went any further than this?

5 A. No, I think you could ask the regional people from
6 the regional office, Department of Industry, on that.
7 But I -- it was dealt with down here in the Regional
8 Office and didn't make its way -- as far as I know,
9 didn't make its way to Ottawa.

10 Q. Would a possible difference also be the fact --
11 might be the fact that the Westray proposal had
12 considerable political support, Coalco may not have?

13 A. That in itself, I -- I wouldn't think was critical.
14 At least, from my point of view, it would have been
15 really great to have had a second proposition on the
16 table that was cheaper. And you can -- you can "best
17 ball" the one against the other, so it wouldn't have -- I
18 would have welcomed this.

19 Q. I take it that the Westray application, at least in
20 its earlier days as it was working its way through the
21 process, would it be fair to suggest to you that the
22 proponents were fairly confident? They thought they had
23 it in the bag?

24 A. Oh, yes, indeed.

25 Q. Tell me about that. Why would they have thought