

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 that?

2 A. Well, they had the -- they had the overt support of
3 Elmer MacKay. They had the strong support of Donnie
4 Cameron, who was then Industry Minister. Both Ministers
5 were, of course, from the -- from the -- from the area.
6 It had the endorsement of Premier Buchanan, and I believe
7 they felt that they were riding high with respect to a
8 proposition that they would get approved as requested.
9 And I think that accounted for what I would regard as
10 intransigent behaviour with respect to discussing or
11 negotiating any changes from the original request.

12 Q. What problems did that give you with this approach
13 on the part of the applicant? I guess you've just
14 identified one of them. It gave them an intransient
15 [sic] position.

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. What did you have to do with this application that
18 caused you to run into this intransient position?

19 A. Well, we have to sit down and talk about all the
20 things that have to be accomplished before the project
21 can be presented for any kind of decision whatsoever in a
22 Cabinet forum. We have to sit down with the project
23 proponents. And, as I mentioned earlier, it was my
24 personal view and it was the assessment done by my staff
25 that they did not need 48 -- the equivalent of \$48