

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 key part of that, I take it, that the Province was a
2 direct front line party on?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. As I've read the documents, I got the impression
5 that it became your view, or, rather, it became the view
6 of DEVCO, I guess, that they would try to get some
7 advantage out of this in the sense that they would
8 negotiate an improved guarantee of their supply contract
9 or supply arrangements with Nova Scotia Power. And if
10 they had to put up with competitor sitting in Pictou
11 County, they would at least see what they could get out
12 of it in the way of improved guarantees. Is that
13 accurate?

14 A. That's fair.

15 Q. And that's where the Province got involved because
16 the Nova Scotia Power Corporation was a Government Crown
17 agency, I guess?

18 A. Yeah, yeah.

19 Q. All right. Tell me about Mr. Coates. His name
20 surfaces but briefly in this scenario. What role, if
21 any, did he play, to your knowledge?

22 A. I met him once in a meeting in Toronto at Curragh's
23 head office, and this was after he had left the Federal
24 Government. And I -- he sat in the meeting and listened,
25 but I understood that he was a consultant to Curragh at