

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 options to your Minister and in light of the fact that
2 Westray was beginning to comply with the requirements of
3 the program?

4 A. Well, like most people, I'm entitled to change my
5 mind. And I think that at the time, if I recall, I was
6 persuaded on the negative impacts on DEVCO to an extent
7 that maybe I hadn't been, and I felt this was the course
8 of action we should pursue. Clearly, it was not
9 approved.

10 Q. Do you recall anything about how and why and what
11 rationale your recommendation was not approved? Were
12 you ever told why your recommendation wasn't accepted?

13 A. No, but I don't -- I can't recall directly. I had a
14 number of conversations over such a long period of time
15 with Ministers on this it would be hard to relate in this
16 case, except that we should consid -- we should continue
17 to pursue resolving all the issues that this case, this
18 project involved. And that the Minister was unwilling to
19 arrive at what, in his view, would be a peremptory
20 decision on this file.

21 Q. What was your understanding of your own Minister's
22 position vis-a-vis the Westray application? We've seen
23 in some of the documents references that at some point,
24 and I think it was in about this period of time, that he
25 attended some meetings with the proponents and was