

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 those markets that would take trade action. It seemed as
2 obvious as the nose on my face.

3 Q. Did you ever see any signs that they could, in fact,
4 find any other market for this coal? We've seen --

5 A. No, it was -- oh --

6 Q. -- references to the company checking with New
7 Brunswick and a variety of other things --

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. -- but no indication they ever actually had any --

10 A. No. No, and that's -- that why I think it was wise
11 to presume that from a planning point of view, that the
12 Nova Scotia Government probably would be paying for some
13 coal, at least that was my opinion.

14 Q. Were you ever able to estimate what the cost might
15 be to the Nova Scotia Government if that agreement were
16 implemented?

17 A. Well, presumably, it would be implemented pretty
18 close to world prices, and I think they were about \$55 a
19 tonne then. So I can do the math, but I haven't.

20 Q. All right. In the middle of that page, he then
21 addresses the third concern that you had raised and that
22 is the justification, I guess, advanced by the Province
23 for the expenditures being requested, and that is that it
24 will lower their cost of achieving their emission
25 controls. What did you understand their position to be?