

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 COMMISSIONER In the context of this Inquiry, that is a  
2 very profound statement.

3 A. Yeah, well --

4 COMMISSIONER A breath of fresh air, I might say.

5 MR. MERRICK I must admit this is a fascinating insight  
6 into the operation of our Federal system. Let me just  
7 continue with that point for a minute because it's  
8 continued in the next document, which is a letter from  
9 Industry, Science and Technology -- I'm sorry, I guess  
10 it's -- well, it's on industries -- yes, from your Mr.  
11 MacKay to Environment Canada. And this is another point,  
12 I'm sorry.

13 The second paragraph in that letter, Mr. MacKay is  
14 saying, "It is my understanding this project will, as a  
15 result of Federal assistance, be subject to the  
16 Environmental Assessment Review process. I'm writing to  
17 request your assistance and technical advice in reviewing  
18 the scope and adequacy of the technical assessment of the  
19 project performed to date by the project promoters." Do  
20 I take it then that this is another issue than this  
21 E.M.R.?

22 A. Exactly, yeah.

23 Q. I follow you. And what's this issue that's now  
24 being raised?

25 A. Well, this is yet another group of late-to-the-party