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1 A. I believe this issue, and I'm having a little
2 problem with recall, but I think that the sulphur dioxide
3 emission measurements were applied on a system-wide basis
4 across the generating plants in Nova Scotia. And I think
5 this was an indicated change that there would be a plant-
6 by-plant meeting of those emission targets. And that was
7 completely unreasonable inasmuch as you can't apply a
8 common standard to plants of varying age or equipped with
9 varying sorts of remediation or abatement equipment. And
10 so I think it was an issue that other new power plants in
11 the region, and that would include New Brunswick, they
12 weren't just talking about Nova Scotia, from Environment
13 Canada's point of view were -- they had specific emission
14 standards set. And I think there was the assumption that
15 there would be specific emission targets set for Trenton
16 No. 6.

17 So we had to ensure that this was resolved and that
18 we did not change the ground rules in mid-flight to go to
19 a plant by a plant as opposed to a system-wide standard
20 of measurement which was what Nova Scotia was doing. We
21 weren't going to proceed with this until we got that
22 point out of the way. It would have led, for example,
23 possibly to additional costs for scrubbers that you see
24 referenced that had occurred in New Brunswick's Belledune
25 plant.