

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 settlement of the terms, the agreement could take some  
2 time." I got the impression from all of this that this  
3 now was causing a problem with the Westray agreement.  
4 Can you help me on that?

5 A. Not a great deal. It was, as I recall, when these  
6 came in, and Boutilier had taken this action, I kind of  
7 smiled and said, "Well, gee, that was smart." But -- and  
8 if he can do it, fine, but it wasn't, as I said, really  
9 related to the contract with Westray, as we had, I  
10 thought, good and sufficient commitment on the record. I  
11 think what was happening was that others were catching up  
12 with the -- including Roy Sherwood, with the status of  
13 something that they didn't know.

14 And I certainly wasn't phoning all over the place to  
15 tell people what my position was or what the position was  
16 that was going to be forwarded to Ministers for decision.  
17 I mean, I don't -- that's not -- we do that when we get  
18 our documentation completed. So I think this is just a  
19 representation of people not in the loop, being out of  
20 phase.

21 Q. All right, that may be a good mid-afternoon break,  
22 Mr. Commission.

23 COMMISSIONER Okay, we'll take a break, thank you.

24 INQUIRY RECESSED (TIME: 3:14 p.m.)

25 INQUIRY RESUMED (TIME: 3:30 p.m.)