

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 INQUIRY RECESSED (TIME: 11:01 a.m.)

2 INQUIRY RESUMED (TIME: 11:16 a.m.)

3 COMMISSIONER Thank you. Okay, Mr. Merrick?

4 MR. MERRICK Thank you. Mr. Cameron, let me just  
5 finish off the point that we were dealing with before the  
6 break, and that was what other bidders may have been in  
7 the play at the time.

8 Do you know anything to support the suggestion that  
9 we've seen that one of the reasons that Esso may not have  
10 been considered was because it wanted to take time to  
11 evaluate the project and the Province may have been in a  
12 hurry to get on with the establishment of a mine?

13 A. All I was told, they wanted to ship their coal in  
14 from South America. They have a very large mine there, I  
15 think they called it a "pig," and they didn't know what  
16 to do with it. And they wanted to get sales. There was  
17 no -- what I was told, there was no concern about extra  
18 study. I mean, that seam was studied to death, so I  
19 suspect that wouldn't be the issue. There's -- there was  
20 reams of studies by three other companies before that.  
21 So I believe that they wanted to ship their coal in,  
22 which seems like a logical business decision.

23 Q. All right, let's talk about the Nova Scotia Power  
24 Corporation contract. As you've pointed out, there were  
25 letters of intent exchanged between Suncor and the Power