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1 different ways, and no one's threw me out yet, so I don't
2 know.

3 Q. Was any attempt made to hold firm on this point and
4 to challenge the company?

5 A. There was a lot of discussion between our officials
6 and the company on this one.

7 Q. Well, you tell me. You were the Minister in charge.
8 What were your instructions as to whether the province
9 was going to challenge the company on this or hold firm?

10 A. My instruction is to get the best deal you can for
11 the Province. And, of course, by that time, the project
12 was started. We would like to see the project, you know,
13 completed too, so you had that hanging over your head.

14 Q. Would that have affected your judgement at all, the
15 fact that you wanted to see work going on on the project?

16 A. No, I think I'd like to see, you know, what was
17 fair, fair to the both sides. A reasonable -- a
18 reasonable solution. Sometimes people get dug in, but my
19 approach would be, "Look, do the best deal you can for
20 the Province, but, you know, try to -- try to have it
21 fair," because, in the end, you're better off being that
22 way.

23 Q. So that was acceptable to you?

24 A. The final --

25 Q. I see.