

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. Yes, we did.

2 Q. Okay. Let me move on to the next component of the
3 Provincial involvement, the take-or-pay agreement.

4 A. Um-hmm.

5 Q. Why was that given?

6 A. Why was it given? Again, it was another loop that
7 the Federal Government put up after we satisfied the
8 present ones. They said if you have a contract with the
9 Power Corporation, that's what we needed. And then when
10 we achieved that -- I still believe that somewhere I read
11 that one of the Ministers said, "Well, now let's go back
12 and see if they can get a contract for the remaining
13 amount. This was --

14 Q. For the what?

15 A. For the remaining amount of coal. Now, you know,
16 this was -- first they were saying the project was not
17 viable, and we got the Power Corporation contract. They
18 said that at one point that would be satisfactory.

19 Then the next step, they said, "No, even with that,
20 it's -- we're going to have to have more coal." And we
21 pointed out that in fact the contract with the Power
22 Corporation was for 700,000 tonnes a year. And in the
23 contract, the Power Corporation would buy another 100,000
24 tonnes when the Westville strip mine shut down, and we
25 knew the life of that mine was getting near to the end.