

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Q. -- are you able to tell me whether the assumption
2 that we draw from these documents, that there was only
3 about a week from the time the take-or-pay agreement was
4 proposed, to when you write this letter to de Cotret?

5 A. I can't -- I can't confirm that.

6 Q. All right.

7 A. I really can't.

8 Q. What --

9 A. It doesn't seem like that to me, but I don't have
10 any proof, so I can't argue with you.

11 Q. All right.

12 A. But it certainly doesn't -- that's not my sense.

13 Q. Well, let me come to this point then: What was
14 being looked for here, as we've heard evidence and seen
15 some of the documents was some assurances by the Feds, at
16 least, and possibly the commercial bankers, that Westray
17 had a commitment for the sale of its coal to customers.

18 A. Uh-huh. It had a commitment from the Power
19 Corporation. What efforts did you make or did you
20 understand were made on behalf of the province to have
21 Westray get those commitments for the balance of the coal
22 from some other source?

23 A. Well, that was the deal in the take-or-pay.
24 After --

25 Q. That was with the Province. What efforts did you