

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 INQUIRY RESUMED (TIME: 1:32 p.m.)

2 COMMISSIONER Thank you. Perhaps we should adjourn to
3 the front lawn, Mr. Merrick.

4 MR. MERRICK All in favour, yes.

5 COMMISSIONER The weather is appropriate. Okay, sir.

6 MR. MERRICK Mr. Cameron, I just want to finish off on
7 the point that we were talking about before the noon
8 break which was the take-or-pay agreement, and I wanted
9 to make sure that I had understood your recollections.
10 You had told me before the break that you had understood
11 the company had gone looking for other markets to
12 purchase the balance of the coal that was required. What
13 information did they give you as to their efforts and the
14 status of their efforts?

15 A. Well, they told me that they were quite sure they
16 could sell coal, they'd have signed contracts that
17 quickly, because of the delay by the Federal Department
18 to get everything in place that quickly, they would have
19 difficulty. And the fact that three other -- in fact,
20 some of the places they went, they said, "Well, you know,
21 we were approached by Suncor and then Placer and now you.
22 Why don't you come to us when you have some coal?"

23 Q. Now from the documents that we've got, there were a
24 couple of pieces of paper that referred in a peripheral
25 way to possibly some sources in New Brunswick buying coal