

1 INQUIRY COMMENCED: 9:30 a.m.

2 COMMISSIONER Good morning.

3 ALL Good morning.

4 OPENING REMARKS

5 COMMISSIONER Now this is the day that has been set
6 aside for oral argument by counsel who were present
7 during the hearings. This is in addition to the
8 opportunity to provide written submissions, which counsel
9 have been informed of, and which are due -- I forget the
10 date, but sometime in mid-August. Counsel are aware of
11 this.

12 We're on a fairly tight schedule today because we
13 have a lot of different parties to hear from. The
14 scheduling which has been agreed to or has been in place
15 for the day is as follows:

16 The Province of Nova Scotia will lead off with one
17 hour time. The Federal Department of Justice with 30
18 minutes, the town of Stellarton with 30 minutes. Mr.
19 Wells, for CUPE, with 45 minutes, Mr. MacArthur or
20 Burchell, with United Mine Workers of America, 45
21 minutes. Mr. Rick Clarke of the Nova Scotia Federation
22 of Labour, 15 minutes. The Westray Family Group, one
23 hour, and Mr. Roberts, for the United Steelworkers of
24 America, one hour.

25 So we'll start off, Mr. Endres, with the Province of