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Transcript of recorded telephone conversation between Minister of the Environment -Mark Parent (MP), Paul G Buxton (PB), and Josephone Monk Lowry (JML) Bilcon of Nova Scotia on Tuesday, November 20th, 2007

JML -Who is calling please?

MP -Mark Parent

JML -Just one minute please.

PB -Paul Buxton here Mr. Minister.

MP -Hi Mr. Buxton, thank you for taking my call, but I don't have good news, but I did want you to know before it became public, but I'll be accepting recommendation 1 of the Panel Report. My Deputy Minister is available right after we speak to the media to meet with you and to debrief if you'd like.

PB -Well thank you for the courtesy of letting us know beforehand. We had hoped that we would be able to speak with you and I'm just wondering whether you got our last letter.

MP -I got your letter, I got it at three different locations and read it through very, very carefully and have made notes on it, so thank you for sending that to me, like I said, you perhaps may want my Deputy to phone you after it becomes public this morning and set up some sort of a meeting for further conversations if you like.

PB -Well thank you, we would certainly appreciate that certainly we were very concerned that you had all the information that you needed before making a decision, you know its

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been a long and complicated process that spanned more than 5 years and we felt that it was critical of critical importance to all Nova Scotians that the decision be made you know only once you had been properly appraised of all the facts. And you know we, we felt Mr. Minister, you know, I have to say that we felt that the Panel was not fair, we think that the report contains many errors and we brought some of those errors to your attention, but there are significant number of errors in that report and and recommendations right from procedures through to really I think, ignoring the regulators including your own department and our own experts.

MP -Yes I read the letter through and certainly there are some points that I agree with, others that that I didn't agree with but perhaps it might be best to get Nancy give you a call afterwards and have a fuller face to face and sit down and discuss it.

PB -I would like to do that but I would like to remind you that the Whites Point location itself seemed to be the focus of our difficulties and you know I would remind you that essentially it was your government that identified this location for us and we felt we came here with the with the government's support and encouragement.

MP -Yes well I certainly can understand that you feel disappointed and that I wasn't involved at that time but I can certainly understand that and, its, but what I'll do is to get Nancy to call you later if that's ok?

PB -I will do that. I just wanted to say you know that we are committed to the community and, this community and the economy of Nova Scotia and you know, I'm wondering what the government is actually telling us, is it to pack up and go back to New Jersey and never come back to Nova Scotia?

MP -I don't think that is what we're saying, I'm simply saying that I am accepting recommendation 1 of the 7 recommendations that were made.

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PB -Ok, well I guess, you know, the there is nothing more much that we can say at this stage. I do appreciate you calling this morning and we will be looking forward to some further dialogue with your Deputy later this morning;

MP -Ok thank you very much.

PB -Thank you bye bye.

MP -Bye bye.