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The premier calls a lawsuit launched by Hydro-Quebec a 'desperate move' to thwart the development of Muskrat Falls. Kathy Dunderdale calls the timing 'suspicious' and suspects Quebec was expecting a different ruling from the UARB in Nova Scotia. Dunderdale says having examined the case, government is highly confident that, even if in the extreme circumstance that Quebec wins, the water rights agreement will not be impacted. She says CF(L)Co has received numerous legal opinions from across the country and are confident in their position. Dunderdale says Quebec hasn't been able to stop Muskrat Falls in any other way, so now it is toying with the contract. She calls Quebec obstructionists, who have always acted like they owned the Churchill River. Dunderdale says Quebec doesn't believe that Newfoundland owns Labrador, saying it all goes back to the boundary dispute. When asked if development on Muskrat Falls should be halted until the court challenge is settled, Dunderdale laughed at the same critics who she said also believe there was no market for Muskrat Falls.