

- 1 **Q. Coyne Evidence: Does Mr. Coyne accept that integration means the “law of one**
2 **price” holds, that is, the same thing sells for the same price in both countries? If**
3 **not, why not?**
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- 5 A. The “law of one price” is an economic and trade principle based on the assumption that
6 prices for homogeneous goods will be priced equally between locations, absent any
7 transportation, economic barriers, or market information gaps; otherwise arbitrage will
8 reduce any price differentials. Mr. Coyne did not assume either perfect integration or
9 homogeneous goods in development of his cost of capital recommendation for
10 Newfoundland Power. He did demonstrate:
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- 12 “On balance, the economic and business environments of Canada
13 and the U.S. are highly integrated and exhibit strong correlation
14 across a variety of metrics, including GDP growth and government
15 bond yields. Based on these macroeconomic indicators, there are
16 no fundamental dissimilarities between Canada and the U.S. (*i.e.*,
17 in terms of economic growth, inflation, unemployment, or
18 government bond yields) that would cause a reasonable investor to
19 have materially different return expectations for a group of
20 comparably situated utilities in the two countries.” [Concentric
21 Report, p.15]