- 1Q.Coyne Evidence:In terms of Mr. Coyne's forward looking DCF estimates for2the market on page 29 please confirm that these estimates are based on analyst3forecasts, provide the source for the analyst forecasts and explain why he has not4used the multi-stage DCF model.5
- 6 Confirmed. As stated on page 29 of Concentric's report, the forward-looking market risk A. 7 premium is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate for each country from the 8 estimated total return for the overall market, as calculated using the DCF methodology 9 for the S&P/TSX Composite Index in Canada and the S&P 500 Index in the U.S. The 10 total market returns are based on forecasted analyst earnings per share growth rates for each company in the TSX Composite Index and the S&P 500 index for which growth 11 rates are available. As indicated on Exhibits JMC-5 and JMC-6, the source of the growth 12 13 rate forecasts is Bloomberg Finance LP. The purpose of this analysis was to derive the 14 market's expectations of overall stock market returns based on observed stock prices, dividend yields and analyst growth rates. A multi-stage analysis would require 15 16 introducing assumptions concerning second and third stage growth rates, and was beyond 17 the scope of this analysis. Mr. Coyne introduces multi-stage analysis directly in his DCF models for all three proxy groups; those results are summarized on page 3, Figure 1 in the 18 Report. The multi-stage results range from 9.2% to 10.3%, with an average of 9.6%, and 19 20 are factored into Mr. Coyne's recommended ROE of 9.5%.