

1 **Q. Page 31: Please explain in detail the basis for the selection of the companies**  
2 **listed in Table 11 and how Dr. Cleary determined they were appropriate**  
3 **comparables to Newfoundland Power.**

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5 A. The response to PUB-CA-026 includes a list of 9 Canadian utilities that Dr.  
6 Cleary considers “reasonable” comparators to NP. The list includes reasons why they are  
7 in some sense comparable to NP, as well as noting differences from NP that make them  
8 less than “ideal.” Given that none seem to be truly “ideal” in the sense of being a  
9 regulated electrical distributor operating a virtual monopoly, Dr. Cleary gathered debt  
10 rating reports for the utilities on this list of “reasonable” Canadian comparators.

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12 Dr. Cleary obtained the debt rating report for the parent company CU Inc. in place of  
13 ATCO Electric and ATCO Gas, while being cognizant that CU Inc. is also the parent to  
14 ATCO Pipelines. Dr. Cleary was also able to find DBRS reports for Fortis Alberta Inc.,  
15 Fortis BC Inc., Nova Scotia Power Inc., Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Gaz Metro  
16 Inc. (which reported the credit metrics for Gaz Metro Limited Partnership). Dr. Cleary  
17 was unable to locate DBRS reports for the remaining two utilities in his list, Fortis BC  
18 Energy Inc. and Union Gas Limited, which is why they are not included in Table 11.