

1 **Q. Evidence of Dr. Vander Weide: US allowed ROEs Pages 23-26: Please indicate the**  
2 **number of US banks that failed since September 2008 and explain what TARP is**  
3 **and the amount of support provided to the major US banks to prevent them from**  
4 **failing in October 2008.**

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6 A. Dr. Vander Weide has not studied bank failures in the United States and Canada because  
7 information on bank failures is irrelevant to an estimate of the required rate of return on  
8 an equity investment in public utilities such as Newfoundland Power. The required  
9 return on an equity investment in public utilities depends on the risk of investing in  
10 public utilities, not the risk of investing in banks.