

1 **Q. Evidence of Kathleen McShane – Appendix “B”, “Selection of U.S. Low Risk Utility**
2 **Sample.”: Please list any companies which Ms. McShane has eliminated from her**
3 **U.S. Low Risk Utility Sample as in her 2010 NP GRA Evidence in constructing the**
4 **sample used in support of her present evidence and application and explain Ms.**
5 **McShane’s reasons for no longer including the same in the present sample for the**
6 **purposes of this proceeding.**

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8 A. There are six companies that were included in Ms. McShane's 2009 Evidence presented
9 to the Board that are not in her current U.S. low risk utility sample. Those six companies
10 are as follows: Dominion Resources, Duke Energy, FPL/NextEra, New Jersey
11 Resources, NSTAR, and Scana. These companies were not included as Ms. McShane
12 revised the sample selection criteria to address the PUB’s concern expressed in Order No.
13 P.U. 43(2009) that the sample of U.S. utilities was not comparable to Newfoundland
14 Power. NSTAR was excluded because it was involved in a merger. Dominion, Duke and
15 Scana were excluded because their Moody’s ratings were below Baa1. NextEra
16 (formerly FPL) and New Jersey Resources were excluded because less than 80% of their
17 assets were regulated utility.