

- 1 **Q. Evidence of Dr. Vander Weide: At Newfoundland Power’s last GRA, Mr. Mark**
2 **Cicchetti testified that given Newfoundland Power’s isolated geographic location**
3 **and customer mix, he had not seen a single utility in his U.S. samples as well**
4 **protected from competition as was Newfoundland Power [Transcript October 22, p.**
5 **162]. Can Dr. Vander Weide list the U.S. utilities in his sample U.S. companies that**
6 **are as well protected from competition as is Newfoundland Power?**
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8 **A. Retail competition is not currently a significant issue for U.S. utilities.**