

1 **Q. Evidence of Dr. Vander Weide: Do U.S. regulatory boards find that cost of equity**
2 **evidence for Canadian utilities is useful in determining the cost of equity for the**
3 **utilities they regulate? Please provide extracts from U.S. regulatory decisions where**
4 **reliance was placed upon cost of equity evidence for Canadian utilities.**
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6 A. Regulators in the United States rely on evidence from publicly-traded U.S. utilities
7 because there is a significantly larger sample of companies with traditional utility
8 operations in the United States than in Canada, reasonable estimates of expected growth
9 rates are available for these companies, whereas the same data are not available for the
10 Canadian utilities; and historical data for the U.S. utilities are available for a much longer
11 length of time than for the Canadian utilities.