

1 **Q. Vander Weide Evidence – Does Dr. Vander Weide know which of the U.S. utilities,**  
2 **if any, in his samples of U.S. utilities submit a proposed capital plan for its**  
3 **regulator’s approval on an annual basis? If so, please provide the name of the**  
4 **utility(ies) and the source of Dr. Vander Weide’s information in this regard.**  
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6 A. Dr. Vander Weide has not prepared a specific study of whether all of the utilities in his  
7 sample submit a proposed capital plan for regulatory approval on an annual basis because  
8 such a study would be overly time consuming and expensive and unlikely to provide  
9 information useful to determining the issues in this case. In addition, from his more than  
10 thirty years of consulting experience with regulated utilities, Dr. Vander Weide believes  
11 that all U.S. operating utilities are required to submit integrated resource plans for  
12 regulatory approval annually or biennially.