

1 **Q. Vander Weide Evidence – Would Dr. Vander Weide agree that Newfoundland**
2 **Power faces minimal regulatory risk? If not, why not?**

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4 A. No. Dr. Vander Weide uses the phrase “regulatory risk” to refer to a utility’s ability to
5 maintain its financial integrity and earn a fair return on investment. Because Dr. Vander
6 Weide’s evidence indicates that Newfoundland Power’s allowed return is below its fair
7 return, he cannot agree that Newfoundland Power’s regulatory risk is minimal.