

1 **Q. Vander Weide Evidence – What source(s) of information/publication does Dr.**
2 **Vander Weide consider as reliable in order to assist the equity investor in**
3 **determining the quality of regulation and relative ranking of jurisdictions as to the**
4 **same in:**

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6 **(a) the U.S.;**

7 **(b) Canada.**
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9 A. Dr. Vander Weide is aware that SNL Financial provides quality of regulation rankings for
10 U.S. jurisdictions through its subsidiary Regulatory Research Associates and that Value
11 Line provides quality of regulation rankings for U.S. utilities. Dr. Vander Weide is not
12 aware of any quality of regulation rankings for Canadian jurisdictions. Dr. Vander Weide
13 has not conducted a formal study of whether these rankings are “reliable,” nor does he
14 know how such a study could be usefully designed. However, the SNL and Value Line
15 rankings generally conform to Dr. Vander Weide’s experience.