Q. Vander Weide Evidence (page 43) – Dr. Vander Weide states that over the period 1937 to 2012, investors in the S&P utilities stock index have earned an average risk premium over the yield on long-term treasury bonds equal to 5.21%, while investors in the S&P 500 have earned an average risk premium over the yield on long-term treasury bonds equal to 5.67%. He says that this analysis produces a beta of .92, higher than the .73 he uses in his study. What has been the beta accepted by Boards in the last 5 cases that Dr. Vander Weide testified:

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(a) in Canada?

10 **(b) in the U.S.?** 

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(a) Dr. Vander Weide does not maintain records of the betas accepted in Canadian utility proceedings.

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(b) Cost of equity experts in recent U.S. rate proceedings have given little or no weight to the results of the CAPM.