

1 **Q. Vander Weide Evidence (page 45) – Dr. Vander Weide refers to evidence on recent**
2 **allowed rates of return on equity for U.S. utilities and refers to the returns allowed**
3 **since January 2010 for electric and natural gas utilities (see Exhibit 16 and 17).**
4 **Have the allowed rates been decreasing over time since January 2010?**
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6 A. The data in Exhibit 16 and Exhibit 17 do not reveal a downward trend. For the electric
7 utility decisions, the average allowed return in 2010 based on fifty-nine cases is
8 10.4 percent; for 2011 based on forty cases, 10.5 percent; and for 2012 based on twenty-
9 eight cases, 10.5 percent. With regard to the natural gas utility decisions, the average
10 return in 2010 based on thirty-four cases is 10.1 percent; for 2011 based on twenty-one
11 cases, 10.2 percent; and for 2012 based on fifteen cases, 10.0 percent.