

1 **Q. Vander Weide Evidence (page 45) – Dr. Vander Weide sets out the Deemed Equity**
2 **Ratios for Canadian Utilities. Removing Newfoundland Power’s 45% from the**
3 **equity ratios presented, please indicate the average approved equity ratio of the**
4 **Canadian gas and electric distribution utilities set out in Table 4 and state how**
5 **much higher the average approved equity ratio for U.S. utilities is than the average**
6 **including Newfoundland Power’s equity ratio.**
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8 A. The average allowed equity ratio for Canadian utilities is 40 percent, either including or
9 excluding Newfoundland Power. The average allowed equity ratio for U.S. utilities for
10 the three years ending June 2012 is 49 percent, nine percentage points higher than the
11 average approved equity ratio for the Canadian utilities shown in Table 4. Please also
12 note that the approved equity ratio for Gazifère should be 40 percent. Please also see
13 response to CA-NP-259.