

1 **Q. McShane Evidence – Appendix B – “Selection of U.S. Low Risk Utility Sample –**
2 **With regard to the U.S. companies dropped by Ms. McShane please state the**
3 **specific reasons why each company was dropped from her sample.**
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5 A. The following table identifies the 2009 sample companies and screening criteria failed
6 which led to the companies being excluded from Ms. McShane's current sample. The
7 Moody's rating and utility asset percentage criteria were not used for Ms. McShane's
8 2009 utility selection. Please note that the utility sample selected for this GRA is
9 identical to the sample selected for purposes of the 2012 Cost of Capital proceeding.
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Companies in 2009 Sample Not in 2012 Sample	
Company	Reason
Dominion Resources	Moody's Rating below Baa1
Duke Energy	Moody's Rating below Baa1
FPL/NextEra	Utility assets < 80% of total assets
New Jersey Resources	Utility assets < 80% of total assets
NStar	Removed due to merger activity
Scana	Moody's Rating below Baa1