Q. McShane Evidence – Please confirm that in the 2009 Moody's Rating Methodology it states at p. 6:

"Moody's views the regulatory risk of U.S. utilities as being higher in most cases than that of utilities located in some other developed countries, including Japan, Australia, and Canada. The difference in risk reflects our view that individual state regulation is less predictable than national regulation; a highly fragmented market in the U.S. results in stronger competition in wholesale power markets; U.S. fuel and power markets are more volatile; there is a low likelihood of extraordinary political action to support a failing company in the U.S.; holding company structures limit regulatory oversight; and overlapping or unclear regulatory jurisdictions characterize the U.S. market. As a result, no U.S. utilities, except for transmission companies subject to federal regulation, score higher than a single A in this factor."

A. It is confirmed. No Canadian utilities are currently rated higher than A on this factor.