

1 **Q. Reference pages 34-37: Use of U.S. Estimates in Canada: Please provide the annual**  
2 **EPS and DPS data for the six US electrics since 1990 and indicate whether there is**  
3 **any support for the assumption that their long run growth rate is the same as that of**  
4 **nominal GDP (page 36).**

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6 A Mr. MacDonald's DCF model uses forecast future dividends. Historical annual EPS &  
7 DPS data for the six utilities were not used in the DCF. Mr. MacDonald believes that  
8 using estimates for real GDP growth and inflation will provide a reasonable proxy for the  
9 long run growth in dividends.