

1 **Q. Reference pages 29-30: ERP Estimates: Please confirm that Mr. MacDonald has**  
2 **read the Moody's reports that indicate the greater regulatory risks in the US than**  
3 **Canada, that 50% of Moody's weight is placed on this risk and that Mr. MacDonald**  
4 **has chosen to ignore this. If not please indicate where he has assessed the regulatory**  
5 **risk of his sample of U.S. utilities as comparables to ensure that their regulation and**  
6 **overall risk is identical to that of NP.**

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8 A. Mr. MacDonald confirms that he has read the Moody's report. Further Mr. MacDonald  
9 notes that his ERP estimate is based on Canadian data; no US data was utilized in the  
10 determination of the ERP.