

1 **Q. Reference: Page 74, lines 2-5**

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3 **“I would regard an equilibrium long Canada bond yield of about 5.00% as being**
4 **reasonable. On this basis and without the need for an Operation Twist or credit**
5 **market adjustment I would judge a benchmark fixed rate ROE to be approximately**
6 **8.25%.”**

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8 **Please clarify if the 8.25% fixed ROE is intended to represent Dr. Booth’s**
9 **recommended ROE at a 5.0% long-term Canada bond yield and a normal utility long-**
10 **term debt credit spread. If no, please specify what the underlying assumptions are**
11 **for the long-term Canada bond yield and the spread.**

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13 **A. Yes, Dr. Booth would expect that at an average long Canada bond yield the credit spread**
14 **would be average and the need for other non-average adjustments would disappear.**