

1 **Q. Written Evidence of James H. Vander Weide – Volume 3**

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3 **Pg. 18, A47 and pg. 35, Table 2 - Would another disadvantage be that return data**  
4 **for the BMO CM basket has been available since 1983 while the data from the**  
5 **S&P/TSX Utilities index has been available since 1956? Given the shorter time**  
6 **frame, do you believe the data from the BMO CM basket is reliable?**

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8 A. (sub-part a.) Yes. As Dr. Vander Weide states in his evidence in response to Question 98:

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10 The BMO CM utility stock return database is valuable because it provides  
11 information on the experienced returns for a sample of Canadian companies  
12 that receive a significantly higher percentage of revenues from traditional  
13 utility operations than the companies in the S&P/TSX index. However, the  
14 time period covered is not as long as the period covered by the S&P/TSX  
utility index.

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16 (sub-part b.) Yes. The BMO CM basket is reliable because the BMO CM basket of  
17 Canadian utilities is the only data on returns of Canadian utilities that includes only  
18 utilities with a significant percentage of regulated assets, and data for the BMO CM  
basket covers a twenty-nine-year period.