

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

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3 **Pg. 46, A128 - Given that US utilities have an average approved equity ratio that is**
4 **higher than Canadian utilities, does this lessen the reliance on US utility**
5 **comparables?**
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7 A. No. The evidence that U.S. utilities have higher average approved equity ratios than
8 Canadian utilities supports the conclusion that potential differences in the business risk of
9 U.S. and Canadian utilities is offset by the evidence that U.S. utilities have less financial
10 risk than Canadian utilities. Thus, U.S. utilities have approximately the same risk as
11 Canadian utilities.