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| 9        | Q: | Reference: Page 29, Lines 4-5, Page 31, Lines 12-14 and Page 53, Lines 14-15                 |
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| 11       |    | Please confirm that at Dr. Cannon's forecast long-term Canada bond yield of 4.75% to         |
| 12       |    | 5.0% for 2008 and the credit spread of 130 basis points, the cost of new 30-year debt        |
| 13<br>14 |    | for Newfoundland Power in 2008 would be 6.05% to 6.30%.                                      |
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| 19       | A: | The referenced 130 bps credit spread for NP's longer-term bonds applied to the market        |
| 20       |    | conditions extant at the time Dr. Cannon prepared his evidence and for the latter half of    |
| 21       |    | 2007. Dr. Cannon did not testify that the 130 bps credit spread would also apply             |
| 22       |    | throughout the test year. Nor did Dr. Cannon provide any forecast of the likely new-         |
| 23       |    | issue cost for a long-term bond issue by NP during 2008.                                     |
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| 25       |    | Consequently, Dr. Cannon can <u>not</u> confirm that the cost of new 30-year debt for NP for |
| 26       |    | 2008 would be 6.05% to 6.30%.  |
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