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| 8      | Q: | Please estimate Newfoundland Power's Standard & Poor's credit metrics using its cost |
| 9      |    | of service in this proceeding and Dr. Cannon's proposed return on equity.            |
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| 15     | A: | NP's debt is no longer rated by Standard & Poor's (S&P) and NP does not refer to any |
| 16     |    | S&P credit metrics in its Application. Consequently, Dr. Cannon did not investigate  |
| 17     |    | S&P credit metrics for NP in the preparation of his evidence. Nor does Dr. Cannon    |
| 18     |    | know what particular "S&P credit metrics" the question refers to.                    |