Reference: Section 3: Finance

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Q. Further to PUB-NP-035, in Order No. P.U. 18(2016), page 19, lines 26-33, the Board determined that Newfoundland Power is an average risk utility. The return on equity and capital structure formed part of the settlement agreement in the 2019/2020 General Rate Application and continued the equity component and return on equity approved by the Board in Order No. P.U.18 (2016). Describe, in detail, if the principal risks have not materially changed since 2018 as stated at page 3-23, what factors should the Board consider in this proceeding to support a conclusion that Newfoundland Power is now above average business risk in comparison to Canadian utilities as opined by Newfoundland Power's expert?

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13 A. See response to Request for Information PUB-NP-035.