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- a) Can Mr. Coyne confirm that he checked Newfoundland Power's security filings to see whether Newfoundland Power has informed investors of any changes in its risk profile since 2015? If so, please provide any extracts from such filings that indicate increased business risk for Newfoundland Power.
- b) C&T did not answer the question. Can they please indicate yes or no as to whether they reviewed any securities filings to indicate any material change in Newfoundland Power's business risk.
- A. b) No. Concentric does not draw any conclusions in its cost of capital report, Volume 2, regarding the risk profile of the Company in 2015 as compared with its current risk characteristics. As stated in Concentric's Report, Concentric evaluated Newfoundland Power's risk from three perspectives:
 - a) Comparison of the risk profile of Newfoundland Power to other investor-owned electric utilities in Canada to determine if the Company continues to be an average risk Canadian utility;
 - b) Comparison of the current risk profile of Newfoundland Power to a proxy group of comparable electric utilities in the U.S.; and
 - c) Comparison of Newfoundland Power's risk profile today to the circumstances at the time of the Company's 2022/2023 GRA filing.¹

As stated in the response to CA-NP-228, Newfoundland Power is not publicly traded and does not issue common equity. The Company reports through the SEDAR system, providing annual updates to its profile including Management Discussion & Analysis. With respect to debt security filings, Newfoundland Power issues debt in the private placement market. There are no security filings associated with the private placement. Concentric did review credit rating agency reports that relate to Newfoundland Power.

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¹ Concentric Cost of Capital Report, November 7, 2023, pp. 53-54.