

1 **Q. In reference to the evidence of Barry Perry, please advise if Mr. Perry is an expert**  
2 **on return on rate base and if it is the intention of the Company that he testify as an**  
3 **expert on return on rate base.**  
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5 A. Mr. Perry is Newfoundland Power's Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial  
6 Officer and in that capacity is responsible for maintaining the creditworthiness and  
7 financial integrity of the Company.  
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9 Decisions surrounding the issue of return on rate base are central to the determination of  
10 the Company's financial integrity and creditworthiness. Mr. Perry's testimony in this  
11 area is necessary in providing an adequate understanding of the impact on Newfoundland  
12 Power of decisions regarding return on rate base.