

- Q. Are there any investor-owned regulated utilities in either Canada or the U.S. with an allowed rate of return on common equity for ratemaking purposes that is equal to, or less than, that which Dr. Kalymon recommends in this proceeding? If so, provide a list of such utilities, including the date and the allowed rate of return on common equity of each order.
- A. **The cost of capital being recommended reflects the current conditions of the capital markets rather than the awards given previously in other jurisdictions. Dr. Kalymon is not aware of any jurisdiction in which lower allowed returns on equity have been allowed to date.**