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Q. For the Canadian companies in JMC-4 there are no growth forecasts for many of the firms. For the 6 firms, Zacks has two forecasts, SNL 5, Value Line 2 and First Call all six. For each of these forecasts can C&T list the number of analysts who provided the estimates and confirm that the analysts polled were based in the US and generally not the Canadian market? Given that Value Line forecasts double digit growth for Emera and Enbridge with others having low single digit growth, is C&T's judgment that these estimates are widely available in the market and can be relied on by the Board?

A. Table 1 shows the number of analysts providing projected earnings growth rates for each of the companies in the Canadian proxy group, based on information from Thomson First Call. Concentric has also provided the firms covering each company, to the extent that information is publicly available. Concentric does not agree that the analysts polled are mainly based in the U.S. not the Canadian market. As shown, there is coverage of companies in the Canadian proxy group by securities analysts in both Canada and the U.S.

Value Line growth rates for Emera and Enbridge are averaged with growth rates from other consensus sources. The average short-term growth rate for Emera is 6.86%, and for Enbridge is 5.22%, as shown in Exhibit JMC-4. Concentric has relied on the multi-stage DCF analysis, shown in Exhibit JMC-5, for the North American proxy group, not the constant growth DCF analysis for the Canadian proxy group.

Table 1:

| Company | # of Analysts | Coverage |
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| Algonquin Power and Utilities Corp. AltaGas Inc. | 9 | BMO Capital; RBC Capital; Credit Suisse; CIBC; Bank of America; Desjardins; Well Fargo; TD Securities; Morgan Stanley |
| | 15 | ATB Capital; Bank of America; Beacon Securities; BMO Capital; Cannacord; CIBC; Credit Suisse; Industrial Alliance; JP Morgan; National Bank; Peters & Co.; Raymond James; RBC Capital; Scotia Bank; TD Securities |
| Canadian Utilities Limited | 6 | BMO Capital; CIBC; National Bank Fin'l; RBC Capital; Scotia Bank; TD Securities |
| Emera Inc. | 14 | BMO Capital; CIBC; Credit Suisse; Industrial Alliance; National Bank Fin'l; Raymond James; RBC Capital; Scotia Capital; TD Securities; Bank of America; JP Morgan; UBS; Wells Fargo; Wolf Research |
| Enbridge Inc. | 8 | Barclay's; Wolf Research; National Bank Fin'l; CIBC; TD Securities; RBC Capital; Credit Suisse; Scotia Capital |
| Hydro One, Ltd. | 12 | Bank of America; BMO Capital; CIBC; Laurentian Bank; Morningstar; National Bank Fin'l; Raymond James; RBC Capital; Scotia Capital; TD Securities; Veritas Investment; Wells Fargo |