E-13 Letters of Comment dated August 19, 2005 from the following:

M. Callaway
Mike Desmarais
Nadine Poznanski
Nick Monahan
Sheila Pratt
Susan Stout
WH Ramsden
Dear Mr Pellat,

I call upon you as a board member of the bcuc. , to stand against the sale of Terasen Gas to Kinder Morgan Inc.

The gas belongs to the people of B.C, and Terasen Gas Corp is accountable to the people of B.C. There is no reason to sell the gas to the U.S. THE GAS BELONGS TO US.

I urge you, and other board members to do the right thing for the people of B.C., and stop the sale.

Yours truly.

M.Callaway.
Mr. Rob Pellatt, Commission Secretary.

Dear Sir; I would like to inform you of my concerns regarding the pending sale of Terasen Gas to a Texas Co. It seems that all the assets of the province are up for grabs to the highest bidder. I feel our elected people are to manage our assets for us during their term in office, not sell off the rights to the resources that belong to the people of the province, and I am strongly opposed to the sale of Terasen and urge your commission to reject the sale. Any information you may forward to me would be greatly appreciated. Thank You. Mike Desmarais 3131 Shuswap Rd. Kamloops B.C. V2H 1T1. e-mail, midodes@telus.net.
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in order to share my deepest concern regarding the sale of Terasen Inc. to Kinder Morgan Inc., which you will soon be asked to approve.

Since the implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, I have witnessed the increasing loss of control over the country’s energy resources and its infrastructures. From the elimination of the 25-year contingency reserve provision, to the implementation of the proportional sharing provision, most of Canada’s energy decisions have resulted in our country losing sovereignty over our resources.

This sale will undoubtedly rob B.C. communities of the power to influence future energy decisions in the province. It will also reinforce the view that Canadians are, in effect, becoming tenants in their own land.

I urge you to prevent this deal by refusing to ratify it until such time as an exhaustive evaluation of Canada’s energy situation is completed and provincial – and national – energy strategies are drafted and adopted. As the U.S. Administration is keen to highlight, control of energy resources will be the struggle of the future. Canada needs to start preparing for this struggle and defending infrastructures built and paid for by the Canadian public.

Sincerely,

Nadine Poznanski, 8408 Stoneridge Drive, Vernon BC V1B 3M3

It takes twenty years of peace to make a man, it takes twenty seconds of war to destroy him.

8/28/2005
To: BC Utilities Commission Secretary  
Box 250, 6th Floor  
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Vancouver, BC  V6Z 2N3

I am writing to express my outrage at the sale of Terasen (formally the crown corporation “BC Gas”) to Kinder Morgan of Texas. This acquisition marks the second time in recent years a major takeover turned control of a BC-based energy company over to a U.S. company. In 2002, Duke Energy Corp. acquired Vancouver-based WestCoast Energy Inc. for US$8.5 billion.

Since the implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, I have witnessed the increasing loss of control over the country’s energy resources and its infrastructures, the elimination of the 25-year contingency reserve provision, the implementation of the proportional sharing provision under NAFTA, and the sale of important assets like Terasen.

This sale further erodes our government’s ability to formulate energy policy in Canada since its hands are tied under NAFTA’s terms. BC citizens will have considerably less leverage to affect policy under this American company. Decisions will be made in Texas and not in BC and these decisions will decidedly not be in the interests of BC citizens or the energy self-sufficiency of Canada.

Who, I ask, is looking out for Canada’s long term energy needs? Certainly not the provincial government. When BC gas was privatized under Bill Vander Zalm’s Social Credit government it included provisions that the number of shares owned by foreign investors could not exceed 20 per cent, the head office would remain in BC and the company could not be sold or merged. In 2003, Gordon Campbell’s B.C. Liberal government removed these provisions by passing the BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Act and renaming BC Gas Inc., Terasen Inc.

Is our federal government looking our for Canada’s interests? Not when the “Investment Review Division of Industry Canada” has rubber stamped the foreign take over of more than 13,000 Canadian owned businesses since the inception of the FTA in 1986 and the elimination of the Federal Investment Review Agency (FIRA). Between June 1985 and June 2002 not a single takeover application was rejected (ref. Page 13 The Vanishing Country by Mel Hurtig, 2002). This deal is what “Harmonization” and a “Continental Energy Pact” is all about; increasing U.S. energy security at the expense of Canadian energy security.

We need a national energy policy that is designed in Canada for Canadians. No other country would willingly allow such a large percentage of our energy infrastructure to be owned by foreigners. I strongly urge to reject this deal in the interests of our country.

Yours sincerely,
To the BC Utilities Commission Secretary,

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Sincerely,
Sheila Pratt
Maple Ridge, BC
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Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you about the impending sale of Terasen Inc. to Kinder Morgan Inc., which you still have been asked to ratify.

I am the former mayor of the City of Nelson and am very aware of the agreement of Terasen Inc. with the City of Nelson in regards to the operation of the gas utility in Nelson. It concerns me greatly!

This agreement is similar to one with the City of Revelstoke, and possibly other cities in the Interior. It is of great financial benefit for 20-25 years.

The question is: what happens if Kinder Morgan Inc. want to opt out of this agreement to satisfy their U.S. requirements? Will they honour this agreement or will they just walk away?
What guarantee do we have, as owners, of the underground services, that the new owners of Terasen Inc. will be bound to honour this Contract?

It is also of great concern that we are further negotiating our Canadian citizenship away and will soon become another "State" of the U.S. for the sole purpose of providing them with our wealth of resources. We had better wake up before it is too late!

I urge you to prevent this deal by refusing to ratify it until such time as an exhaustive evaluation of Canada's energy is completed and Provincial (and National) energy strategies are drafted and adopted.

Yours sincerely,

W.H. Ramsden

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