



## NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

### **BC Bioenergy Network Establishes MOU with Terasen Gas**

**VANCOUVER, BC – October 7, 2009** – The BC Bioenergy Network (BCBN) and Terasen Gas today announced they have entered into a strategic agreement to further the development and commercialization of bioenergy technologies in British Columbia.

Under the terms of the agreement, the BCBN and Terasen Gas have agreed to cooperate together to increase understanding of bioenergy opportunities in BC, increase the number and success of investment opportunities for common projects, and potentially to leverage funding for projects that advance the bioenergy objectives of each organization.

“We are committed to supporting innovative solutions like this that will help Nanaimo convert landfill waste to clean energy,” said Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. “These types of partnerships demonstrate British Columbia’s leadership in clean, renewable energy while reducing emissions and creating new jobs.”

“We are delighted to formalize our cooperation with Terasen Gas and anticipate they will be a key infrastructure and funding partner to accelerate the development of the bioenergy sector in BC,” said Michael Weedon, Executive Director of the BCBN. “We look forward to continuing to support each other in sharing information and developing pilot and full scale demonstration projects in BC.”

“Terasen is pleased to be working with the BC Bioenergy Network to find and facilitate integrated energy solutions to help meet the Province’s climate action targets,” says Doug Stout, Terasen Gas Vice President, Marketing and Business Development. “This new relationship is evidence of a growing interest and acceptance of bioenergy and biogas playing an important role in the energy future of British Columbia.”

#### **About the BC Bioenergy Network**

Established in April 2008 with a \$25 million grant from the BC government, the BC Bioenergy Network is an industry-led association that acts as a catalyst for deploying near-term bioenergy technologies and organizing mission-driven research for the development and demonstration of sustainable to build a world class bioenergy capability in BC. For more information about the BCBN, visit [www.bcbioenergy.ca](http://www.bcbioenergy.ca)

#### **About Terasen Gas**

Terasen Gas is mainly composed of the operations of Terasen Gas Inc. and Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc., both indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Fortis Inc. Fortis Inc., the largest investor-owned distribution utility in Canada, serves more than two million gas and electric customers and has total assets approaching \$12 billion. Its regulated holdings include Terasen Gas and electric utilities in five Canadian provinces and three Caribbean countries. Fortis Inc. owns non-regulated hydroelectric generation assets across Canada and in Belize and upper New York State. It also owns hotels and commercial real estate in Canada. Fortis Inc. shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and trade under the symbol FTS. Additional information can be accessed at [www.fortisinc.com](http://www.fortisinc.com) or [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)



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