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-- Comments --
Consumers Gas was started in 1848 in response to high costs in the Toronto area for gas for domestic lighting. At the time, the majority of customers were shareholders, with the company acting, essentially, as a co-operative.
Less than 200 years later, Consumers' successor company in Ontario, Enbridge, is an entirely profit-driven, publicly-traded company. It is only natural that they would seek continued profits for their shareholders; this is the nature of a for-profit company. Philosophically, though, I think we all ought to object. This is not the default or natural model for these sorts of businesses. Natural Gas is a utility; utilities should be owned by their customers, whether as a public utility like water and wastewater, or as the co-operative that Enbridge once was. Only then will customer needs be first and foremost.

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