

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy )	
Delivery of Ohio, Inc., an Application Requesting )	Case Numbers
an Order Confirming a Rate Increase and an )	18-0049-GA-ALT,
Application Requesting Approval of an )	18-0298-GA-AIR,
Alternative Rate Plan )	18-0299-GA-ALT

COMMENTS OF AARP  
November 27, 2018

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. AARP's Ohio membership includes 1,509,733 adults. AARP seeks to guarantee that all residents in Ohio have access to affordable and fair utility rates and reliable electric service.

Older adults are especially vulnerable to high utility prices, in part, because they often spend a large proportion of their income on home-energy costs. Data shows that Ohio has 2,290,813 Social Security beneficiaries and 52.3% of those beneficiaries rely on Social Security for 50% or more of their income. The number of beneficiaries relying on Social Security for 90% or more of their income is a sobering 23%. The average Social Security benefit for a 65+ family is only about \$18,000 per year, while older Ohio families on average spend \$19,000 a year on food, utilities, and health care alone. Studies also show older people limit or do without food, medical services and prescription medicine to pay for higher energy bills. Simply put, older Ohioans simply cannot afford the increases requested by Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., especially.

Our specific comments are as follows:

**1. The customer charge should not be increased.**

Vectren proposes going from \$18 per month to \$35 per month for its customer charge. AARP strongly opposes such a change. The current charge is already too high and the proposed 94.4% increase is questionably egregious. Higher customer charges make it harder for consumers to control their own energy bill and the proposed rate increase means that consumers would be hit with a monthly charge of approximately \$50 before even consuming any natural gas. Higher customer charges also have been shown to discourage consumption conservation by lowering the per therm volumetric rate through.

Customer charges should collect metering and billing costs only as they have traditionally. AARP opposes the move by utilities to try and move more revenue collection via the customer charge (aka straight fixed variable rate design).

The PUCO should reject any increase to the already too high charge of \$18 per month, especially with no guaranteed visibility to how these additional charges would be reinvested or applied to benefit the consumer.

## **2. AARP opposes the proposed new rider.**

AARP also objects to Vectren's request to institute a new capital expenditure program rider via an alternative regulatory plan. Instead of filing a traditional rate case where all expenditures and offsetting savings could be scrutinized, an approval of Vectren's request would change rates annually via a new surcharge which it claims would add \$1.35 per month or more to customer bills.

AARP just helped defeat similar proposals in North Carolina and North Dakota where regulators noted that no new regulatory mechanism was needed and the proposal lacked sufficient detail. The PUCO should similarly reject this proposal.

AARP objects to such single issue ratemaking, which fast tracks spending recovery and ignores offsetting cost reductions (and limits regulatory review). There is simply no need to bypass traditional review no matter how much worthy the spending.

In summary, the PUCO should not allow Vectren to increase its monthly customer charge which is already too high. It should also reject the capital expenditure program rider. Our members –many of whom are on low or fixed incomes – cannot afford to pay \$50 per month in fees before even turning on their gas, simply to be a Vectren customer.

Respectfully Submitted,



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AARP Ohio - Responses to Vectren Rate Increase Proposal - 11-26-18						
LAST_NAME	FIRST_NAME	HOME_STREET1	HOME_CITY	HOME	HOME_ZIP	QUESTION_3
Sauerman	William	1100 E Bridle Ln	Dayton	OH	45449-2122	I am on social security and cannot afford the increase. Big business always gets its way and the officers get big pay raises and year end bonuses while the poor customer has to pay for their raises. How about cutting their pay by the amount they propose to raise rates? They earn enough money and they don't need a raise they just want an increase.
Spencer	Paul	3418 WAYNE AVE	DAYTON	OH	45420-2435	Why do they want to almost DOUBLE what I am paying? In the summer, this is more than what I pay total now. I can't afford to have hot water at that price and that is all I use them for in the summer. If this passes I will have to switch to electric and have the gas turned off.
Gibson	Ina	8146 COUNTY ROAD 48	RIDGEWAY	OH	43345-9515	Because I have a hard time getting medicine for my husband who is recovering from leukemia. Going to dr and buying food would be better if we was on welfare but we have a small retirement check and don't qualify
Williams	Johnny	1273 AIR CITY AVE	DAYTON	OH	45404-1203	I'm a senior citizen on a fixed income. It's hard enough to make ends meet now. Why would you make it any harder. I also vote. Perhaps that helps.
Brown	Stephen	PO BOX 180	WEST MANCHESTER	OH	45382-0180	I am retired and on a fixed income. I cannot afford large rate increases for utilities.
Wehrle-Einhorn	Juanita	1554 BENSON DR	DAYTON	OH	45406-4514	Please do not allow Vectren to raise our rates. In our ZIP Code 45406 it would be a hardship for many people. We have just lost Good ,Samaritan hospital and the jobs that go with it. Please do what you can to help us. Thank you for whatever you can do . I appreciate all the help you can give us.
Reilly	Mary	436 Wileray Dr	Miamisburg	OH	45342-3348	I'm a customer on a fixed income from my retirement. My level bill went from \$45 to \$67 for this new year. An additional increase is unacceptable and unreasonable. All of my utilities keep raising their rates and I as a user have no option but to keep paying. When will the users get a break?
ward	patty	5534 HEMPLE RD	MIAMISBURG	OH	45342-1043	We that are on social security can t afford a bike like this on are bills, we are just getting by now, if you have fever been on social security then you would know how this will hurt us. !!! Please think about the lower class in the decission,,thank you
Bielecki	John			OH	45458-4907	The proposed rate hike by Vectren would almost double (100%) the fees paid by consumers. Such a large increase is unfair, unethical, and a true hardship for many Ohians. Incomes are low in Ohio and increases in basic utilities such as these make living here and making ends meet tough! Please do not allow this to happen. Protect our citizens from such corporate greed!
Langham	Michael	904 SEIBERT AVE	MIAMISBURG	OH	45342-3042	The amount proposed would equate to about a 33% increase to my monthly bill. Not acceptable. Do not allow this PUCO for case numbers: 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR, and 18-0299-GA-ALT
Walton	Larry	5848 RESIK DR	HUBER HEIGHTS	OH	45424-4322	I'm disabled and on a very limited budget. It would be very difficult to absorb. Not clear on why Vectren would need such a large increase. Please consider a smaller increase to benefit every one
Seifert	Thomas	951 Independence Dr	Kettering	OH	45429-5639	There are countless number of seniors and low income families on fix income who can not afford a rate increase along with the approved school levy that just passed in Kettering Oh,
McLemore	Sonya	5130 BALLARD DR	DAYTON	OH	45417-6022	I am on a fixed income and this will make it harder for me to pay my bill.
Williams	Williams	2325 Oakbark St	Miamisburg	OH	45342-2756	Don't let Vectren raise the rates on us senior citizens, we are poor enough as it is, we don't get raises that cover all the rate increases happening every year, we just get further and further behind!!!!

ROSTAD	SUSAN	3607 Twinbrook Ln	Kettering	OH	45429-4415	I'm on Social Security. I budget carefully to make ends meet. Energy is critical to live a modest life. Increasing rates like this will negatively affect my ability to live a comfortable life and keep up with my bills.
Napier	Susan	30 S HAMPTON RD # 175	DONNELSVILLE	OH	45319-5006	It is hard enough already to pay the rates that be. The elderly are on a fixed income and some barely have enough per month to eat. The increase is really steep and then they throw in all those "hidden" fees to we unsuspecting souls. Also, if you have time, I would like to know why Donnelsville, OH is paying an outrageous amount of \$85.00 per month for sewer. Yes, that is only sewer.
Kehl	Richard	6847 Rose Glen Dr	Dayton	OH	45459-1392	FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, PEOPLE! WE'VE STUCK WITH VECTREN FOR YEARS IN SPITE OF OTHER OFFERS,.....AND THIS IS HOW WE ARE THANKED?????!!!! WE ARE OLD PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOME!!!! PLEASE CONSIDER BEFORE YOU ACT! YOU, TOO, WILL OLD SOME DAY.....AND ON FIXED \$\$\$!!!
Sauer	Mark	43 Estonia Dr	New Lebanon	OH	45345-1217	Enough is enough, almost each year they raise the cost of gas. Do you want us to freeze just so we can make ends meet? Help us out, just say NO!!
Witmer	Esther	120 LEONARD ST	WEST LIBERTY	OH	43357-9757	No do not raise our rates. I'm an older adult, over 70 years old and raising the rate could be a hard ship on many my age and older. Please, Vectren, consider this older group that struggle to make ends meet and do not raise rates.
Blakely	David	1860 TRANQUIL DR	MIAMISBURG	OH	45342-6744	The PUCO should not allow additional fees as this creates a hardship for so many seniors and others who lived on a fixed income. This is just another example of how our billing statements become over bearing due to these additional cost elements
Smith	Linda	1598 WOODS DR	BEAVERCREEK	OH	45432-2123	Please please please do not raise the rates. Between not making a terrific salary and paying off unexpected medical bills that insurance didn't cover, we're just barely scraping by. That \$17 extra a month can buy a good amount of groceries in my house.
Wair	Joan	142 Union Ridge Dr	Union	OH	45322-8774	I am having a rough time paying my bill now. As a retiree I don't get enough each month. to pay extra!!!!!! The "BIG" guys get all the good raises -- raise theirs MORE!!!!!!
Levitt	Janet					PUCO case numbers 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR, and 18-0299-GA-ALT As a senior citizen on a fixed income a rate hike of the amount being discussed would force me to cut back on either my food or my medicine, neither of which should be forced on someone my age (70). Social Security never takes into account these huge rate hikes if and when they give us a cost of living increase. I should not have to make a choice like food or medicine in order to pay my gas bill. It is outrageous that the PUCO does not realize the disaster they will engender for older citizens by raising our costs by at least double.
Gerwick	Michael	752 Waldsmith Way	Vandalia	OH	45377-8604	I don't believe that the rates from Vectren need to be raised at such a level. If anything a strong business plan and a stepped annual increase is more responsible. Such a financial hit shows the lack of customer service and a poor business plan.
Bolen	Karen	1 S Maple St Apt C	Jamestown	OH	45335-2503	Because I am stretched to my limit on SS. I will freeze first !
Bushaw	Mike	6765 SUMMERDALE DR	HUBER HEIGHTS	OH	45424-2269	Our rates are too high as it is
Joseph	Miriam	3000 Windmill Dr	Beavercreek	OH	45432-2531	I drive a 14 year old vehicle and live on a limited monthly income and cannot afford an increase of my energy bills
Holmes	Brian	2702 VINELAND TRL	BEAVERCREEK	OH	45430-1821	This rate hike is too much! Unfair to customers and especially to lower and fixed income customers.
Reynolds	Michael	1207 ACORN DR	OAKWOOD	OH	45419-3511	A rate increase of this magnitude is simply unacceptable. This will place a tremendous burden on everyone and especially those with a fixed income such as myself. Please do NOT approve this increase.

Calim	Fred	PO Box 646	Jackson Ctr	OH	45334-0646	Vectren's distribution and service charge is already a rip off. Requesting more when they haven't earned what they're already receiving, doesn't make sense. Stock holders always want more, but any company must deserve and earn high profits instead of just robbing customers with the blessings of PUCO. I as a locked in customer of Vectren, haven't any other gas delivery service available to me. I'm 80 years old and on a fixed income, and can't get additional help since I own my house. Everything goes up. school taxes, real estate taxes, License plates and the list goes on. Please give us poor people who worked their whole life to get ahead, but now that we can't work, raise another service that we can't afford now. Thank you, Fred Calim
Newkold	Ralph	1834 WILLOWGREEN DR	BEAVERCREEK	OH	45432-4011	Vectren's rate should be cut. I am already paying way more than I should be charge. They just collect fees and do almost nothing for it.
Pitstick	Linda	12630 Huntington Rd	South Charleston	OH	45368-9636	Re: 18-0299-GA-ALT & 18-0499-GA-ALT, utility bills are already high enough and the companies make enough money from consumers
Rush	Susan	2880 CHAISE LN	MAINEVILLE	OH	45039-9036	This high increase is punnative to people on fixed incomes or lower incomes. I have worked my whole life and my budget could not handle this amount of increase.
Sykes	William	2177 Sierra Trl	Xenia	OH	45385-1143	A 100% increase? You have got to be kidding. Have you ever gotten a 100% wage increase? Retired folks on Social Security are getting 2.8% starting in January. If you approve this ridiculous increase you will ensure that many of these folks will have a lower standard of living. Get real! No utility should ever get a 100% increase. Time for the PUCO to emphatically say "NO".
Gilbert	Charles	844 Reservoir Rd	Bellefontaine	OH	43311-2739	Ohio's senior citizens are already stretched as far as they can stretch this will be the straw that breaks the camels back, Do not do this,
Wood	Carol	5127 CHAPIN ST	DAYTON	OH	45429-1905	-Please refer to Case # 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298- GA-AIR, 18-0299-GA-ALT. Please do not allow or approve Vectren's proposal to raise our rates or customers charge/monthly bill. I am a 78 year old senior citizen female who lives alone on \$1200 month SS a
Crowley	Jerry	509 STORMS RD	KETTERING	OH	45429-3355	Vectren presumably wants to raise rates to cover its replacement of pipelines, etc--- in other words infrastructure it should have budgeted for over the years. Responsible utilities anticipate and save for replacement of service lines, storage and production facilities. If Vectren hasn't done so, shame on them. It would be wrong to balance their budget on the backs of customers trapped in their distribution monopoly. PUCO, so NO to Vectren
Glass	Richard	5694 Plantation Cir	New Holland	OH	43145-9658	A significant increase such as this proposed one would be very detrimental to folks on fixed incomes or those living near or below the poverty line. Keep it realistic, not outrageous.
Dixon	Gwen	2099 Lakeview Dr	Xenia	OH	45385-1004	Because we are on a fixed income and that kind of raise would be devastating. Please rethink such an increase!
Thomas	Brenda	312 Western Ave	Brookville	OH	45309-1427	Please do not approve Vectren's gas hike. Many of us are on Social Security and that would be a true hardship to me. From \$18 to \$35 is over double the amount. Thank you.
Norvell	Robert	650 N ALEX RD	DAYTON	OH	45449-1330	I am on a fixed income. I am re4tired and this really affects our monthly costa.
thomas	william	108 N Wilkinson Ave	Sidney	OH	45365-2665	me and my wife can not afford any kind of increase we can barely make it the way things are so please don't raise the rates
Suttmiller	Tim	9444 CAPTIVA BAY DR	MIAMISBURG	OH	45342-7853	I live on social security only. There is no way I can afford another increasa

						As a senior citizen and veteran my wife and I are on fixed incomes and the proposed Vectren rate increases would result in a financial hardship for us. Please do not approve PUCO case numbers 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR, and 18-0299-GA-ALT. Almost doubling the current customer charge from \$18 to \$35 per month is not only inflationary but greedy on Vectren's behalf.
Smith	David	2661 BRITANNIA CT	XENIA	OH	45385-8996	
						I have seen nothing from Vectren that improves infrastructure and no proof that these rate increases are justified or necessary
Noland	Thomas					
						Vectren rate increase request appears questionable in regard to almost doubling the monthly customer charge. I'm not privileged to know Vectren's accounting numbers but hope PUCO will fully investigate why the increase is needed. Have not heard of any substantial increase in fuel costs per media. Thanks for listening.
Lindemann	Raymond	3994 Eagle Stone Dr	Dayton	OH	45440-4300	
						I can't afford any more money, I am retired and on a limited income.
Anonymous		1848 Spring Ridge Ct	Xenia	OH	45385-9801	
Boyle	John	738 STANBRIDGE DR	KETTERING	OH	45429-1330	This proposal almost doubles the Vectran rate, this seems unjustified.
Howard	Todd	6241 NORANDA DR	DAYTON	OH	45415-2024	this is total un needed as they charged too much now
						We are currently paying over \$30/month for Vectren's distribution & service charges. Coupled with the gas supplier costs from Direct Energy, our gas bill (main heating source) would double itself over the winter months creating financial impact. Why is it that corporations continuously think about making double their profit? Being successful is about keeping families together. We need those large corporations to think more about humanity and how financial struggles affect the whole family unit.
McGeary	Tamara	1817 PROVINCETOWN RD	DAYTON	OH	45459-3437	
						Female 71 yrs. of age attempting to live on \$1000 per month since 2010. Each of my Social Security raises for past few years have gone to increased premium rate for Medicare Part B which is a given every time a Soc. Sec. raise is announced. I am a three time breast Cancer patient since 1998 heading to second surgery since bilateral mastectomy on 8/10/18. Hoping for assistance with HEAP Program to get me through the heating season. I have owned my own home this second time since 2007.
Franklin	Emma	30 LUTZ AVE	DAYTON	OH	45420-2367	
Molnar	Beth	2698 Washington Mill Rd	Bellbrook	OH	45305-9724	I cannot afford any rate hikes on a fixed income.
						The increase may not seem much to Vectren, but it is for people that are on a fixed income. I am a disabled veteran and the increase for me would take away from what little I get to make ends meet.
Heinrich	Paul	6872 Rose Glen Dr	Dayton	OH	45459-1391	
						We are Senior citizens on a fixed income. Energy prices are already excessive. Our energy grid is unreliable,. Because we are old we recall 50 years with immediate fixes when there is an outage. TodY an outage may take weeks to fix.
Anonymous		420 THELMA AVE	DAYTON	OH	45415-2141	
						I do not support Vectrens proposal to double our rates for service. I am a single parent living paycheck to paycheck like many others. I am on a set budget and have tried to reduce my bills as much as possible. This would be like taking two steps forward and ten backwards. This is a very unreasonable request from Vectren. Please consider those of us including the elderly who are on set budgets and how this would impact us negatively.
Bruss	Tina	840 BROWNING AVE	ENGLEWOOD	OH	45322-2041	
						The proposed increase is extreme and will hurt lower income households. When or if increases become necessary, they should be incremental (well planned in advanced) and more closely aligned to reality. Why is it that government and big utiities can't figure it out out and avoid the big SURPRISE!!!?
Dwyer	Thomas	3300 Westchester Ct	Fairborn	OH	45324-6028	
						Please do not approve the proposal by Vectren to increase customers bills. People are already struggling trying to get by and do not need an increase on their utility bills. I can't understand why Vectren would request such a large increase, I could understand a little but not that much. Thank you
Foster	John	4319 GROSSEPOINT	SPRINGFIELD	OH	45502-9712	
						We are both on VERY TIGHT fixed incomes. This increase would be a big bite out of our food budget. We will soon not be able to eat nutritious food. PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE OUR Vectren Bills. Respectfully yours John Bahun
Bahun	John	381 Hathaway Trail	Tipp City	OH	45371	
						I am a senior citizen, on a fixed income, and cannot afford a raise in ANYTHING. Please reconsider your request to double your charges. A reasonable increase is acceptable, but double is not.
Gidaro	Diane	1400 Mapleridge Dr	Fairborn	OH	45324-3525	
						low income people and folks like me on social security are barley getting by .i think puco should not allow any utility company to basically double any one bill.what is wrong with vectren profits not high enough
landwehr	ronald	161 N State St	Verona	OH	45378-5033	
Anonymous		420 W Main St	Saint Paris	OH	43072-9749	Please do not raise our rates. We who are on a fixed budget cannot do this!
						Regarding PUCO cases 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR, and 18-0299-GA-ALT, please do not let Vectren raise my rates. I am on a fixed income and I pay plenty already.
Miller	Peter					
						This is the 1st time in years that retirees have gotten a half way decent raise and Vectren wants to take OVER HALF of it?!? Really?! PLEASE don't let them.
Eddingfield	Sherry					
Brown	Janice	846 CORNELL DR	DAYTON	OH	45406-5037	Do not increase rates

Anonymous	Laurie	7148 GHEILS CARROLL RD	MORROW	OH	45152-9535	You should not approve Vectren's proposal because it impacts many people negatively. Consider a fund that supports individuals who struggle to pay their bills
Carlock	Charlene	2535 SUNNYWOOD CT	BEAVERCREEK	OH	45434-7008	Turn down this rate increase. Our most vulnerable citizens cannot afford a rate increase as high as this. This nearly doubles the current rate!
Knauer	Nancy	4284 Osborn Rd	Medway	OH	45341-9779	bottom-line we cant afford it.
Heidenreich	Hope	104 FER DON RD	DAYTON	OH	45405-2354	This huge corporation already gets \$30+ per month MINIMUM even when there is ZERO usage for that month. With over a million customers, that is A LOT of money. Our bills need to be lower, not higher. Incomes are not keeping pace with the increase in expenses. We are forced to use Vectren because they're the only gas company. Can you say monopoly?! As an aside, they're nasty and difficult to deal with.
Anonymous		723 Gainsborough Rd	Dayton	OH	45419-3626	While this increase would not be as detrimental to me as many others, I do feel that this is an excessive increase. This is doubling the current cost! This huge increase will certainly affect low income Ohioans who are already struggling to meet their daily financial costs. This would drive many to seek assistance from programs that help pay for heating and electric costs. These programs are already overburdened. Providing more assistance to those who need it would also raise taxes for all citizens of the state.
GORE	DIANE	9455 SUGAR BEND TRL	DAYTON	OH	45458-3862	Re: PUCO case numbers 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR and 18-0299-GA-ALT please, please do NOT request this increase of \$18 + \$1.35 per month. U have already raised my level bill \$13/month. My electric has gone up. My health insurance premium has gone up for 2019. My social security raise is pennies compared to all these increases. Please, no more increases.
Renner	Melissa	9442 CAPTIVA BAY DR	MIAMISBURG	OH	45342-7853	I already have a difficult time paying bills, I think a lot of people are in my position.
McKown	Barbara	844 BLACKFOOT TRL	JAMESTOWN	OH	45335-1007	While I understand the need to keep up with increased utility costs it can't always be done without thought of how it impacts the users. Seniors and lower income individuals and families don't get wage or cost of living increases that cover increases such as these. It leaves us with choices to keep the lights on, keep warm, buy food or medicine. The choices are already difficult for many and these types of increases only compound the shortfalls between income and expenses.
Moore	Denise	PO BOX 64	BLANCHESTER	OH	45107-0064	I as a consumer can barely afford my utility bill as it is, if rates increase I fear I would be forced to go without heat in the winter & air conditioning in the summer as I live on a very low fixed income.
Anonymous		3306 WOONSOCKET ST	SPRINGFIELD	OH	45503-1532	Those of us on Social Security can't afford increase because we don't get increases.
Richardson	Sharon	8780 Deer Plains Way	Huber Heights	OH	45424-7020	The rate increase will impact our lives negatively. We are on a retirement income and already have to decrease our activities to be able to keep up with the increasing living costs. We also suffer from severe arthritis and we would have to reduce our heat to be able to afford the bill which would cause us additional aches due to our again illnesses. Please do not increase the rate. Thank you.
Mitchell	Judith	933 FAR HILLS AVE APT 3	OAKWOOD	OH	45419-3420	I strongly oppose Vectren's proposal to raise rates. I am a senior citizen and we NEVER GET A RAISE.
Scholz	Anita	503 E Alkaline Springs Rd	Vandalia	OH	45377-2605	The rates are already significant.
Allen	Kyle	2424 VALHALLA CT	XENIA	OH	45385-8906	Dear PUCO, Vectrrn should not be permitted to charge 10-20% more each month. That is stiff increase. Many vulnerable Ohioans could be negatively impacted with this type of large relate hike
Gates	Char	619 EDEN ROC DR	XENIA	OH	45385-1710	Please do not approve the proposal from Vectren to raise the rates. Many people are already struggling to make ends meet, especially the elderly. This increase could put them at risk for keeping them warm and in good health.
Bohannon	Phyllis	3111 S LIMESTONE ST	SPRINGFIELD	OH	45505-5025	Senior citizens on monthly income have a hard time paying bills now. If Vectren raises their rates they are going to have to either limit the food they buy or go without some of their prescriptions. Don't punish the elderly just so you can gain a few dollars. Thanks Mrs. Bohannon
Haber	Tillie	605 RUBYTHROAT LN	ENGLEWOOD	OH	45315-8745	I cannot afford another raise for vectren..Please help on this issue.
Taylor	Gail	6486 GREENBROOK DR	DAYTON	OH	45426-1308	There are too many people were on a fixed income they cannot afford to raise rates even those working would have difficulty with this big of an increase. I work and would have a hard time with this type of an increase. And to add an additional monthly increase is outlandish. Has there been any thought to how this could affect the average citizen.
Biddle	Leslie	515 FORRER BLVD APT A	KETTERING	OH	45419-1456	Don't we pay enough??? The cost of living rate stays the same and you want to make it harder for us to have hot water??? It's tough enough paying bills!! Now the extra money you want either takes away from my prescription budget or food out of my mouth!

Workman	Bruce	4810 Christine Dr	Huntsville	OH	43324-9585	Since we are captive customers, you are the only leverage we have with companies like Vectren. I don't have the usual choices a consumer should have. This service charge hike is for doing nothing additional.
Fitch	Roy	2505 Brookside Dr	Springfield	OH	45503-2114	Please don't raise our taxes.
Frey	James	3909 Sterling Dr	Franklin	OH	45005-5029	Too much of an increase.
Shary	Mark	5703 Wyntree Ct	Maineville	OH	45039-7304	Don't let Vectren raise prices.
Miller	Timothy	521 GOLDEN XING	EATON	OH	45320-1062	I do not agree with this very large increase. If it would be index to inflation rates my be justified. Please reconsider this proposal. Timothy Miller Vectren customer Eaton, Ohio 45320
Murphy	Kathy	7900 CENTER RD	WILMINGTON	OH	45177-9466	Low income families cannot afford such excessive increases in energy costs per month.
Lilley	Don	118 DOWNS AVE	URBANA	OH	43078-1002	Dear PUCO, I don't understand why you want to raise a cost that people struggle to pay now, for your own benefit? for your own wealth? I believe that you are WRONG, I'm a member of AARP, they provide discounts, why your company provides rip offs! So your company doesn't care if the elderly freezes? I would bet if was your own relative it might be different, unless your that cold hearted!!!!
Shafer	Doris	507 Hickory Dr	Bradford	OH	45308-1177	We already pay enough, I only use gas in winter but I already pay enough through summer months it's rediculous. And younger people trying to raise their children its hard for all of us,
Richardson	Kendall	1395 HUNTLAND CT S	XENIA	OH	45385-7069	Senior citizens haven't had a raise in social security in many years, and the coming increase for 2019 will not come close to covering all of our increased expenses. Don't add Vectren to the list of unaffordable expenses
Bradshaw	Betty	5030 DONLAW AVE	DAYTON	OH	45417-6006	My social security is just over \$1,000.00 dollars per month and my Vectren bill average \$60.00 per month which does not include Dayton Power & Light bill. An increase for Vectren would be a hardship for those of us senior citizens and low income families if they are granted an increase. Thank you.
Orebaugh	Glenn	100 Cliffton Dr	Piqua	OH	45356-4412	I am against PUCO approving Vectren's proposal to raise customer rates to \$35 from the current \$18, which is almost double. This would place a significant hardship on many people, especially those of us on a fixed income made up of Social Security, which in most cases is our only income. In addition, I am against Vectrens request to approve a \$1.35/month increase on our bill.
Kellar	Edwin	3689 Elmira Dr	Dayton	OH	45439-2408	With all the fracking taking place, the cost of gas should be going down.
Motley	Bergena	161 N ORCHARD AVE	DAYTON	OH	45417-2531	It is difficult to manage your rates now and an increase means the climate factor is not fake. It means energy companies are starting o take advantage of their customets.
Wright Manuel	Linda	5311 HEATHERTON DR	DAYTON	OH	45426-2347	Here in Dayton we are all struggling to make ends meet. As a retired senior our fixed income can only go so far. We all try our best to use what we have wisely.
Zoller	Thomas	2065 S Linda Dr	Bellbrook	OH	45305-1526	I a m retired on a fixed income.
Gregory	Ronald	PO BOX 3031	DAYTON	OH	45401-3031	Do not approve the rate hikes requested by Vectren.This increase will hurt me & those of us on fixed incomes. Know one should have to choose between food & energy bills, Thanks.
Nye	Deborah	5099 Key West Dr	Huber Heights	OH	45424-5973	This will cause a hardship for low income and senior citizens
Patton	Barbara					Our family is on retirement income and this increase would hurt us; as I am sure it would many other families on retirement or with large families. Please think very hard before approving this increase.
Cruea	Judy	7732 SHEPHERDESS DR	HUBER HEIGHTS	OH	45424-2323	This increase in customer charges will put a definite hardship on people living on a fixed income. My father, who is 92, doesn't qualify for any type of assistance on his utility bills. He lives on a fixed income that is just above the poverty level. He is living on a shoestring which allows for no extras.
Swanson	Nita	300 WITHERBY DR	DAYTON	OH	45429-5254	Please do not allow this. It is too hard for seniors and others to make ends meet as it is Thank you
Marvin	Carol					As a senior, denied disability, now receiving \$772 a month in Social Security, I can hardly afford a rate hike in anything. My husband works full time, will be retiring next year and our income will be dropping drastically. We will both be on medicare and still paying out the tail for medical services and scripts. Thank the republicans for their support, the lobbyists and big business for busting our balls and taking away every shred of decency and ability to live as a middle class American.....oh, wait, trump took that away. I will not pay any rate hike. Vectren can pack it in their shorts.



Bucheit	Christine	406 Kling Dr	Dayton	OH	45419-4003	I am retired and do not receive any increases and I keep my thermostat at 64 degrees now so I can afford to pay my bill. This would double my bill.
Yates	Nelson	111 Frederick Dr	Eaton	OH	45320-9509	As a senior citizen living on a fixed income , with the increases in health care and medicine costs, each new additional expense reduces any spendable income I have. How much profit do they need? Evansville-based Vectren Corp. (NYSE: VVC) is reporting full-year net income of \$211.6 million in 2016, up from \$197.3 million the previous year. Chief Executive Officer Carl Chapman says the success of the company's utility operation was due largely to gas infrastructure investment and cost control efforts. Vectren is also reporting fourth quarter net income of \$69.6 million, up from \$65.2 million during the same period in 2015.
Blackburn	Patricia	140 FERN VALLEY WAY APT 101	SOUTH LEBANON	OH	45065-1195	I can't understand why the PUCO would consider raising utility rates. There are so many seniors in this state (me included) and others living on fixed incomes that proposal numbers 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR, and 18-0299-GA-ALT would be a hardship on many residences of this state. Please reconsider this increase or give retired and low income residences a break.
Powell	Russell	526 DEPTFORD AVE	DAYTON	OH	45429-5939	This is totally ridiculous. This utility needs to revisit their business their business plan. See why they are losing money, what is their 5, 10 and 15 years goals and hurdles.
Bahun	Anna					My husband and I are on Social Security and we cannot afford this raise. It would take away monies we need for groceries.
Barksdale	Susan E.	6380 THOMAS PAINE PKWY	DAYTON	OH	45459-2507	I'm a senior forced to work past age of retirement just to survive !! I've depleted my IRA trying to get out of debt and get my monthly bills as low as possible! Please do not raise the bill more!!!
Flinn	Alice	4445 Comanche Trl	Jamestown	OH	45335-1455	I am a retired person (5 years) and am living on Social Security alone. We don't get any increases that would even begin to cover the increase from \$18 to \$35 which lacks only \$1 of being a 100% increase. The cost of living is increasing every year, but our income is not increased to keep up with it. There has to be a way Vectren can find better methods of generating and delivering energy without increasing cost.
Stotz	Marvin	689 Humock Ct	Maineville	OH	45039-7368	People are struggling now , financially !!!!!!! We need solar and wind energy , not higher utility rates !!!
Bloom	Suzanne	738 N GALLOWAY ST	XENIA	OH	45385-2314	I am a senior citizen who will be retiring after the first of the year. An increase such as Vectren is proposing would negatively impact my monthly expenditures.
Bayless	Russell	1870 PINEHURST DR	SPRINGFIELD	OH	45502-7897	I'm on social security and can't afford all the raises that keep coming
Jones	Lori	10198 CHEROKEE DR	HUNTSVILLE	OH	43324-9536	I cannot afford any price rate increases. I am basically on a fixed income and can barely afford my bill now. Any increase will throw my budget into a tailspin. I feel that I am not the only one in my position. Vectren would just be setting up their fixed income customers for failure. Failure, meaning, ie late payments, late fees, various charges, and possible disconnect.
Hessidence	Mary	33 GABRIEL ST	VANDALIA	OH	45377-1909	I'm a senior living on a fixed income & each year increase in payments are more than my social security check. I have recently cancelled my Spectrum account for home phone & WiFi as it has become too high. Please Do Not increase customer charge from \$18 to \$35 pet month as it definitely will hurt so many seniors. Seniors worked hard & it's getti very difficult to live on our SS. Thank you, Mary Hessidence
Gantt	Richard	650 S URBANA LISBON RD	SOUTH VIENNA	OH	45369-9788	This rate increase is much greater than the current inflation rate. Vectren's justification is not sound. I could support an increase with transparent justification but this request is neither justified ir transparent.
Nawman	Carl	7112 Citadel Dr	Huber Heights	OH	45424-3140	I'm on a fixed income and couldn't absorb the increase!!
Mineo	Ceci	345 MORTON AVE	DAYTON	OH	45410-1303	I am on a fixed income and this fee would be a hardship.
Burch	Cathy	1223 WESTWOOD DR	SIDNEY	OH	45365-8993	I don't see why this should be aloud, I already pay \$27 a month just to have access to their lines in order to receive gas from another company. I can't see how they are doing much each month, why should the American people have to pay more for this. I am a senior and on a fixed income, this would be an unnecessary cost to all of us.
Young	Beth	116 WOLF AVE	ENGLEWOOD	OH	45322-1635	No doubt the increase is for infrastructure. Since rates have not been raised in several years, then Vectren should have invested the \$ and made profits to pay for the needed infrastructure. Have the owners made great profits in the past? Hopefully the manage our payments wisely and can manage without raising our rates. I do not support raising the rates for some vague notion of "infrastructure." I do not support raising the rates without clear understanding it is in the best interest of the poor and middle class folks.

Ciaravolo	Frank	1050 CHARLWOOD AVE	DAYTON	OH	45432-1670	Times are rough right now for the average American. Many workers are being paid below the poverty level and do not have any benefits. They are trying to make ends meet and this titanic boost in customer charges would cause much suffering. Please do not approve Vectren's gargantuan increase.
Hellrigel	Elaine	3607 Bethany Ct	Dayton	OH	45415-2005	For those of us on fixed incomes, these fees are killers. We don't get raises anymore and Social Security hasn't given us an increase to keep up with the cost of living in years. Vectren should learn to operate more efficiently rather than ask their customers to keep paying more.
Fugett	Gary	1101 Lexington Ave	Fairborn	OH	45324-3713	I am on social security and almost can't meet my bills as it is. I take blood thinners so when this weather turns cold I have to bump up my thermostat to keep warm. If I don't I feel like I could freeze to death. Please take in consideration the elderly, and single parent homes. Please do not increase Vectren ..
Conley	Shane	143 REDDER AVE	DAYTON	OH	45405-2226	This rate increase seems unnecessary, and if they complain about the cost of fixing their own infrastructure, they should have been setting aside funds for that from a long time ago.
Comley	Allen	4557 CROFTSHIRE DR	KETTERING	OH	45440-1702	I have no one to count on but my Social Security and I have a hard time living now you raise the rate what do I do quit eating please don't raise it
Colter	Jennifer	1221 WISCONSIN BLVD	DAYTON	OH	45417-3946	Please do not raise the rates for Vectren. It's already hard trying to keep up with what I'm already paying. Don't make it any harder. Please!
Waller	Richard	1257 WILD GOOSE WAY	CENTERVILLE	OH	45458-2776	Size of increase is ridiculous. Add this to health care etc. it is irresponsible. Richard and Rose Waller St Leonard Retirement community We don't need this. Please turn this down. Thank you.
Bachman	Jackie	1850 S State Route 123	Lebanon	OH	45036-9644	Because we are retired and on a limited income I wish not for my already high utility bills go any higher
Crutcher	Robert	355 Hadley Ave	Oakwood	OH	45419-2611	I'm writing to let you know that the proposed rate increases by Vectren to the PUCO (case numbers 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR, and 18-0299-GA-ALT) should not be allowed. We've already had several increases. Many people can barely afford the current rates. I urge you to deny Vectren's request.
SEIFERT	DOUGLAS	1325 S ELM ST	DAYTON	OH	45449-2339	Doubling the rate is unacceptable. My wages went up 2 per cent last year. How can you justify a 95 percent increase in the base rate?
Young	Richard	2260 Berrycreek Dr	Kettering	OH	45440-2621	The proposed rate increase would be a real burden to older people and folks on fixed income. Surely, it can't be necessary to nearly double their rates.
Buell	Thomas	8 Stafford Ave	Dayton	OH	45405-2336	An increase I charge would be uncalled for and unmerited.
Myers	Deacon philip					You got to be kidding me. A \$17.00 raise per month is outrageous. Instead of raising our rates why don't you reduce the bonus's the fat cats get in upper management. They can afford that better than those of us on fixed incomes. Give us a break.
Steckling	Robin	8811 Normandy Creek Dr	Dayton	OH	45458-3405	NO NO NO NO!!! I am on Social Security and have a job, and still make under \$20,000 a year!! I already struggle paying my DP&L bill, and I keep my thermostat at 65 degrees all winter!! I'm cold and broke....don't raise my rates!!!!!!
Bennett	William	7250 Cosner Dr	Huber Heights	OH	45424-3362	We don't believe that Vectren should get an increase. Seems as though we keep getting increase in what we have to pay but very little in increases to our income. Yes, we are getting a minute increase in Social Security. Most of us on Social Security have earned this money and now Utilities and the Government want to take it back. I am 75 and have worked every since I was 15 years old. Government has been dipping into this for many, many, years AND NOW THEY CALL IT entitlement, what Bull. We have to budget and live with what little our retirement and Social Security brings in. Govt and Utilities should have to do the same. When they want more money they keep sticking it to the people. It about time they learn to budget the millions, or billions they already have coming in. The truth does hurt and we the people are feeling it. So, let's try to give this country back to the people of the United States of America. And yes, it is still Merry Christ, not Happy Holidays. Thank you

						Absolutely positively do NOT raise my rate as I am one of many senior citizens living ONLY on social security and cannot afford to have you and other necessary "evils" continue to bleed us, putting us in a position to either pay our utility bills or buy food and medicine. If it's up to me, I'll continue to buy food needed for the preservation of life and medication for the continuance of treatment for my diabetes and COPD. And the utility companies and other greedy monopolies can get in line. If I'd been born with a silver spoon, I STILL wouldn't give you carte blanche to screw us!!! Thank you.
Kraft	Becky	14 RED CEDAR DR	TROY	OH	45373-2743	
Thomas	Linda	113 W 7TH ST	FRANKLIN	OH	45005-2708	Please keep the rates at the lowest possible amount needed to provide services to all customers and income levels!
Graves	Nancy	1592 E HIGH ST APT 104	SPRINGFIELD	OH	45505-1257	Why? Do not raise your rates. You will be pricing us out of your services.
Wells	Eva	4600 BLOOMFIELD DR	DAYTON	OH	45426-1806	Being on a fix income - this is going to hurt. Why don't you get something when you pay your bill on time or a senior discount.
Powell	Raymond					We need cheaper utilities. Please and Thku.
Liming	Cynthia	219 PURCELL DR	XENIA	OH	45385-1213	The requested rate increase is extreme. If there are areas where more dollars are needed, try a smaller increase. Such a large amount will very negatively affect my fixed income budget.
Bell	Richard	10208 STAPLEFORD MNR	LOVELAND	OH	45140-6652	I am retired and live on a retiree's salary. Thus, My wife and I cannot afford arbitrary price increases for essential services. Therefore,do not raise rates at this time. Thank you. Richard T.Bell
Fullenkamp	Greg	10940 DAYTON CINCINNATI PIKE	MIAMISBURG	OH	45342-6238	Raising rates will create a hardship on older Ohioans on a fixed income. If rates must be raised there should be more assistance programs for these that are vulnerable.
Heet	Marilyn	4561 Powell Rd	Dayton	OH	45424-5861	This proposed \$18/month increase by Vectren seems like a huge increase!! This means that hundreds of thousands of customers will be paying an additional \$216 per year. How does Vectren justify this increase? How will this extra income be used? The public needs to be made aware of what is happening, and why.
Wilson	Roxanne	4283 THOMPSON DR APT 22	DAYTON	OH	45416-2220	Please do not approve Vectrens proposal to raise customers rates. I have a family member and friend who are on disability and they don't get much public assistance. They and a lot others would suffer financially They are struggling now with the cost of food and health care issues.
Huff	Rae	303 Hacker Rd	Dayton	OH	45415-2230	Stand up for the "little guy." Just say NO!
Workman	Larry	1665 ROXBURY DR	XENIA	OH	45385-4928	we cannot afford it.
Gillen	Debbie	397 Mitchell Rd	Wilmington	OH	45177-8774	Vectron's proposed rate hike is too high. Please do not approve.
GARD	JANICE	6909 ALTER RD	DAYTON	OH	45424-3136	i AM A SENIOR ON A FIXED INCOME AND ANY MORE FEES ON A SS NET INCOME OF \$468 PER MONTH WILL BE MORE OF A HARDSHIP. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW VECTERN AND ANY OTHERS CONNECTED TO GET THIS INCREASE.
Robinson	Roxanne	1657 RUSKIN RD	DAYTON	OH	45406-4117	I, like many Americans are on Social Security and barely making ends meet. The continued rate hikes with the cost of living is far above what we receive and is getting more difficult to handle each year. We need a brake. Unless you come up with a plan where those of us on SS get reduced rates I beg of you not to increase rates the next year.
Calcagni	Robert	2348 Ferndown Dr	Miamisburg	OH	45342-7435	As a senior citizen on a low fixed income this would severely hurt my household budget and most likely put a crimp on my required spending for food, utilities and medical care. Please do not allow this increase to go into effect or if you must give senior citizens a discount factor to overcome this proposal.
Callahan	Keith					The amount of the increase is a 94% increase where in the world would anyone be allowed to raise their rate for a necessary basic human need, ie to stay warm. I would ask that you think of the folks with less disposable income when you review vs the reasons put forward by Vecturen.
Wagner	Richard	6077 FAR HILLS AVE # 276	DAYTON	OH	45459-1923	Many seniors are on a fixed income that is shrinking with increasing costs for health care every month! Energy corporate CEOs are making more than their fair share of income. Be reasonable, fair (to consumers) and just.
House	Marie	2994 Swisher Mill Rd	Lewisburg	OH	45338-8102	I question the need to double the base for consumers. This seems like very poor planning on Vectrens part. We all expect some increases over time, but this is just to much!
Kroger	Tanya	1820 QUAIL NEST CT	TROY	OH	45373-7573	This will have a negative impact on Low income Ohioans who already struggle with the most basic costs of living including food and health care.
DeHorn	Roger	2331 Vienna Pkwy	Dayton	OH	45459-1373	I can't afford it I'm retired and on a fixed income
Crane	Nancy	2293 Springmill Rd	Kettering	OH	45440-2563	Folks on fixed incomes cannot afford an increase in gas rates. We skimp on heat as it is and cannot afford any increases!

Piatt	James	1526 Beck Dr	Sidney	OH	45365-1902	What? My wife and I already struggle to pay our bills. We are being sued by two companies right now because we cannot pay our bills. Our senior retirement income can't keep up with the cost of living. I even started working again to try to keep up with our bills. Increases in our gas or electric bills will make it even harder for us to pay everything and still have money for food and other essentials. I'm asking the PUCO not to approve any price hike for which Vectren is asking.
Neal	Lori	2010 BRANDT PIKE	DAYTON	OH	45404-2324	Our gas bills are already high enough, a rate increase will only be used to give pay raises to corporate morons. I honestly can't believe you would even consider this an option.
Johnston	Rebecca	1034 Terracewood Dr	Englewood	OH	45322-2456	We are retired and living on a fixed income. We cannot afford such a large raise.
Jordan	Linda					I am on a fixed i come, and simply cannot afford this kind of hime. I, as I am sure others already keep heat low (65) and a/c high (78) so we can afford it. You may be losing money because of this, but raising prices is not the answer--look at how well that has worked for USPS!! Vectren Shareholders and Executives should not be gouging those who can least afford it. Thank you
Fishman	Beth			OH	45458-3014	A rate hike like you are proposing would impact your customers significantly. For those struggling financially it will be devastating. Many Seniors in fixed incomes will be impacted as well.... Please do not approve PUCO case number 18-0049-GA-ALT,18-0299-GA-ALT, and 18-0298-GA-AIR.
Battle	Donna	796 Dayton St	Yellow Springs	OH	45387-1734	If these bill get any higher we are going to have no choice but to cancel them all just to buy food. I am tired of every time a turn around people have their hands out. I can't even get a job and all people care about is how much can they stuff in their pockets.
Lower	Dave	1629 Yellow Rose Ct	Fairborn	OH	45324-9646	Another price gouge by my local monopoly. \$35 just to maintain my account whether I use the product or not...it's outrageous. I was in Sales for 30 years and we never charged a fee just to have an account on the books!Stop this now! My retirement does not increase by any % like this!
lewis	myra	5400 Montgomery Square Dr Apt A	Dayton	OH	45440-2924	Your increase in rates for vectren will affect those of us on minimum fixed incomes...horrible hardship...
Kogler	Lorraine	3077 Willowbrook Way	Beavercreek	OH	45431-7702	The rate increase that Vectren is proposing will certainly have a negative effect upon low income individuals as well as the elderly who have other bills to pay, such as for health care, food, and rent. Such a rate increase will be a hardship for many. Please reconsider this proposed rate increase.
echols-ellison	wanda	5751 DAPHNE LN	DAYTON	OH	45415-2611	Please DO NOT RAISE YOUR RATES!! I am on a fixed income aa well as alot of my friends and family. This will cause undue hardship on me and others. My husband has been out of work for the last 8 months. I urge you to think about how you're hurting us! Sincerely Wanda Echols-Ellison
Richardson	JoAnn	3306 Harvard Blvd	Dayton	OH	45406-4128	Please do not even think about considering letting Vectren raise their prices. I live in a 55 and over community, my neighbors are on fixed incomes and cannot afford their Vectren bills now. I work with homeless families who are struggling to pay rent and utilities, don't let Vectren do this to our communities. In my school district where Vectren is the provider over 1200 students have been identified as homeless, a large portion of that is due to high rent and utilities.
BARRATT	J	1351 Oakhurst Ct	Lebanon	OH	45036-4036	PUCO: RE: 18-0049-GA-ALT, 180298-GA-AIR, 18-0299-GA-ALT We heard that Vectren wants to nearly double its monthly charge. We are in our late 70's and our social security increases (less than 3%) are negated by Medicare increases alone. All basic living expenses keep rising. Please consider that approving Vectren's proposal would create a real hardship on all people like us. Thank you for your time and attention. J.& C. Barratt
Ritenour	Lynn	779 BIRCH CT	JAMESTOWN	OH	45335-2510	I appose the PUCO raising the current customer charge with Vectren. The costs will put all americans in jeopardy. We are not able to make our bill payments because the cost of living raises are not equal to the costs of the bills we have to pay. This increase will put ALL OF US in a bind. What does it take for us to make the life we earned in our later years? We worked hard to get the later years where we could afford to not worry where the next bill could be paid. Or where we can get the money to pay for our medicines? So if your raise the costs then it will not be at the way where I can live and have worked so hard for. You just want to give your share holders the dividends and they can rack up their millions. WHERE WILL IT STOP?
Harris	Connie	237 Eaton Ave	Eaton	OH	45320-1027	Come on....! Doubling..or more than doubling this charge? Gas is the preferred heat for senior citizens, who are dealing with shrinking incomes and increased bills-including healthcare. They cannot afford this outlandish charge! Why take advantage of Ohio Senor Citizens? It may seem insignificant, even at the additional \$1.35 a month. I am very upset to think by virtue of living in Rust Belt Ohio, that my fellow citizens and I will be overrun by the PUCO approving this plan! Connie L. Harris Eaton, OH (current Vectren customer)

						Re PUCO case numbers 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR, and 18-0299-GA-ALT: I am not sure how Vectren can justify doubling our gas bills. Like many older citizens, I have a limited income. I do everything I can to conserve energy in my apartment. Doubling my bill does not seem like much of a reward for my efforts. Please consider Vectren's request carefully. Also, this is yet another reason why every Ohio citizen - including those of you with PUCO - need to demand and support renewable energy sources. Thank you for your consideration.
Davis	Patricia	1243 BRINDLESTONE DR	VANDALIA	OH	45377-3155	
Salyers	Sharon	1635 HORLACHER AVE	KETTERING	OH	45420-3234	Seniors can barely pay the rates now. This will be devastating to many. This is not right.
Amrine	Terry	159 Westview Dr	Urbana	OH	43078-1168	We don't have the money now to pay our bills!
Bahel	Vijay	542 SPYGLASS CT	SIDNEY	OH	45365-3630	There is no reason to raise rates and make it more burdensome for fixed income retirees.
Huber	John	259 LORENZ AVE	DAYTON	OH	45417-2335	Vectren's purpose should be to lessen the burden of public utilities by using less fossil fuel of its customers. The consideration of a rate increase to supply more fossil fuels usage does NOT sit well with me. There should be more research to eliminate all the fossil fuels that Vectren allows, uses and other items of fossil fuel associated with Vectren. It may be easier to use fossil fuels now but in the long term, it will cost more than most people realize.
Morris	Elizabeth					This is a huge increase for seniors on fixed income. Social Security won't increase as much as senior's gas bills!
Anonymous		5018 SIERRA CIR S	DAYTON	OH	45414-3688	I can barely afford to pay my bill now . Plus the fact that the electric goes off and is off all day without any bad weather .
Dowds	Marcia	2316 Saint Charles Ave	Dayton	OH	45410-2717	This rate hike will have a significant impact on my limited budget. I understand the need for increases to cover costs but this hike is prohibitive. I am concerned about how I can cut more from my budget to make this work. And I am fully employed. I can imagine how difficult this will be for those on a fixed income. Are there other alternatives than this steep and unreasonable rate hike?
Reese	Jacqueline	5908 CORSICA DR	DAYTON	OH	45424-3509	Your rates are already high and I cant afford your gas as it is!!!
Gerth	Allen	7512 WETHERSFIELD DR	MAINEVILLE	OH	45039-8875	Vectren should not be in the energy business if they can not control their expenses. Doubling the rates that consumers have to pay is not right and not in the best interest of the PUCO. Let Vectren go out of business or make them get their expenses in line.
LambWilson	Glenda	1020 DEMPHLE AVE	DAYTON	OH	45410-1919	Rates are already too high for this area where many of us are on fixed income or unemployed. Rates need to be lowered.
Hynes	Tony					Vectron continues to increase rates and reduce service - pushing its desire to increase profits over customer care and service. We are a captured audience in getting gas service, we may be able to purchase "gas" from other suppliers but not the service it is a monopoly in terms of distribution and delivery. This is a 94% increase for providing the exact same or indeed less service than they did last year. 94% is robbing each and every locked in subscriber to a utility that nobody has a choice about other than having to physically move house to a different area. Who else gets a 94% increase over night for no additional effort. No other service industry get this type of increase handed to them, increases should be earned on the open market not this locked in monopoly. What do as I get for this huge increase? Will the gas be better? Will it burn cleaner? Will it be delivered faster? Are they replacing the aging infrastructure with this increase?
Pierson	Pam	1361 Westmoor Dr	Wilmington	OH	45177-2552	Please do not approve VECTREN'S request to raise their rates. Many retired people such as my husband and myself live month to month on our social security. People with fixed incomes have a difficult time now. Such a rate increase would become a burden for many.
Clemens	Charyl	226 Rolling Acres Dr	Tipp City	OH	45371-1158	Do not allow Vectren to raise the rates they are already too high for fixed income people
Slutsky	Lisa	8467 Sunfish Ln	Maineville	OH	45039-9568	Please keep the rate increase to a lower percentage to assist people living on fixed incomes.
Doggett	Linda	521 SHELBY AVE	DAYTON	OH	45419-4040	The dollar can only be stretched so far. Medicine goes up, food goes up, now you think it is appropriate for gas to go up as well? NO!
Voisard	Sheryl	3834 STATE ROUTE 121	GREENVILLE	OH	45331-9736	Companies make billions and thats still not enuf. People r struggling n this country and need to keep those proposed hike dollars n their pocket for their families!!!

sink	Stephen Eric	2024 KILDARE AVE	DAYTON	OH	45414-3217	This desire by Vectren for a raise is fleecing the public.I've been good citizen. Energy saving appliances,light bulbs, furnace & air. Last bill to Vectren was \$12.31 for gas, and \$29.73 delivery charge to Vectren. We can't win. Your job is to protect the public. When did Public Utilities become a get rich sceme for utility companies.? Thank you for your attention. Stephen Sink
Bright	John	930 GOLDEN BEECH DR	BROOKVILLE	OH	45309-8626	Its way too much, not needed. Will impact lower income households. Do not approve. Thank you.
Santillan	Eliseo	2045 RUSTIC RD	DAYTON	OH	45405-3234	Low income people have a lot of problems to pay utilities bills we can not buy some food because we need pay the bills if we do not pay them we receive notices that will be cut the services at this rate if rate hikes many people will live without utilities .
Green	Tonya	141 LISCUM DR	DAYTON	OH	45417-8902	Rates are high enough. - raising them is essentially price gawging because you have no competition in the market and will be a hardship for those of us that live in a fixed income.
Adams	Jerry	3855 LUJON DR	BEAVERCREEK	OH	45431-1720	No more rate hikes! A gas rate hike like Vectren is proposing could have a negative impact on low income Ohioans who already struggle with the most basic costs of living including food and health care. Not an 18 dollar or even a dollar 1.35 a month increase. Vectren don't even supply natural gas they just the have service to deliver the natural gas to you.
Board	Gretta	8493 TOWSON BLVD	MIAMISBURG	OH	45342-3712	I feel this is an outrages amount to raise ANYONE'S utility bill!!! I am NOT for this increase, PERIOD!! Especially we have so many low income and elderly that can not afford this raise. I can not either !!!
Granville	William	978 Belfast Dr	Dayton	OH	45440-3850	do not approve Vectrens customer rate increases Gas bill is already to high
GIET	LARRY	4885 FOLGER DRIVE	TROY	OH	45373	YOU SHOULD NOT APPROVE PROPOSAL TO RAISE RATES.
O'Connor	Frances	2353 Vienna Pkwy	Dayton	OH	45459-1373	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) should not approve a current proposal from Vectren that would add another \$17 per month to their customers' energy bills. A rate hike like Vectren is proposing could have a negative impact on low income Ohioans and older Ohioans on fixed incomes who already struggle with the most basic costs of living including food and health care.
Baker	Darrell	264 Mitchell Rd	Wilmington	OH	45177-8517	Need data to support an increase
Ortiz	Mark	1948 CABERNET WAY	BELLBROOK	OH	45305-7500	Literally that would benleaving the elder out in the cold. Instead of raisibg the rates for the elder raise it in shopping centers, malls, restaurants, public venues etc. They have the highest consumption and they can subsidize keep the ohio elderly warm
VanHoose	Dennis	129 PATRICK AVE	URBANA	OH	43078-2123	This is too great an increase for those on social security.
McLemore	Danny	35 W MELFORD AVE	DAYTON	OH	45405-1741	paying to much now
Geiger	Clarence Roy	801 EMERALD DR	SOUTH LEBANON	OH	45065-3012	I'm retired and on a fixed income!
Meyer	Thomas	2520 Marimont Dr	Dayton	OH	45410-3222	Concerning PUCO case numbers 18-0049-GA-ALT, 18-0298-GA-AIR, and 18-0299-GA-ALT, gas rate hikes like Vectren is proposing could have a negative impact on all Ohioans who already struggle with the most basic costs of living including food and health care. When are we going to start saying "NO" to excessive profits by our utility companies? The modest raise in our Social Security benefits will be wiped out by just one utility cost increase!
DeLong	Roger	251 E Dayton Yellow Springs Rd	Fairborn	OH	45324-3956	We live on a fixed income and we are both disable taking care of a disable grand daughter. We get very little raise in our social security checks while other prices are going up taking a large amount of our retirement income.
Klein	Richard	2708 Blue Rock Dr	Beavercreek	OH	45434-6465	For retirees on a fixed income, this is as much or more than what most will receive as an increase to their Social Security in 2019. It just makes it tougher for retirees to make ends meet.
Davis	Robert	14189 CHARM HILL DR	SIDNEY	OH	45365-9473	STOP the increases !!
becht	janet	3047 Parkwood Dr	Troy	OH	45373-8982	gas prices are already high enough. I do not support increasing them "just because" . this will be especially hard on low income and others such as senior citizens on a fixed income.
Corrigan	Theodore	4200 FREUDENBERGER AVE	DAYTON	OH	45417-9506	Seniors can't afford price increase this season..
Anonymous	Douglas	711 E CECIL ST	SPRINGFIELD	OH	45503-3817	Nothing about our service changes nothing's better and we're all on fixed incomes. Let's use Tesla's discoveries

Weyrick	John	7180 WHITETAIL TRL	DAYTON	OH	45459-6105	Finances are already an increasing burden on the elderly, unemployed and those economically depressed. Such an increase would further impact one's ability to afford housing, food, medical insurance, etc. I ask for disapproval of Vectren's proposal to significantly raise customers' rates.
Jones Sr	Rodney M	1420 VANDERLYN CT	FAIRBORN	OH	45324-8529	Dear PUCO, Your company is already making more than enough money to keep our rates as low as they are and maybe lower our rates. The new Tax Plan Rate that was passed recently gave the Wealthiest People in the United States a raise NOT the Middle or Lower Class any benefits as for paying taxes. Who do you think is going to pay for that RAISE? We are your Middle and Lower Class residents. You don't need another Mercedes Benz when some of us don't own a CAR!
Gower	Keith	173 ARK AVE	GREENVILLE	OH	45331-2501	As a senior citizen I already pay too much for gas from Vectren. Vectren has to hold the costs with no increase!
Strausburg	Jeanie	410 Triangle Ave.	Oakwood	OH	45419	Seniors, such as myself, cannot cover this type of rate hike. Even the Social Security cost of living is not enough to cover it. While I might understand a small increase monthly, this type of rate hike is unreasonable. Seniors and those on limited incomes cannot choose to be without utilities, especially in cold winter months, and many do not have the ability or health to increase their income. That means they must choose to give up something else...food? Medical care? Why not raise large business utilization instead? PUCO should be responsive to the public and exhibit responsible, fair, and reasonable decisions. A rate hike like Vectren is proposing will have a negative impact on low income Ohioans and older Ohioans on fixed incomes who already struggle with the most basic costs of living including food and health care. I urge you to reject this request.
Ray	Gary	623 WILLOW POINT CT	TROY	OH	45373-8623	I am on a fixed income. My budget is very tight. Please do not raise my rates. Thank you.
Wombold	Misti					No
Collin	Richard	22 NOTRE DAME AVE	DAYTON	OH	45404-1924	The rates not only hurt low income and elderly people on set incomes but those of us that are working on retiring. The rate hike hurts everyone except Vectren. Now they want a hike the rate when we are coming up on the worse time of year.
Gillespey	Cw					We sit in a chilly house all Winter to keep our Vectren bill down. Their proposed increase and minimum charge will be a burden to many and flies in the face of "conservation" efforts.
Nies	Terril	641 Greenlawn Ave	Dayton	OH	45403-3355	I can't afford the price increase Don't let them raise it
Bissett	Terry	6701 Oakfield Dr	Dayton	OH	45415-1526	I am writing this request on behalf of family members who struggle, especially during the winter heating season, to make ends meet due to high energy costs. Any additional natural gas fees imposed by Vectren will further ascerbate the situation. Thank you for your consideration of a denial of the raise in rates.
Watts	Doyle					Please do not freeze Pensioners.
Ventura	Lee	6500 PARTRIDGE WAY	MASON	OH	45040-7009	rates are already too high increasing would have a negative impact on me and my family who struggle to keep the lights on as it is. please do not approve a rate increase thank you
Ankney	Ellen	1531 CRESCENT BLVD	DAYTON	OH	45409-1640	Vectren is not suffering a loss of revenues. Vectren is not offering an 'improved' service. Vectren should not be permitted to charge people more for delivery than they are paying for the product.
Delehanty	Sandi	8350 PREBLE COUNTY LINE RD	BROOKVILLE	OH	45309-9742	I'm in Social Security and can't afford an increase. I don't even make enough money to file taxes. Elderly citizens like myself should not have to worry about a large multi million dollar company wanting more money for their pockets.
Kennedy	Betty	9933 BUCKEYE DR	HUNTSVILLE	OH	43324-9659	NO< NO, NO, No please

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