BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO _ _ _ In the Matter of the : Application of Vectren : Energy Delivery of Ohio, : Case No. 18-298-GA-AIR Inc., For Approval of an : Increase in Gas Rates. In the Matter of the Application of Vectren : Energy Delivery of Ohio, : Case No. 18-299-GA-ALT Inc., For Approval of an : Alternative Rate Plan. In the Matter of the Application of Vectren : Energy Delivery of Ohio, : Case No. 18-49-GA-ALT Inc., For Approval of an : Alternative Rate Plan. PROCEEDINGS Before Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, at the Fayette Commission on Aging, 1179 South Elm Street, Washington Courthouse, Ohio, called at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2018. ARMSTRONG & OKEY, INC. 222 East Town Street, Second Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-4620 (614) 224-9481 - (800) 223-9481 _ _ _

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1 **APPEARANCES:** 2 Vectrin Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.: By Jason Stephenson, Esq. 3 One Vectren Square Evansville, Indiana 47708 4 Jstephenson@vectren.com 5 On behalf of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. 6 Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel: 7 Amy Botschner O'Brien, Esq. 65 East State Street, 7th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-4213 8 Amy.Botschner.O'Brien@occ.ohio.gov 9 On behalf of the Office of the Ohio 10 Consumers' Counsel. 11 Also Present: 12 Thomas W. Johnson, Commissioner 13 Daniel R. Conway, Commissioner Andy Tinkham, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25

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1	Monday Evening Session,		
2	November 26th, 2018.		
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4	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Good evening and		
5	welcome. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has		
6	assigned for public hearing at this time and place		
7	Case Nos. 18-298-GA-AIR, 18-299-GA-ALT, and		
8	18-49-GA-ALT, being In the Matter of the Application		
9	of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., For		
10	Approval of an Increase in Gas Rates, combined with		
11	two applications for approval of an Alternative Rate		
12	Plan.		
13	My name is Patricia Schabo and I'm one		
14	of the Attorney-Examiners assigned by the Public		
15	Utilities Commission of Ohio to preside over this		
16	hearing.		
17	At this time I would like to take		
18	appearances on behalf of the parties, beginning with		
19	the company.		
20	MR. STEPHENSON: Thank you, your Honor.		
21	Appearing on behalf of Vectren Energy Delivery of		
22	Ohio is Jason Stephenson with Vectren Corporation.		
23	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. There		
24	have been numerous other parties that have		
25	intervened. I know Office of Ohio Consumers'		

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1	Counsel, if you'd like to make an appearance.		
2	MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: On behalf of the		
3	Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Amy Botschner		
4	O'Brien, address is 65 East State Street, 7th floor,		
5	Columbus, Ohio 43215. With me today from our office		
6	is Andy Tinkham.		
7	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. The		
8	subject of tonight's public hearing is Vectren Energy		
9	Delivery of Ohio, Inc.'s application to increase its		
10	natural gas distribution rates, which has been		
11	consolidated with two separate applications to		
12	implement an Alternative Rate Plan.		
13	Vectren filed its application on		
14	March 30th, 2018, and is requesting to increase its		
15	distribution rates by \$30 million.		
16	Staff of the Public Utilities Commission		
17	of Ohio filed its Report and Recommendation on		
18	October 1st, 2018. In its report Staff recommends		
19	the increase to a range of between 12 and 16 million.		
20	Staff's report is a recommendation only,		
21	and the final decision is ultimately made by the		
22	Commission.		
23	With me this evening are Commissioners		
24	Tom Johnson and Daniel Conway. Our purpose this		
25	evening is to receive comments from the public		

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1 regarding Vectren's applications. 2 Unfortunately at this time I would note that there are no members of the public present. 3 The time is approximately 6:20. 4 5 I think what we'll do is we will go off 6 the record for 10 to 15 minutes, and at 6:30, 6:35, 7 if there are any members of the public present that would wish to give their testimony, and if not, at 8 9 that time we will close the record and adjourn for 10 the evening. So at this time we will take a break 11 until 6:30. 12 (Recess taken.) 13 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We are back on the 14 record in Case No. 18-298-GA-AIR, and we went off the record around 6:20 as there were no members of the 15 16 public present. 17 It is now 6:35 and I will again note 18 that there are no members of the public present to provide testimony, so at this time we will adjourn. 19 20 Thank you very much. 21 (Thereupon, the hearing was 22 adjourned at 6:35 p.m.) 23 24 25

CERTIFICATE I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Monday, November 26th, 2018, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes. Va] erie Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio. My commission expires August 11, 2021. MUMMINIAN NOTAA COHO CHIO

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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., For Approval of an Increase in Gas Rates; In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., For Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan and In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., For Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan, hearing held on November 26th, 2018. electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Grubaugh, Valerie