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To Whom It May Concern:

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In reference to ANY price increase that Vectren has – I very strongly oppose.

Vectren is raising its rates, delivery charge and anything else that it can. My level billing has gone up 42% and I currently have a \$94 credit! According to the letter I received it is "due to the expected record breaking high natural gas prices in the next 12 months." They also claim that "Keep in mind the cost of natural gas is a dollar-for-dollar pass through - Vectren does not make a profit from it. The cost of natural gas is likely to rise 50 percent or more this winter over what it was a year ago"

Funny, the news reports and predictions are that Natural gas prices have dropped and will continue to do so over the next year. Is Vectren better at predicting natural gas prices better than the experts? I say it is outright price gouging. We have learned to live within our pay, it is time that businesses do the same.

Along with groceries, utilities, gasoline, the average household will be in dire straits as these increases continue and our salaries only grow by a few percent if at all for those who have been lucky enough not to lose their jobs.

You will find more poor and elderly living in extremely cold conditions in their homes this year and not being able to afford the medicines and food that they need. The state of Ohio has suffered enough with job losses, mortgage foreclosures, cost of healthcare and the mass exodus of Ohioans to other states who offer a better cost of living and way of life.. Will we be seeing on the news stories of the elderly and poor being found frozen in their homes because they could not afford to heat it? Or will they be in the hospital due to malnutrition because they could not afford to eat because they needed to stay warm?

How much can the public take of all the sudden increases that we are now having to deal with?

PLEASE, do not approve ANY rate increase for Vectren, we have suffered enough in this economy. We would at least like to feel as though we are safe and warm in our own homes.

Sincerely,

*Sandy Jeffrey*  
West Carrollton, OH

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