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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
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Attn: Docketing Division  
Case Number: 07-1080-GA-AIR

Dear Sirs,

This letter is in regard to the Vectren increase in natural gas price. As a concerned citizen of Ohio, I am appalled at the greed these companies exhibit.

One of the suggestions that they have is to have everyone pay the same for their gas, not counting the consumption. I have just purchased a new furnace and air conditioning unit to help save on my utility bills. I will soon retire in a couple of years and even now, I make a modest salary. For me to have to carry the burden for someone who lives a big home and uses a lot of gas, I do not believe I should help pay his bill.

It is also outrageous that they want me to fork over \$16+ a month (more than double) in the winter, of course, to pay for just one of their many fees applied to

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the bill. Also, they want to raise the summer rate as well! Just last year, they raised our rates 40% and raised my level billing \$30.00. Then, with level billing they overcharged me 366.00 over the period of a year AND they will not let you apply it to your bill and use it up. They use your money for interest. Of course, I dropped it this year. I am not that dumb. Deregulation was nothing but a ploy to rob the American people. Enron was one of them I believe. The rolling blackouts in California and with people not being able to pay their bills was a great injustice, just one BIG lie. The reason we had regulated utilities was to protect the American people.

I hope that you will serve the public in a fair manner. When is enough?

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carole Widner