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RE: Case #: 07-1080-GA-AIR

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter in regards to an article that was in our local newspaper on the possible increase of Vectren's rates to it consumers. As consumers, we can not afford for the rates to rise any higher.

Over the past 2 years, my rate alone has increased an unfounded 210%. From September 2006 to August 2007, my monthly budget payment was \$58.00 per month. I ended the budget year with a credit. However, my rates jumped 71%, from \$58 to \$99 per month for the budget year of September 2007 to August 2008. Imagine my surprise this year, when again, I ended the budget year with a credit & my rates jumped another 81%, from \$99 to \$180 per month for the new budget year of September 2008 to August 2009. WE CAN NOT AFFORD THIS!!!!!!!!!!

We have devised ways to cut back in our gas usage with the following: buying a toaster oven so we are using the gas oven less; hanging clothes up to dry instead of putting them in the gas dryer; cutting back on showers as we have a gas hot water heater; washing all laundry in cold water; and heating the house in the coldest months with a small propane tank heater so we can keep the furnace turned down.

I also have to bring up the fact my parents live on a fixed income. Due to their age, they receive social security benefits. As you know, these benefits do not increase over the years even though everything else does. Their bill doubled with this last increase.

I'm sure I am not the only consumer that feels there is some price gouging going on here. What do I have to look forward to next year with Vectren? Will it be another increase of 81% taking my new budget bill amount from \$180 to \$325 for the September 2009 to August 2010? Maybe we should halt the efforts being made to correct global warming. With warmer temperatures in the winter, consumers might be able to afford Vectren's rates.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and I trust in your evaluation process you will consider siding with the consumer. Maybe it's time Vectren is forced to look at their operation and determine where they can cut back. After all, this is what consumers are being forced to do.

Sincerely,



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