#### STATE OF INDIANA

#### INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIFIED PETITION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND ) ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY INDIANA SOUTH ("CEI SOUTH") FOR AN ORDER: (1) GRANTING CEI ) SOUTH A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, PURSUANT TO IND. CODE CH. 8-1-8.5, TO PURCHASE AND ACQUIRE, THROUGH A BUILD TRANSFER AGREEMENT ("BTA"), A WIND ENERGY GENERATING FACILITY (THE "WIND PROJECT"); (2) FINDING THE WIND PROJECT CONSTITUTES A CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT UNDER IND. CODE CH. 8-1-8.8; (3) APPROVING ASSOCIATED RATEMAKING AND ACCOUNTING TREATMENT FOR THE WIND PROJECT PURSUANT TO IND. CODE CH. 8-1-8.5 AND § 8-1-8.8-11; (4) AUTHORIZING CEI SOUTH TO ACCRUE POST-IN-CARRYING COSTS ("PISCC") **AND** DEPRECIATION, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ("O&M") **CAUSE NO. 45836** AND PROPERTY TAX EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WIND PROJECT; (5) IN THE EVENT THE CPCN IS NOT GRANTED OR THE WIND PROJECT OTHERWISE IS NOT PLACED IN SERVICE, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO DEFER, AS A REGULATORY ASSET, COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WIND PROJECT FOR FUTURE RECOVERY THROUGH RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES: (6) PROVIDING FOR ONGOING REVIEW OF WIND **PROJECT: (7) AUTHORIZING** ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPRECIATION RATES FOR THE WIND PROJECT; (8) APPROVING, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, AN ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY PLAN ("ARP") WITH RESPECT TO THE WIND PROJECT UNDER IND. CODE CH. 8-1-2.5; AND (9) APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF THE BTA PRICING AND OTHER NEGOTIATED COMMERCIAL TERMS ) AND RELATED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. )

#### INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR

**CONSUMER COMMENTS** 

**PUBLIC'S EXHIBIT NO. 4** 

**FEBRUARY 27, 2023** 

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Hitz

Attorney No. 18006-29 Deputy Consumer Counselor

 From:
 Patti Dee Wazny

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 IURC Cause #45836

**Date:** Sunday, February 12, 2023 12:12:17 PM

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Re: CenterPoint Energy IURC Cause No. 45836

This email is regarding CenterPoint Energy's request for ANOTHER rate hike to customers so they can again upgrade and expand their business.

I am on a very fixed income. CenterPoint's last two rate hikes affected me tremendously. I have a single family home and live alone. The only lights I keep on are in the room I am utilizing. My thermostat is so low in the winter that I wear a sweater around the house and use a heating pad on the couch watching television. My gas & electric bill was almost \$400 last month and just slightly lower this month. In general, it's \$100 a month (or more) higher since CenterPoint took over.

They say this increase is "reasonable" at only \$19.86 a month for 1,000 kilowatt hours. Looking at previous summertime bills (with AC) - the kilowatt hours were all closer to or over 2,000 kilowatt hours. Which means an increase of approximately **\$40** a month or more for the average household. Don't let them fool you with their "kilowatt" talk.

Fixed income seniors are struggling enough. Please stop the CenterPoint monopoly from bankrupting the citizens of Indiana. Say NO to their request for once.

Most business enterprises use their profits to grow their business. CenterPoint profits shareholders and executives. THEN they turn around and ask you to approve rate hikes to their customers to pay for their improvements. Just say NO!

Thank you

Patti Dee Wazny 2630 Anthony Drive Evansville, IN 47711

Pattideew@aol.com

From: <u>Erin Hobgood</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: CenterPoint Wind Turbine Project

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 3:00:13 PM

Attachments: image001.png

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Please read this VERBATIM to the sell-out members of the IURC who are so indebted to CenterPoint they are basically employees:

Are we a joke to you? We must be because who would keep agreeing with CenterPoint and raising out rates. In case you weren't aware, there's a recession going on, there's fighting in Ukraine that is keeping all gas prices ridiculous high again. Our paychecks can't keep up with these bills that you all keep approving.

This company for one hasn't even signed the contract for this wind farm, yet they are asking for the increase. Deals fall through all the time, so what happens if this is approved and the deal falls through? We are all screwed because they aren't going to take this off our bills then. And it's most likely going to be built out of state. Where? Why are paying for this in another state? How can we be sure that the amount we are being charged for it is going to correctly reflect how much energy is going to us?

Also, this company has profits of +\$1 billion dollars and yet they feel that we are required to keep coming out of pocket to pay for all of this. And we have no choice but to keep paying their exorbitant prices because they are a legitimate monopoly in our city.

If you approve this, you are truly soulless cowards with no spines or backbones who are bought and paid by a company who doesn't give a fuck about anything or anyone except fort he bottom line. May you all reap the misfortune you continually bestow on us.

### **Erin Hobgood**

Assistant Manager

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IN OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER CONSILOR 115 W. WASHINGTON ST, SUITE 1500 SOUTH INDIANA POLIS, IN 46204

REF; TURC CAUSE No. 45836

MR, FINE,

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE FIGHT ON OUR BEHALE
CENTER POINT IS KILLINGUS WITH THEIR CONSTANT
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THAT THE IURC SEEMS TO BREAK OUR BACKS TRYING
TO PLEASE THEM. WE NEED SOME RELIEF
AND YOU & YOUR OFFICE NEED TO DO ALL POSSIBLE
TO GET US THAT RELIEF, PLEASE

THIS INCREASE OF \$20.00 per 1,000 KWh is FOR A PROJECT NOT EVEN IN INDIANA. I KNOW

IT IHARD TO FIGHT AGAINST "BIG BUSINESS".

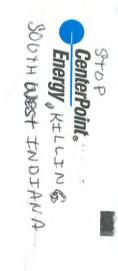
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THANKYOU,

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CenterPointEnergy.com PLEASE

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jonathon Wyza

**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2023 11:19:22 AM

Attachments: OUCC Contact Form.pdf

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A form has been submitted for: OUCC Contact Form Please review the attached PDF for the submission information.

Title: Mr.

Name: Jonathon Wyza Email: iamwyza@gmail.com Phone: (574) 850-0279 Address: 3109 Paradise Circle

Newburgh IN 47630

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy - IURC Cause No. 45836

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Before Centerpoint Energy merged with/purchased Vectren, southwest Indiana had some of the highest kWh rates in the country. While much of the country has increased their rates since then, we still have fairly high rates for the midwest and rates above the average for Indiana. Compared to KY and OH, our rates are roughly 18% higher. In fact, other than IL and MI, our rates average 18-25% higher than any other midwest state. Natural gas prices are even crazier, they have more than doubled in the last 3 years.

Last summer Centerpoint increased the bills of hoosiers again. This year, they got another temporary increase to pay for standard operating costs in regard to fixing a broken turbine. Now they wish to increase the rates yet again to build a facility that won't even be located in our state.

Now my family is very much for green energy. We've had solar on our home for 8 years and will not be realistically impacted by this request as we generate 100% of our electrical energy per year. However our neighbors and community will be very much negatively impacted. If this facility was being built within Indiana, then at least Indiana workers would be part of building it and maintaining it. We'd benefit from (hopefully) a reduction in the massive air quality polution we enjoy due to our heavy reliance on fossil fuel burning plants. We'd also benefit from the taxes earned by the state from the construction and labor. However, none of those are true. Centerpoint wants Hoosiers to foot the bill for something we will get little benefit from.

If Centerpoint was a struggling company who barely broke even, then this might be something acceptable, however Centerpoint has enjoyed record profits. As of 9/30/2022, they had a 12 month net income of \$1.527B. A 70% increase year over year. Centerpoint is getting rich off of Hoosiers and does not need us to foot the bill for this project. They can (and should) do the project, but it should be done from the money that we already pay them. The entire point of paying standard utility bills is not just for the power we are using today, but the maintenance and future builds. If Centerpoint is making over \$1B a year in profit, they can afford 1 year pay for this project. That's the entire point after all.

Do not let Centerpoint once again take advantage of Hoosiers just to line their pockets with even more money.

February 12, 2023

To whom it should concern:

CenterPoint recently announced their plan to build a windmill farm. The location of this farm has been redacted, yet another deceitful ploy by this current energy company. This farm could easily be in their home state of Texas.

They have a monopoly in Indiana, why shouldn't they return again and again to take advantage of their customers? CenterPoint had record profits in 2022, with which I'm sure they and their stockholders are quite pleased. We as customers have the highest rates in Indiana, "by far". Why are we now expected to pay for their profitable expansion in another state?

CenterPoint repeatedly asks for more and more while their record profitability rises. When seeking higher rates, they often ask for twice what they want, knowing the IRUC will step in and only allow half. CenterPoint has figured this out, why not the IRUC? In this case, they are asking for \$636M, which they have framed as "reasonable". Are you kidding me?

I am not against the necessity of going Green, moving in that direction over the coming years. However, already having the highest rates "by far", should not allow CenterPoint to abuse the customers in SW Indiana, to further their corporate growth.

In closing, I would like to affirm my position against this phantom wind farm and the unchecked growth of permanent rate increases.

Sincerely,

Jeffry R Algaier

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Evansville, IN 47725

(812) 618-5249

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Patrick McIntosh

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 9:26:06 PM

Attachments: OUCC Contact Form.pdf

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A form has been submitted for: OUCC Contact Form

Please review the attached PDF for the submission information.

Title: Mr.

Name: Patrick McIntosh Email: patrick@erstwhile.me Phone: (812) 463-2029

Address: 1501 S. Linwood Ave

Evansville

IN 47713

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment Comments: IURC Cause No. 45836

RE: CenterPoint Energy's rate increase proposal to cover the buy back agreement of the wind farm.

Key information is missing from this proposal, such as:

The location of the wind farm.

Expected benefits to the residents of the state.

Is this a temporary rate increase, or will it be a permanent one?

Due to the lack of complete information regarding this proposal, I request that this request be denied.

CenterPoint should be required to explain the public benefits of this proposal for the state's residents to justify further rate increases.

I believe that CenterPoint is capable of financing and completing this project with its existing funds and does not warrant a rate increase to cover the expenses.

This also reads as an attempt by CenterPoint to utilize state resident funding to benefit it's out of state operations.

CenterPoint's customers already pay high electric rates, increasing rates further adds undue burden to low-income residents of the state.

If this project, in the long term, will lead to reduced rates for residents then it is worth pursuing.

If this will just be yet another permanent rate increase, it is an unnecessary burden of dubious benefit to the state's residents during trying economic times.

I admire CenterPoint's pursuit of renewable energy sources, but the costs and benefits to this states customers needs to be crystal clear.

To the OUCC &

Please deny the \$20.00 charge That Center Point is proposing To charge each customer every month To recover costs they are making To expand their utility.

When a business expands to up grade they do not put a charge to

their customers.

We are paying a service charge of # 11.00 a month to center Point for what ? To benefit lenter Point.

Center foint Energy needs to consider that when a company expands it should not charge its present customers.

I am hoping that you will help us in Southbern Indiana and please deny this proposal.

Sincerely, Joan Stoltz 1321 Thompson Av. Evansville, IN 47715 From: Sondra L. Matthews 605 S. Evans Avenue Evansville, IN\_47713

Account No.

Date: February 9, 2023

To: Public Comment/ Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) 115 W. Washington Avenue, Suite 1500 South Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

To Whom It May Concern:

My last gas and electric bill of \$527.88 for the period of 11/30/22 to 12/30/22 was nearly half of my Social Security check. On the average, my bill has been about \$250.00 per month. I do not believe my meter was read correctly to reflect the high payment of \$527.88 charged. Why?

Because my thermostat has been set at 68 degrees even on the below zero temperature days to keep my costs down. Moreover, while I have a house of 10 rooms, I'm the only person living here and I don't attempt to heat all the rooms. By closing doors to rooms, placing rugs at the bottom of entry doors, keeping myself wrapped in jackets and blankets, and wearing a cap indoors, my house is very cold. I prefer sleeping in a cold bedroom, which is upstairs on a different meter (Account No. and little heat from below rises to the upper level.

Consequently, I can't support an increase in my bill to help underwrite the pending wind generation proposal, the latest CenterPoint Energy project. I believe this project should be underwritten from CenterPoint profits and its stockholders instead of its Evansville rate-payers, who are already paying the highest rate of any other Indiana customers, according to the Evansville Courier & Press reports.

Singerely, Sondra L. Matthews 0/13/2023

TO: Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Courselor SUBJECT: IURC Cause No. 45836 Center Point Energy

Questions and Comments

Why would a wind generation facility be built out of state to make power for Southern Indiana?

2. Project costs of \$636 million do not sound "reasonable".

3. Why would should this whole amount be passed to sustomers?

Cetter Point and their stockholders should absorb a good portion of the costs.

On they are a monopoly, the customers have no other choice for gas and electrics.

6. The number of disconnections each month shows how hard it is for customeral (especially those on fixed incomes) to pay utilities, along with rest/mortgage, groceries, medications, etc. What should they cut back on or not pay each month? With inflation and chain supply issues, it is that much harder.

Many years ago I was a divorced Mother with 3 children. I have always been on a budget. Now 74 yrs old, worked at my last job for 38 yrs. and wat was almost 68 when I retired. All my bills have been paid on time and mover had anything disconnected for nonpayment.

Carla Trext 2260 Hepburn In. Evansville, IN 47715 February 13, 2023

OUCC Suite 1500 South 115 West Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204

Attn: Public Comments

To Whom it may Concern:

I am a Posey County Indiana residentand I very much oppose any increase in my utility bill to pay toward Centerpoint Energy's proposed wind farm.

Sincerely,

Vicki Simpson

6305 Springfield Rd. Wadesville, IN 47638

IN REGARD TO IURC CAISE \$45836; CANTER FOINT ENTENGY WIND GENERATOUR RECUMENT COST. ... I SEE NOTHING WOOM WITH CENTER POINT EXPLORING WIM GENERATION AS A SUPPLIMENT TO THEIR ENFINGY GENTERATION. BUT I DU NUT BEVIEWE THE CONSUMEN SAULUD HAVE TO RE-IMBURSE YOU. THIS IS BEING PONE SO YOU CAN MAKE MORE MONEY, AND YOU WILL. THIS IS HON BUSSINESS ISRUN, YOU MAKE AN INVESTMENT, IT PAYS OFF, AND YOUR STUCK-HULPENS ANK HAPPY, THE WAY YOU WANT TO DO IT, YOU MAKE THE INTRA INVESTMENT BUT THE CONSUMEN BRADS THE BRUNT OF THE COST, NO ONE FISE IS ANUMEN TO RUND BUSSINKSS THIS MAY, WHY SHOVED YOU, I AM AGAINST

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,

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James W Yarger 6324 Six School Rd Evansville, IN 47720-7801 From: Sherry Mecham
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Rate increases

**Date:** Friday, February 3, 2023 9:53:08 PM

Attachments: Republic Waste Bill.pdf

Water Bill.pdf Centerpoint bill.pdf Internet bill.pdf

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It seems like Centerpoint Energy, Evansville Water, Internet companies and garbage companies, all seem to think it is alright to increase their rates whenever or for whatever reason they want.

It feels like every other month Centerpoint, Evansville water and other companies are asking for rate increases all the time.

I updated/upgraded: All of my house windows, installed a brand new roof, new rain gutters and even upgraded my furnace and air conditioning. This cost me over \$35,000.

I only have internet service and streamed everything else - I was paying \$60 a month and it was increased. Bill Attached

I live out in Vandenburgh county - So I already pay more for my water and sewer on top of the Federal mandate. Bill attached.

My most recent Centerpoint bill and Yes, I'm on their budget bill. My thermostat is set at 65 degrees during the colder months and 75 degrees during the hot months. I have 4 cats and an elderly dog that are also, also along with me and my adult daughter. We do not have a pool or hot tub. We keep our cars in the garage, not outside. Bill attached

Because I do not live in the city limits, I have to pay a private company to pick up my garbage once a week with no heavy trash pickup. It is the same company that picks up trash in the city limits. Bill attached.

So please think 6 or 7 times longer then normal for any rate increases. Not everyone makes over \$50k a year, some are lucky to make \$15,000.

Maybe if all these companies were required to set aside large amounts of money for any upgrades or decommissions and stopped giving their company employees bonuses over \$5000 every quarter, semi-annual or annual. Then they would have the money for their upgrades.

I work for an international company who has their headquarters in Evansville, IN. I see a bonus of about \$1000 a year.

Centerpoint knew about plants being decommissioned and new they were going to build all of the things they are. They should not expect customers to cover all of their upgrades or expenses.

Sincerely, Sherry Mecham



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02/19/2023

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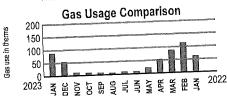
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Jan 27, 2023 Date Due: \$162.00 **Budget Bill Amount Due:** \$166.75 Amount Due After Jan 27, 2023 Your account is being drafted for the amount due above

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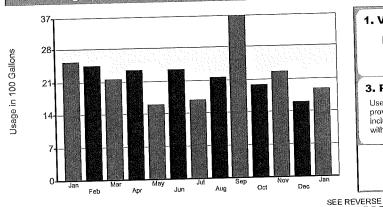
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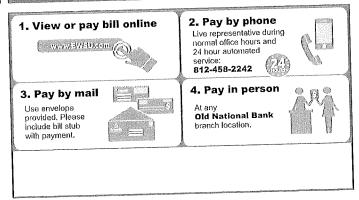
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AAAAAAAAAAA Center Point Energy-IURC Cause No. 45836 I am appalled, sickened, and pissed off every time I see something about Center l'oint wanting more money, and to get it they have to raise our rates Now they want to build a wind generation Sacility out- of-state, and we, in Indiana, would be paying for it. WHAT ? So many people are struggling just to put a roof over their heads and have food to eat. When they have a home they can't afford to heat it. I don't understand how the people that make these decisions can sleep at night. I can only believe that they have no conscience. Someone has to be brave enough to speak up and stop this. Another unhappy customer,
Pamela Mordecai 3370 Altheide Ln. Mt. Vernon IN 47620

Center point Energy Dear sira, I am 93 yrs, old and have been an Indiana resident my entire adult life. For many years we didn't get big increases in our utility bills, but since Centerpoint took over We have had so many increases. The latest one they want is for wind energy & is not in Indiana. My church has solar panels. Some time ago Centerpoint changed the rates & we get less money. They are just trying to keep residents from putting in solar panels. Don't they ever pay off the loan for their improvement? Then they could reduce bills. their proposal. Thank you lorence McMichael 989 Wood Castle Rd. vansville, IN 47711 FEB 13 Pa 4:51

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Julie Melendez

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:24:58 PM

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Evansville IN 47711

**Utilities: Center Point** 

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am a 58 year old disabled female and recently purchased my first home. I must budget every dollar of my monthly check to afford such luxuries as gas, electricity and groceries. I do not understand how a highly profitable company continues to request its Clients bear the financial cost of infrastructure upgrades. We pay exorbitantly high rates for our current service. We have paid the cost of upgrading the equipment, updating the methods of service and yet the Company shareholders have received record profits at a time when their clients received record creating rate increases. I frequently wonder why the company chooses to pass along cost increases rather than invest a percentage, or larger percentage of their profits back into their business. I struggle to name even one other company who maintains the same business style. I firmly believe most other companies who reap huge profits while gouging more and more money from paying customers would find themselves under scrutiny and not allowed to continue practices that, in my opinion, are shameful but very effective money grabs to increase profits at the expense of the customer. My monthly income will not increase by even half the amount that's requested for the latest rate hike. In Jan 2023 my Centerpoint bill was \$223, including a late fee as the due date fell before my monthly pay date. My Feb 2023 Centerpoint bill is \$304. My thermostat has remained at 63°. My rheumatoid arthritis reacts poorly to cold, wet weather conditions yet I am struggling to pay my Centerpoint bill at the current rates with a 63° setting. I cannot financially afford the physical comfort I would receive raising my thermostat to 68°. I most assuredly can not afford another increase in my rates for the same or diminished services. Please push as much of the cost of maintaining business back from the paying customers and onto the business owners.

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Indianapolis IN

Board Members,

Please do NOT approve IURC cause # 45836, CenterPoint Energy's request for a \$19.86 per month increase in customer's utility billing.

In statements to the Indiana Star, MISO expressed their concerns about grid reliability, and of the difficulty of operating a power grid of more widely dispersed and smaller capacity units. Solar and wind are by nature much smaller than traditional steam units, and as such make it far more difficult to produce and deliver continues and stable power because it must be gathered in much smaller quantities. This dispersion of sources dramatically increases the cost of distribution, and this cost will definitely be passed on to customers directly as distribution costs. This is in addition to the proposed near \$20 rate increase to cover capital investment.

Centerpoint indicated the new wind farm will be located out of state which will further increase this distribution charge.

Additionally any state taxes and employment revenue generated by the project will leave with the project as well.

Please consider the additional customer expenses associated with this proposal when making your decision.

Thank you for your concern and help.

Stephanie Silva 8299 Angel Drive Newburgh IN 47630 Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Indianapolis IN

Board Members,

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In a recent interview with Sarah Bowman of the Indianapolis Star, Brandon Morris, a spokesman for MISO stated, "The Power system is undergoing a significant change, and that presents both challenges and opportunities". The translation of this "Corporate Talk" talk is simply: "We have a problem and it needs to be addressed"

The significant change he is referring to, is the transition from fossil fuel, base load generation, to solar and wind generation. The grid was initially designed to interconnect large steam powered facilities to allow easy transmission of large quantities of power between those facilities. In the evolving Solar, Wind system a totally different scenario exists. They now need to connect many small systems, which have high peak, and low sustained outputs, to one another and the grid. Put another way, it like buying a five gallon bucket to transport a gallon of water.

To cover these evolving transmission needs, MISO has announced major transmission investments totaling about \$10 billion, with an additional \$20 Billion to follow.

MISO does not transmit power for free so these added transmission costs will be directly passed on to customers by their Utility providers

Please consider the future before making any decisions now.

Thank you for your concern and help.

Yvonne Pund 8299 Angel Drive Newburgh IN 47630 Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Indianapolis IN

Board Members,

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According to a recent Evansville Courier newspaper article, MISO affiliated utilities have retire 4 gigawatts of coal and nuclear steam generation since the winter of 2021. These steam plants are all "Base Load' generators. That is, they can produce power 24/7, and are the backbone of a power grid. In addition to the retirement of these units, very few additional facilities have been added.

Four (4) gigawatts will supply about 3,000,000 homes with 24/7 Reliable power. If these generators were replaced with wind turbines and batteries for just one day output storage, you would need about 12 gigawatts, or 60, two hundred megawatt units because wind only produces energy about 35% of the time. This system would still be FAR from a base load system, and would cost about \$2 Trillion dollars to build and operate over 20 years.

Cost per KWH of electricity would be about \$.20. These numbers are based on Centerpoint's own estimates in their 2019 Integrated Resource Plan and also reflect the cost of generating energy in their proposed wind facility. Since energy generation costs are "Pass through" this would further increase our already over priced CenterPoint utility bill.

Please do the math and don't be mislead by activist and federal government statements that say that Wind energy is "Cheap" because it is Not.

Thank you for your concern and help.

Frank A. Pund 8299 Angel Drive Newburgh IN 47630 From: Kimberly Smith

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:14:06 PM

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My name is Kimberly Smith and I live at 105 S Lincoln Park Dr. Evansville, IN 47714.

I am writing to comment about my disapproval of CenterPoint Energy's new plan that ultimately pushes costs to consumers for the development of their own power infrastructure.

From the perspective of a resident of Southern Indiana, I feel as though CenterPoint Energy is taking advantage of the consumers in my area. Each month, it seems that the cost of electricity and natural gas continues to increase astronomically. Consumers should not, particularly when a company has a monopoly, be surprised with increased prices seemingly randomly.

One thing that remains consistent for CenterPoint Energy is how much money they seem to be accumulating for their shareholders and their CEO, who happens to be paid close to the amount that they are asking be passed to consumers in order to pay for a windfarm in another state.

Infrastructure improvements should be at the cost of the companies profits, not at the cost of the consumer. We are human beings and electricity as a right of that human hood. We should not have a bankrupt individuals and just say "apply for help". Energy should be affordable for EVERYONE.

In addition to being very against this additional monthly fee for customers, I would encourage the OUCC to investigate CenterPoint Energy's business practices - specifically their billing structure and fees. Although anecdotal, I have not heard from one individual in Southern Indiana say anything good about CenterPoint Energy. I can say that it is the most expensive energy I have encountered in my life - and that is saying a lot because I just moved here from Chicago, where ComEd legitimately was stealing from consumers.

Thank you for your time.

Kim

 From:
 Steven Rauls

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 Cause No. 45836

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 5:50:31 PM

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Steven Rauls CenterPoint Energy Wind Petition Cause No. 45836

CenterPoint Energy should not be allowed to move forward with their Wind Petition. Customers in Evansville Indiana pay the most out of the Whole State of Indiana for Energy. According to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's residential bill survey from 2022 the survey found that CenterPoint monthly bill for 1,000 kilowatt hours was about \$40 more than the average across Indiana

People's Electrical bills were around 300 dollars or more during the month of December. Until CenterPoint has a Government Oversight and an Accountant looking through their books to explain why they are the highest electrical company in the State of Indiana. They do not to add an additional \$19.86 to the customers bills. That could put some people's bills over 400 during the cold months, and would cause financial hardships on all of their customers.

According to the Local News Paper Courier & Press

CenterPoint bills have gone up in Evansville-area over last 5 years. Here's how much.

The utility, which serves giant swaths of Southern and Central Indiana, saw an almost 25 percent jump in average monthly bills between 2021 and '22. By comparison, CenterPoint customers saw about a 3 percent hike.

Thanks to natural gas heaters, electricity usage usually drops for most households as the weather gets colder. In previous years, that meant cheaper bills for CenterPoint customers. But not anymore. Many Evansville households saw their heating bills almost double last winter thanks to rising natural gas prices and a 271 percent increase in CenterPoint's "distribution fees"

The company has already warned bills could rise even farther this year. In October, CenterPoint told.

The company has already warned bills could rise even farther this year. In October, CenterPoint told customers to expect at least a 3.5 percent increase.

The Full Article can be found at

https://www.courierpress.com/story/money/business/2022/11/07/centerpoint-customers-paid-more-for-electricity-than-anyone-in-indiana/69613576007/

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Barry Weisman

**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2023 9:12:53 PM

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Name: Barry Weisman

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Address: 3000 East Powell Ave.

Evansville IN 47714

Utilities: Center Point Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Re: IURC Cause No. 45836

#### Dear OUCC,

I have been a customer of Center Point Energy, formerly Vectren Energy, since 1999. I am opposed to this project by Center Point and the proposal to increase the rates of their customers to pay for this capital investment. I have been an engineer for 30 years and have never seen such a crooked scheme to pay for a capital investment such as this one to pass the cost on to the customers. Most companies rely on their investors and profits to develop a capital investment plan and strategy to pay for all types of capital projects including, maintenance based, productivity based and innovation based projects. This project should be based on a calculated Return on Investment and not paid for by the customers. If it does not meet the company ROI hurdle, then I would not proceed with the project. My second point on raising customer rates is to inform you of their past history in this category. Center Point Energy has the highest rates in the entire state of Indiana. I have both electricity and natural gas and have kept track of my usage and cost per month since 1999. So how has Center Point Energy performed for their customers. Since 2000, my first full year of data, my energy costs for electricity and natural gas combined are up 237%, which is almost 5 times what the cost should be for 2% inflation year over year for 23 years(55%). Also, I have made several investments to improve my usage quantities including, new furnace and AC unit in 2003, new windows in 2007, and a new metal roof in 2011 replacing a shingle roof. None of these improvements, which have shown proven reduced usage amounts at my residence, are factored into my energy cost increase of 237%. This would make the Center Point Energy rate increases over the past 23 years even higher than this 237%. Therefore, based on my cost increases over the past 23 years, Center Point Energy has absolutely zero ground to stand on when they ask me to pay for their capital investment. There is no way that the OUCC should approve this rate increase by Center Point Energy. We here in Southwest Indiana have suffered enough on energy costs. Please let their investors and their profits pay for this capital project. The data does not lie about what has happened to residents in this area over the past 20+ years. Center Point Energy and their predecessor, Vectren Energy are the crookedest monopolies that I have experienced in my 30 year career. The rate increase proposed in this Cause is downright criminal, and I would ask that you please deny their request.

Thanks, Barry Weisman From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Chad Wayne Topper

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 9:14:33 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Chad Wayne Topper

Email: chadwaynetopper@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 598-2215 Address: 5432 Cameo Drive

Evansville IN 47711

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment Comments: IURC Cause No 45836

I am a CenterPoint residential customer in Evansville Indiana. We have no other choice for Utility but CenterPoint for both our Electric and Natural Gas utilities. I am strongly opposed to this wind farm for several reasons. But, my first question is why does the customer have to pay for all of these investments that CenterPoint wants to do? According to what I found, their 2021 Revenue was \$8.352 billion. In 2020 it was \$7.418 billion, and 2019 another \$7.564 billion. They expect the customer to pay for a \$636 million wind farm which will not even be in Southern Indiana? So no job creation locally? This will raise our bills by almost \$20? With inflation being as high as it is which many economist, banks, and other financial experts believe will lead to a serious recession, this is not the time to ask customers to pony up more money. Wages are already not keeping up with inflation. We cannot afford yet another increase in our utility bill. CenterPoint has a monopoly here. We have no choice but to pay. Your agency has a duty to look out for the residents of Indiana. I am sure CenterPoints CEO as well as all there management are not willing to take a pay cut and give up their hefty bonuses to help pay for these so called investments. I see where companies like Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Indiana, who do support our local economy by not only providing high paying jobs but have also brought into Southern Indiana, several thousand other jobs by means of suppliers and support companies are against paying for this wind farm as well. What happens when Toyota decides it is too expensive to operate in Southern Indiana? What about new companies that we are trying to attract from out of state?

Cost. Are these wind farms even cost efficient? After each wind mill is built, how much does it cost to maintain them? What is the lifespan? How much per KWH is the total cost to produce electricity windmill vs the current coal fire plant? There are a lot of studies that can be found that show windmills do not generate enough electricity to make them cost effective.

What kind of an environmental impact do these windmills cause to obtain the raw materials through mining, transportation of the raw materials, manufacturing, transportation of the components to the install location, installation, etc? How much oil and/or petroleum based lubricants are used to operate these monstrosities? Does these items have to be replaced routinely? What happens to the land when the windmills service life has ended? If these are built on land currently used for agricultural, where will the crops that were grown or raised there come from now? I am all for being a good steward of the earth but it has to make since. When I research the answers to these questions I am not convinced these windmills will provide enough benefit to out way all of the drawbacks. CenterPoint just wants to be perceived as striving to be an environmental ethical corporation and they will do the least possible to meet Federal and State requirements because in the end, they are just trying to make as much

money as possible to keep their shareholders happy so their CEOs can get their enormous salaries and bonuses. The consumer should not have to pay more and more and more while CenterPoint just keeps making billions. It is about time that the government says no and requires these corporations to use their own revenue to pay for things such as this windmill project.

I am strongly opposed and say no to another CenterPoint handout.

Signed

Chad Topper

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Gregory Jones

**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2023 3:00:19 PM

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Newburgh IN 47630

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy (IURC Cause No. 45836)

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I oppose CenterPoint's request to increase its rates on its customers in Southern Indiana in order to fund a wind energy facility in another state. CenterPoint should not be allowed to pass off all of its costs onto its customers when they are already made \$6.61 Billion in gross profits for the twelve months ending in September of 2022, which was a 3.56% increase over the previous year. They can use those profits to reinvest in themselves, especially if those facilities are in another state with no guarantees that their customers in Indiana will see any benefits from those developments.

This is especially problematic, and frankly galling, coming on the heels of previously IURC approved CenterPoint rate hike of \$23 per month that was approved in June of 2022. That rate hike was already untenable for many households in the Southern Indiana areas as evidenced by efforts by the Mayor of Evansville's office attempts to find relief for affected constituents and the rise of a lot of collective action to oppose this constant gouging of people that are already struggling financially in our area. Additionally, CenterPoint has already proven itself to not have been a good steward of its infrastructure with multiple people being harmed by carbon monoxide due to CenterPoint's adding too much propane to its natural gas system. This is not a time to be rewarding them with more money.

People will be harmed financially by this decision should it be approved. The writing for the need to updated sources of clean energy for decades. The people of Southern Indiana should not have to continuously pay for CenterPoint (and previously Vectren) for dragging its feet in implementing those solutions. Stop guaranteeing them record profits and let them re-invest the profits that have already made into any new infrastructure that they want to explore.

From: <u>Jeff Grant</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>; <u>jeff.grant@hragripower.com</u>

Subject: Center Point Energy Rate Hike

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 8:12:39 PM

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#### Sirs;

I am a current Center Point Customer. When are the rate hikes enough for this company? They never want to bear the cost of any improvement or storm damage costs or even new market speculation such as their latest endeavor in the wind generation market. Center point likes to brag that they have among the lowest gas rates in the Midwest - well they better considering this where their gas wells and processing is that is used to distribute out to their other markets but what they don't like to talk about is the fact that they have the highest electric rates in Indiana because again they do not think that like any other business, they should have to shoulder any of the additional costs incurred meeting regulations. They like to blame their high rates on pollution control installations but every other business that has to install these controls has to include these costs as a cost of doing business. Those improvements were to have been paid for by now - use that money to pay for your market expansion.

If Center Point wants to expand into the wind and solar generation markets, great, they should if that is where they want to take their business but why do I have to bear a rate increase for their expansion? Any other business expanding their markets bears the cost of expansion themselves and like Center Point, they expect to get a return on that investment so why does Center Point feel they should be able to get their costs covered up front and then keep all the returns on that investment and not reduce rates but instead take it to the bottom line. It's amazing how utility company's can do this with impunity where other businesses cannot.

What I would like to see is competition in this market from another supplier. I lived in Western PA for 7 years and had very reasonable electric rates because every consumer could chose between 2 different suppliers so rates were kept very competitive. I know that even though this would be a practical solution for the consumer, the system here is not designed for it but instead has a regulatory commission to help regulate these rates in captive markets like ours. I urge the regulatory commission to take a consumer cost protection stance and deny this request. Center Point has the financial reserves and the expansion capitol it needs to finance this project without once again raising my electric rates.

Thank you, Jeffery Grant Mount Vernon, Indiana

Sent from my iPad

From: Gary Lynn

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Center point Energy rate increase.

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 9:57:19 AM

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#### Good Morning,

I understand Centerpoint energy has requested an electric rate increase for building a wind farm. I understand the increase is to provide construction funding at approximately \$686000000. Centerpoint has an electric customer base of 2.8 million customers. Using basic math, the construction costs would be collected within a year. I am sure Centerpoint will say, the wind generation would be consumed in Indiana only. If that is true, then there must be a guarantee it would be Indian only. Otherwise, the electric rates should return back to the present rate after construction. In fact, if it is Indiana only, the rates should return when any production of the wind farm is completed. I would hope the Office of Consumer Counselor and the IURC would receive construction dollar milestones in order to know when construction costs were used.

Respectfully,

Gary Lynn

Sent from my iPad

From: Molly Graham

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Center Point Energy Wind Farm - Customer Cost Increase

**Date:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 8:06:10 PM

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As a customer of Center Point, I strongly disagree with another rate increase for Center Point's Southern Indiana Region. The cost to rebuild the AB Brown power generating station is already being passed onto customers. They asked for a rate increase to rebuild the Culley power generating station. Now they are asking for a rate increase to build a wind farm without disclosing where it will be built.

Has anyone asked Center Pont to provide documentation of progress being made on projects the consumer is already paying for? And when will consumers' bills be reduced? How does the consumer benefit from these paid for capital projects when bills are increasing?

I am opposed to another rate increase. Maybe Center Point should develop a 5-year plan to budget for these projects. We are already paying the highest rates in Indiana.

Please hold Center Point accountable for all the costs they are charging "trapped" consumers and deny their request "wind farm" rate increase.

Molly Lynch 10544 Willow Creek Road Newburgh, IN 47630

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From: Mary Rogers
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Center Point Energy

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023 10:04:42 PM

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The citizens of Indiana have received multiple increases to their energy bills over the past few years. Let us not support "Corporate Greed" that is making lots of money on the backs of the Poor and Middle Class.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society which reaches out to help those in need have been inundated with requests for monies to pay Center Point bills. Just recently, a single mother with three children with a substantially good job, did not have the means to pay Center Point! This is happening more and more. Yes, we need to use "wind Power" and "Solar Power!" Center Point has huge profits. Let them pay for the improvements they need to make for clean energy! I pray you support the citizens of Indiana whom you are serving. I pray you will pray and discern the just response that Center Point needs to hear, letting them pay for an increase in clean energy from the huge profits Center Point is already making. You are kept in my prayers, Sister Mary Rogers, DC

From: Alice Boyer
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject:IURC Cause No. 45836 - CenterPointDate:Monday, February 20, 2023 2:02:25 PM

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## Dear OUCC,

I am a customer of CenterPoint and I'm writing to express **support** for the new wind generation facility that CenterPoint has proposed. Indiana needs to quickly transition to clean energy sources in order to help mitigate the worst effects of climate change for both current and future generations. While the extra \$20 per month, if implemented, will make it more difficult for many Hoosiers to pay for their utilities, hopefully the savings of fuel and operating costs that CenterPoint will enjoy will be passed along to customers to help offset that.

There are some unanswered questions however. Will most of the energy generated by the out-of-state facility be transmitted to the people of Indiana who will be footing the bill? Or will parts of Indiana not benefit at all? If the latter is the case, then those people should certainly not be charged. But as yet, Hoosier customers have not been told where the facility will be located or where the power will flow. Also, CenterPoint has not stated what the MW capacity will be when completed. So we are left to assume, or hope, that it must be a large facility in order to justify the increased monthly cost. I realize that CenterPoint, like all corporations, must make capital investments in order to grow and improve service to their customers. But not all corporations are able to just pass along those expenses to those they serve, even when done by necessity to decrease carbon pollution in the air. I do hope that CenterPoint is absorbing some of those costs instead of always burdening those least able to afford them. We know the transition to clean energy is going to be expensive, but it should be done fairly.

In spite of unanswered questions and reservations, I still maintain my support for quickly building this wind generating facility to move away from fossil fuels and toward sustainable clean energy. Thank you.

Alice L. Boyer 710 Plaza Drive Evansville, IN 47715 812-204-7726 From: Sheila Duran

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Center Point Hillity C

Subject: Center Point Utility Company

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 7:20:21 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a great grandmother living on Social Security and already struggle to pay the cost of Center Point Utility cost as it is.

\$19 a month increase to some might not seem like much, however, sometimes that's about all I have at the end of the month to buy food or other necessities.

Please consider we the people who are living and struggling to survive daily. I thank you for your time. May God bless you all as you make your decision, regardless of what that may be. Respectfully,

Sheila Duran

From: <u>Jan Seibert</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: CenterPoint Energy"s rate hike request Cause# 45836

**Date:** Sunday, February 19, 2023 3:53:00 PM

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Please do NOT approve IURC cause #45836, CenterPoint Energy's request for a \$19.86 per month increase in customer"s utility bill.

As of this writing, CenterPoint has not submitted their "Integrated Resource Plan", which is required by law. Even though they have not provided documentation on their plans for the future, they are requesting a rate increase. How can the board make an informed decision if no details are provided.

What is known is, they plan to construct a \$636 Million wind farm (Out of State). Although wind is considered a good "Clean Energy" source by many, it is also the most costly option. Investors like Warren Buffet flatly state that wind energy could not survive without government subsidies. These subsidies have just been renewed in the COVID Recovery Act, and amount to \$.03 per KWH, plus a tax credit of 30% through 2030. Will these credits be passed on to CenterPoint customers or will they be consumed as profit by CenterPoint? Also what happens after 2030? Will our rates double, as the 3cents per KWH is used to offset the actural cost of energy production which is closer to 6 cents per KWH or higher?

Do not allow future rate escalations by approving this project and rate increasde now.

Thank you for your concern and help.

Jan Seibert 8277 Angle Dr. Newburgh, In 47630 From: Judy Ludwig
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Centerpoint

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 2:21:48 PM

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I am so tied if center point- vectren company taking advantage of us in Evansville. Please review the two rate requests. Voting NO sometime maybe will stop the unnecessary continued rate increases. People are moving away from Eville and also business as operating here is way to expensive, so many move to Henderson. I am quite sure none of you live in this area. If you had to be exposed to this you would protect your own interests. Judy Ludwig

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Gary Lynn Creasey

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:09:24 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Gary Lynn Creasey Email: gary.creasey@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 461-8681

Address: 6618 Smith Diamond Rd

Evansville IN

47712 Utilities: CenterPoint Energy

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Regarding IURC Cause No 45836.

I am opposed to the continuation of replacing reliable fossil fuel energy sources with unreliable solar and wind energy sources. Therefore, I am opposed to CenterPoint plans for this wind generation. Natural gas energy production is the answer at this time. We need reliable energy sources not sources that have a much greater potential for rolling brown outs and black outs similar to what is being promoted in California and elsewhere. The real beneficiaries of these conversions go to the manufacturers of solar and wind systems which are primarily located in Communist China. This just strengthens a communist regime and weakens the US. Thank you for allowing my input in regard to this important issue.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: John Koch Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:30:24 AM

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Name: John Koch

Email: jkoch.ccl@outlook.com

Phone: (812) 480-6955

Address: 2000 West Summit Dr.

Evansville

IN 47712

**Utilities: Center Point** 

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Sorry, I don't find the case # for this. I am opposed to Center Point's proposed build transfer agreement to operate a new wind generation facility. It is my understanding this would add \$19.86 to a monthly residential electric bill for 1000 KwH. Utility costs are too high as it is, Center Point should be working to lower costs in any way possible, not add to them.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Larry Robison

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:13:01 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Larry Robison Email: inlarry4@gmail.com Phone: (812) 483-2414 Address: 601 e 4th st

Mount Vernon

IN 47620

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: In reference to the CP request to build a new wind generation facility:

I fully support the utility's request to add generation capacity, in addition to their aging coal fired plants. However, to further increase rates as a result in an area already paying the highest rates in the state, and record high prices since the CP takeover from Vectren is unconscionable. CP/Vectren has, for years, allowed their infrastructure to age and deteriorate, and rather than replacing or updating these aging generating facilities, have continued to extract record profits and charge record amounts to the customers in southern Indiana. Now, yet again, they wish to pass more of their shortsightedness onto the already strained finances of their customers. It's time the IURC stand up for the consumers they proport to represent and stop approving increase after increase after increase at the request of CP/ Vectren, all the while the citizens of the area often struggle to afford the basic necessities of heat and electricity. With zero choice of suppliers in our area, and what appears to be zero willingness on the part of the state to reign in the ever increasing cost this company, specifically, continues to gouge from consumers, and despite the need for new and upgrades generating capacity, I must urge that either the proposal is denied in whole, or that any proposed rate increase is disallowed, at minimum.

 From:
 Matt Chandler

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 IURC Cause # 45836

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 8:35:24 PM

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To whomever it may concern,

My name is Matt Chandler and I am a Center point energy customer in Newburgh IN. I do not think Center point should get permission to raise our rates to pay for their proposed wind farms. I am a big believer in renewable energy and sustainability. However, I believe wind farms are not an efficient way to achieve this.

First, I don't like the idea of paying for a corporation to build out inefficient technology to add to their top line revenue that I do not believe will ever be passed on to the consumer. Center point has never decreased my bill since buying out Vectren. They have asked permission to raise it no less than three times

Our society cannot move forward without nuclear energy. The demand is too great as we become more reliant on technology and continue to over-populate. We are a society built on consumption and that must be met with clean practical energy. That energy is simply nuclear.

The location of the wind site was redacted, why? Have migration patterns of birds and bats been proven not to be affected? I do not want to pay for a project I don't believe helps anyone other than Center point's public image and executive compensation.

Respectfully,

Matt Chandler

From: Sharon Cain
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836 - Centerpoint Energy Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:56:15 PM

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Email to: Public Comments Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

Today, February 7, 2023, I learned of Centerpoint Energy's intent to file for ANOTHER rate increase. The cost of energy billed by Centerpoint is already outrageous. We have lived in a number of cities across the country. NOWHERE else have we had to incur utility rates such as those put upon us by CenterPoint. When I talk with friends in other cities and we look at rates being charged, CenterPoint is always the highest.

We live in Evansville, Indiana. There is always discussion on various "apps" relative to the outrageous cost of our utilities with CenterPoint. Why can other utility companies manage to keep more affordable rates but CenterPoint is allowed to "rape" people? Further, I noted last year that the CenterPoint CEO was to receive a bonus of \$38 million. I REPEAT, \$38 MILLION!!! And that is just the CEO.

It seems that CenterPoint could do away with its payments of extraordinary bonuses and likely cover a major point of its requested \$636 million.

Families are struggling with the cost of CenterPoint's Energy already. Please ask CenterPoint to search its own operating expenses to find the \$636 million rather than burdening its customer base any further.

We have a 2,800 s.f. home. We keep our temperature at 66 degrees in the winter and use 1,000 kilowatts in the winter months. We keep the temperature at 76 degrees in the summer and between 1,700 and 2,000 in those months. At a \$20.00 billing increase per 1,000 kilowatts, that is huge on the already exorbitant bills we are paying. We paid \$4,600 last year for an overage of \$400 per month. We are a retired couple on a fixed income. Please don't let CenterPoint continue getting more increases. Please make them accountable for their own shop and cutting expenses there.

Thank you.

Sharon Cain 1117 Ladbrooke Drive Evansville, IN. 47725 901-497-0343 From: <u>Jill Reisinger</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836 - Wind Case

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 7:41:45 PM

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This is outrageous. Centerpoint is already one of the nations most expensive electric amd natural gas company. I cannot afford this as a single mother of a full time college student. I can barely afford my monthly Centerpoint bill in a 900 Square foot apartment as it is. I am against paying any type of extra fees imposed by Centerpoint. The fees they charge now are beyond ridiculous.

Jill Reisinger 3502 Rodenberg Ave Evansville, IN 47720 
 From:
 Linda Oliver

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 IURC Cause No. 45836

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:15:43 PM

this happens. Thank you for letting me comment about this.

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Center Point Energy is requesting to raise our rates and increase our bills by nearly \$20 per month. I am a retired widow living on a fixed income. I have good insulation in my home and an energy efficient furnace which I keep serviced regularly. But since Center Point has come to town I have had to keep my heat at 64 during the day and 60 at night in the winter and 78 and 75 in the summer to keep my bill affordable. I don't think I can go any lower in winter or higher in summer if they raise their rates. I have already cut to 2 meals a day, and I make too much money to qualify for assistance. Quite honestly I don't trust them to do what they say they will do, and they refuse to say what their plans really are. I would request that you consider the increases you have already granted them, and the fact that they are a monopoly and we, their customers, are at their mercy. Please do not grant Center Point any more increases until inflation is under control and we can afford both food and utilities. Which a lot of us cannot if

Linda Oliver 8330 Buck Ridge Trail Evansville, IN. 47712

From: YUNG DEEG

To: UCC Consumer Info

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 8:30:23 PM

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Darren Hudson 1206 S Grand Ave Evansville, IN 47713 IURC Cause No. 45836

I signed a petition through the company Arcadia to have windmill facilities built here. The reason I see this project fit is for Cleaner and AFFORDABLE electricity.

Center Point Energy seems to always want to Raise the price of electric when if we are using clean renewable resources, the price should decline! I'm asking that you allow this Windmill Facility to be built but do not let Center Point Energy make up it's 680million project price by charging consumers. The bill is already ridiculously high. From: Brenda Canada
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: no more rate hikes

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 11:26:20 AM

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I am writing to voice my disapproval of the proposed rate hikes by Centerpoint Energy. Utility customers in southwest Indiana already pay ridiculously high fees and now Centerpoint wants to raise them again. Please DO NOT allow this company to raise already exorbitant fees even higher! People are struggling to pay their current bills.

As customers in Indiana we should not have to pay for this company to build an out of state facility that does nothing for us. Centerpoint is proposing adding just under \$20.00 to our already high bills for this new facility. This is in addition to another proposal within the next year of over \$23.00 for new gas turbines at the AB Brown facility.

This company should have to pay for any additions or upgrades from what they already charge. No new fees should be allowed and I am asking that this commission think about the people of southwestern Indiana and what more fees will do to their already extremely costly utilities.

Thank you. Brenda Canada From: Barbara Kuebler
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: windfarm Centerpoint

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:32:25 PM

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The ideal of the windfarm is great, however, the fact of the customers paying for it is what I do not like. Centerpoint makes millions of dollars of profit. They should pay for improvements to their business not us.

At a bare minimum they should put up half of the cost.

Times are really hard right now. \$19 a month increase is a lot for most people to pay.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Linda Greer

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 11:25:21 PM

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Title:

Name: Linda Greer

Email: lindag1111@aol.com Phone: (812) 868-1981 Address: 823 Candlestick Ct

Evansville IN

47725

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am writing about the proposed increase in electric bills IURC Cause No. 45836 by CenterPoint. Since they have taken over from Vectren, my bills continually increase. I have a fairly new home, built 10 years ago with energy efficient appliances. I utilize every suggestions for lowering my bill with conservation as well as keeping the thermostat set high in the summer and very low in the winter. For example, last month my thermostat stayed at 65 degrees. I live alone so I have very little laundry to do and I don't use my dishwasher or oven, resorting only to hand washing dishes and making most meals with the microwave or air fryer. But yet, with all these steps, my bill was over \$200.00. That is simply ridiculous. They report strong ending years in 2021 and 2022 and their executives average pay is \$233,000. with the CEO being paid closed to \$38,000,000. In fact, CenterPoint Energy paid its CEO a total of \$37.8 million last year, far exceeding executive pay at peer companies while it sought massive rate hikes for customers already struggling to keep up with skyrocketing utility bills. A review of executive compensation at large U.S. utilities places David Lesar's pay in a category all its own. Please do your jobs for us!!! Deny allowing them to increase rates. If they want to expand, they should look at their balance sheet and review executive pay to make the necessary reductions to allow their growth. That's how businesses are generally run, except when it is a utility operating as a monopoly. We need your help to stop this madness!!!

From: Travis Sutton
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: "URC Cause No. 45836"

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 6:49:35 PM

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## OUCC,

I recently read an article in regards to Center Point Energy's desire to build a wind generation facility and recoup the cost through customers. Ever since CenterPoint purchased Vectren we have consistently seen our costs rise regularly. Recently CenterPoint said it was due to increase in natural gas prices, while also announcing record profits. I feel CenterPoint has been tacking on additional fees to our bills. For example with month my gas charges were \$393.90, however \$175.20 of that total were in "distribution and service charges". I find it very disturbing that my bill is 45% added charges. CenterPoint currently already has a \$10.84 service charge to my electric (\$176.43 bill) and I worry that if they're allowed to continue added charges to electric then we'll end up paying an exorbitant amount of fees like we do for current gas charges.

I would hope the OUCC will side with the customers in stopping CenterPoint from continually using their monopoly in posting record profits.

Thanks you for your time, Travis Sutton

 From:
 Kelli Alcorn

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 Alcorn Contor Rejets

Subject: Alcorn- Center Pointe Energy

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:48:29 PM

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## Dear OUCC,

Center Point Energy is crooked. They are stealing money from innocent people that have no other choice for their energy supply.

I am a teacher in Southern Indiana and I currently have 2 students (out of 50) that don't have electricity in their homes because their families can no longer afford it. These students take cold showers and do not have clean clothes to wear. These kids are expected to come to school, ready to learn, but their daily needs aren't met. I would love for a Center Point executive to come speak to one of them instead of traveling the world or driving fancy cars.

I own a property in the city of Mt. Vernon that doesn't currently have any HVAC installed and my bill this month for a property that has no tenants and no HVAC is \$74! These proposed rate hikes are absolutely ridiculous and will put so much of our communities into poverty.

Kelli Alcorn 812-457-4002 From: <u>clif parker</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>
Subject: CenterPoint Energy increase

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:14:04 PM

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Regarding CenterPoint Energy's proposed increase in electricity rates. IURC Case #45836.

Think it best that they do the same thing our water and sewer utility did last year where they offered a discount to low-income households.

For those of us on Social Security and a fixed income it is making it difficult to make ends meet these days.

Natural gas prices are already much higher than last year and with higher electricity prices seniors like myself are finding it harder and harder to get by.

Think this proposed increase is not justified.

Thank you,

Clifford Parker 854 Stanley Ave. Evansville, IN 47711 From: William K Fattic
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: CenterPoint Energy ripping off SW Indiana customers

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:24:43 PM

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The Texas company, CenterPoint Energy is being allowed to make BILLION \$ profits for its shareholders, high pay and benefits for its employees – all of which has resulted in the highest utility costs for its customers in SW Indiana.

I understand that you already are completely aware of this, yet you continue to approve their highest-in-Indiana rates that we must pay to make these Texans even more wealthy. WHY?

My homes utility costs on a budget-based (equal monthly payments) went from \$200 per month under the former utility company, Vectren, to \$340 per month currently under CenterPoint. This was blamed on higher costs, but NO OVERALL COSTS have increased that month.

Please protect us from these predatory utilities!

Thank You! Bill Fattic, Evansville, IN Sent from Mail for Windows

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Alysha Camp

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:35:38 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Alysha Camp

Email: alyshanicole904@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 470-7211 Address: 2808 Grove Street

Evansville

IN 47710

Utilities: Centerpointe Midwest Electric and Gas service

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Maybe instead of proposing plans for a wind farm, Centerpointe could look for a way to REDUCE the energy costs being felt by residents forced to use their service due to the fact Centerpointe is a monopoly company for Evansville, Indiana and we have no choice but to pay the outrageous rates in which you continue to constantly increase. I am a a single mother of three who is forced most months to decide between paying my electric bill or buying food for my children. There's no reason it should be this high! My home is less than 900 sq ft, yet my bill is never less than \$400. My mother whom lives in a 1600 sq ft house pays less than \$150 a month for service, because she has the option to use DUKE ENERGY! Centerpointe has the highest rates in the entire STATE of Indiana, yet the company is proposing another rate increase? This is absurd! Maybe the CEO would like to take a pay cut so that normal families can afford to eat AND have heat both this winter.

From: <u>David Zimmer</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: CenterPoint Energy Wind Generation Case
Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 8:39:11 AM

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Wind power is not reliable or green. It's virtue signaling. Some questions:

How many tress will be cut down?

Will farm land be affected?

How many birds will be killed?

What will be the effect on other wildlife?

What will be the effect on nearby human population?

Will the windmills be built in China? Will they use slave labor?

Will the metals required be mined by child labor in the Congo?

What is the life span of the wind mills?

How will they be disposed of?

Are any of the components toxic?

Will they be recycled?

If they are, is this expense included their proposal? Or will there a future rate rate increase?

Are the executives at Center Point willing to move anywhere near the windmills?

Where will we get our power if the wind velocity is too low or too high?

Will new transmission line have to be built?

Is CenterPoint getting tax incentives?

If they are, is it moral to burden future generations with this?

Both wind any solar power are unreliable. Natural gas and nuclear energy are reliable & more environmentally friendly. Civilization cannot prosper without cheap & reliable energy.

We should exploit our bountiful domestic supply of natural gas.

David Zimmer Evansville, IN davzmm73@yahoo.com From: <a href="mailto:eddiejzorro@yahoo.com">eddiejzorro@yahoo.com</a>
To: <a href="mailto:ucc Consumer Info">UCC Consumer Info</a>

Subject: CenterPoint Energy"s rate hike request Cause # 45836

**Date:** Sunday, February 19, 2023 4:17:55 PM

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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Indianapolis, In.

Board Members,

Please do NOT approve IURC cause #45636, CenterPoint Energy"s request for a \$19.86 per month increase in customer's utility bill.

I am aware that utilities can only make money by recovering a percentage of their capital investment assets, as approved by the IURC. In the case of CenterPoint, that RRC percentage 15.2%, a value substantially higher the national average of 10%.

CenterPoint Energy's rates are already the highest in Indiana and this is the result of their unusually high RRC, and irresponsible spending. An example of this irresponsibility is the \$34 million dollar bonus paid to their CEO David Lesar in 2021This amounts to approximately \$250,00 per utility customer and can be passed on directly as an operating cost.

This type of reckless disregard for the customer's best interest should not be rewarded with yet another rate increase.

Thank you for your concern and help.

Edward J. Seibert, Jr. 8277 ?Angel Dr. Newburgh, In. 47630

From: M Backes

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Centerpoint proposal for wind generation facility

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 3:46:46 PM

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Centerpoint has done nothing but raise rates since they acquired Vectren. They already have a monopoly so their customers are forced to pay the sky high rates with increase after increase!

They need to figure out a way to DECREASE what they charge, instead of constantly coming up with new plans to increase what we are already paying!

And why was the location of the facility redacted in the proposal? Transparency should be top priority from utility companies- yet they ask for more money and don't even give their customers all the information- which we have every right to know.

Don't give in to another Centerpoint rate increase! They nickel and dime us to death!

Melissa Backes

From: Kim Birkhead

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: CenterPoint Wind farm

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 6:17:00 PM

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Kimberly Birkhead. 527 Wilson Square. Evansville In. I am retired and on a fixed income. I can hardly afford all my bills now and they want to increase my bill by almost 20.00 a month. No let them absorb the cost . Please say no. How can this keep on going and everybody pays for it. Since CenterPoint took over all it has done is ask for increases. My bill just keeps increasing! It needs to stop!

 From:
 Wendy Ashley

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Comments IURC Cause No. 45836

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:22:41 AM

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My name is Wendy Ashley I live at 4200 Hilldale Drive, Newburgh IN 47630. I am a CenterPoint customer and I would like to comment I oppose (IURC Cause No. 45836) Centerpoint raising rates to build an out of state wind farm. We already have some of the highest electric bills in the United States. Now is not the time to raise rates on customers already struggling with the current economic environment. This would be a terrible blow to low and middle class families already struggling.

Thank you, Wendy Ashley

(I currently commented and forgot to include my mailing address)

From: <u>Julia Vantlin</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Comments re: new wind generation facitily **Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 3:42:58 PM

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This email is in response to: The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is inviting written public comments regarding CenterPoint Energy's request for approval of a build transfer agreement to operate a new wind generation facility.

Thank you for inviting our comments. I am opposed to this proposal for many reasons. I am opposed to the constant taking of our valuable farmland for wind and solar farms. Those making these decisions are not looking at the broad picture. The amount of resources it takes to build the wind and solar facility out-ways the supposed benefit to our country. We are already facing a food shortage in the US, yet we continue to allow our farmland to be swallowed up. Not to mention our utility rates keep skyrocketing, now you want to add to the strain?

Regardless of where these wind farms are located they cause so many problems such as they aren't recyclable, they can cause seizures, sleep disturbance and countless other issues.

I strongly oppose this project.

Thanks for allowing input and I hope the correct decision is made to vote this down.

Julia Vantlin 5640 Caborn Rd N Mt. Vernon, IN 47620 From: Clay Robinson
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: "IURC Cause No. 45836"

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 11:35:00 AM

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As a Center Point consumer I do not feel we have been provided enough information regarding the proposed wind generation proposal. While a proponent of alternative energy, I do understand that other geographic areas may be more conducive to wind generation. My primary concern is that this appears to be an open ended rate increase. If we, as consumers, are being asked to "invest" in future power generation infrastructure, the investment period should be finite. Wind power has a front loaded construction cost that should yield energy cost benefits in the future. We should be told when we will see a rate reduction in the future. If that cannot be promised, it's a non-starter project.

Clayton Robinson 5866 Schultz Rd Elberfeld, IN 47613

From: <u>Tanya Kirk</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Consumer Comment re:Pending Wind Generating Facility

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:15:55 PM

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## To Whom it May Concern:

My family is a CenterPoint Energy customer in Newburgh, Indiana. We recently saw information regarding the approval/purchase of a new wind-generating facility which would cause an increase in residential electric bills. While creating a better facility sounds ideal on the outside, the fact of the matter is that consumers have paid ever-increasing bills which should be the ONLY funding allowing such a facility to be created. Consumers do not get to make decisions on whether or not these projects are approved, yet we are required to pay the fees behind the "improvements".

The continuous increase in gross profits for CenterPoint should be utilized to cover the costs of such lofty projects and if they do not, the timeline should be expanded. An expanded timeline would allow the current profits to be applied to the project now and each year thereafter.

We are in the midst of pivotal times in our society and seemingly getting to a point where the necessary and unnecessary have collided. Please ask yourselves 'is this a necessary upgrade', 'how can we make this project successful without impacting the bills for many fixed-income families', and finally 'is there an alternative funding option' for such projects.

I urge you to make the right decision not only for your own benefit but for all involved who do not have such loud voices.

 From:
 Mary Earley

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

**Subject**: Earley- CenterPoint Proposal

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:00:33 AM

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The proposed increase of approximately \$20. To the customers monthly bill is not acceptable! We are now paying an additional "SERVICE CHARGE"

Of \$11.00, Sales Tax and then

The monthly usage. I have no idea what the service charge covers but something else to benefit CenterPoint. Any other Business does not have the customer pay for their costs to expand and if they do it is not mandatory. My sincere hope the Utility

Consumer Counselor will DENY

This rate increase.

Sincerely, Mary Earley

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Adrienne Jones

**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023 12:28:23 PM

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Title:

Name: Adrienne Jones Email: adriennej@gmail.com Phone: (812) 842-0304 Address: 8233 Yorkridge Dr

Newburgh IN 47630

**Utilities: Center Point** 

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Proposed Wind Energy Petition (IURC Cause No. 45836)

Hoosiers are being asked to finance out-of-state material facilities of a power company raking in over a billion dollars in annual profits without any clear assurances of continued use or benefit from those facilities should the business be sold or reorganized.

If Hoosiers are paying the costs of business operations, this should be a transparent public utility. Instead, we are asked to pay for the materials AND the profits of a monopolistic corporation that is driving our neighbors into economic failure. The people in our community deserve power rates comparable to our neighbors throughout Indiana. We don't need extraordinary rates causing our community members to suffer without utilities or be driven to eviction and homelessness. Center Point has not shown themselves to be responsible providers in Texas, so it is inexplicable why the regulatory commission would allow them to exploit Hoosiers in the same way. If this passes, the commission is choosing corporate profit over the well-being of our communities. It's already so hard to keep smart kids from moving out of state. Why make it worse by showing our state's regulatory agencies to be uncaring about the citizens whose interests it is charged to protect?

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
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**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Angela Lowe

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Angela Lowe

Email: hugsforpugs@yahoo.com

Phone:

Address: 6081 Kevin Ct.

Newburgh IN 47630

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I'm writing regarding CenterPoint Energy's request to raise rates to recover \$636 million to cover a wind generation facility. The people of Indiana already experience the second highest energy rates east of the Mississippi River and can't take anything more. A \$4 raise seems ludicrous, so you can imagine how an almost \$20 increase to our bill will crush us. The people of Evansville and Newburgh are struggling to keep their lights on. We can't afford anything more. I've seen so many disconnections in our area and they just keep going up. People can't pay. The idea of asking us to pay for CenterPoint's facility, which is out of state and creates no new jobs for Hoosiers, just passes the buck to us. Why can't people in that state pay for it? Why can't CenterPoint pay with their record profits? These are not secret profits as it's publicly available. This is an insane ask by them. Please deny it.

From: Andy E.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject:Centerpoint Proposed Wind EnergyDate:Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:41:49 PM

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We currently pay \$0.157 per kilowatt hour. For a long time this has been much higher than the national average and much higher than the competitor locally which is Duke Energy. We have much coal and many power plants around here and pay far too high of a price. It is almost criminal how Sigeco, then Vectren and now Centerpoint has managed to overcharge their customers for years. The commission is supposed to prevent these monopolies from overcharging their customers and so far it is failing. We do not need terrible wind farms driving the cost up. They are bad ideas. Fusion is the only sustainable future energy but it isn't ready yet. Stop taking too much money from citizens without giving us the chance to get competitive energy quotes from others.

Thanks, Andy Esparza From: noreply@in.accessgov.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Brad Luttrull

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Email: brad.luttrull@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 430-1264

Address: 8124 Royalwood Ct

Evansville

IN 47715

Utilities: Center Point Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Center Point Energy wants to build wind generation and wants to charge it to the customer? This is unacceptable and would be considered a cost of doing business if they wish to build it. I know my comment will not stop this nonsense but it isn't right to charge customers for something we pay the highest prices in Indiana for now. This will cause a drastic hardship on several families and just isn't right to continue to hand this company a increase every time they ask for it. Please consider the citizens of Vanderburgh County and the low income folks who this will destroy when you vote to deny this increase for families.

From: <u>noreply@in.accessgov.com</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Bruce Stratman

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Name: Bruce Stratman Email: bstrat@twc.com

Phone:

Address: 4530 Kuebler Rd

Evansville

IN 47720

Utilities: Center Point Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Re: Center Point Energy request to raise rates to build wind sourced power station out of state at

undisclosed location

- 1) We already pay highest utility rates in Indiana. My January 2023 Cener Point Energy bill was \$827. Please no more rate increases.
- 2) Wind plants should result in anticipated cost savings not additional net operating costs
- 3) I do not want to pay for out-of-state site at undisclosed location. Preposterous to ask our community to pay for out-of-state facility construction.

Please work on leveraging Center Point Energy to lower costs. Right now Center Point Energy makes decisions without regard to funding or benefit and then demand higher rates to cover costs without even disclosing plan details.

From: <u>Cindy</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: comment on IURC Cause # 45836

Date: Sunday, February 19, 2023 12:53:40 PM

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My husband & I own our home, if we should decide to add on, build a barn, or whatever, we have to find our own financing or have the personal funds in place. We do not rely on our neighbors or the general public to give us the money. Center Point should be the same way, generate their own funds for this Wind Proposal project, get a loan, or dip into their profits, without leaning on the the little guy, the exact same customers who are held hostage to their exorbitant rates. I'm pretty sure we would never see a \$20.00 reduction in our monthly payment, after all is said & done. Totally against them passing this & raising our rates.

Cindy Kiegel 1455 Bell Road Chandler, IN 47610

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Chelby Harper

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Name: Chelby Harper

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Phone: (812) 774-5447 Address: 7905 circle front ct

evansville IN 47715

Utilities: Center Point Electric Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Center Point is requesting money to build a facility that will only benefit them. They already price gouge residents in Evansville. they have caused numerous issues among members in our community. Evansville residents should not have to pay for a facility that we are not benefiting from. Center Point needs to be removed. Vectren was fair and was more beneficial to the consumers. Center Point is only concerned with growing their company and gaining a profit. They are not concerned with the consumers, and it has been seen across the county. From someone who has no choice but to use Center Point, please, please, please do not accept their proposal. It will only make things harder on the working class. We are barely making it as is.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Chris Loehr

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 4:07:45 PM

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Title:

Name: Chris Loehr Email: cloehr@att.net Phone: (812) 604-7530 Address: 6500 Kolb Drive

Evansville

IN 47715

Utilities: Center Point Energy-- Indiana-- Evansville IN

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case # 2361

Please stop and do not grant any Electric rate increases to Center Point Energy to build a wind farm. Center Point can not prove the necessity for such a increase, let alone the benefits to its customers. The location is not even known, and may not even be in Indiana.

There needs to be a investigation into Center Point for not providing better alternatives to supplying energy in a cost efficient manner to rate payers in its

Southern Indiana coverage zone. Evansville IN. ratepayers are already paying more for electricity than any other utility in the State.

Please, Please be pro active and deny this request.

thank you

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Chris Loehr

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Title:

Name: Chris Loehr Email: cloehr@att.net Phone: (812) 474-9634 Address: 6500 Kolb Drive

Evansville

IN 47715

Utilities: Center Point energy case 45836

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do not grant Center Point Energy the 636,000,000 million dollar request to build a wind farm. This request would in no way benefit any rate payer in the Southern Indiana service area. This company has done nothing to help or improve electric rates or service for its customers.

Why should the rate payers pay for a wind farm when Center Point can not even get one of their turbines repaired without asking for a rate increase?

Do not place the burden of Center Point Energy's wish list on the rate payers of Southern Indiana service area.

Please investigate Center Point energy for its poor and seemingly deceptive business practices

Thank you

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Deann Horrall

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Deann Horrall

Email: deanntarrants@yahoo.com

Phone:

Address: 3700 Kathleen Avenue

Evansville

IN 47714

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I see that Centerpoint is wanting to raise our rates yet again for a windmill plant. It isn't fair to put costs on customers for something they want built. It seems like they are always wanting an increase every year and quite frankly I feel like they have you in their pockets because you guys seem to always approve of such increases. Do you not realize that WE pay the highest utilities in the United States compared to any other utility company? There are people that struggle enough as it is due to inflation and can barely make ends meet now. PLEASE quit giving into Centerpoint with their nonsense rate increases. People have had enough of this nonsense!!! Do the right thing for once!!

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**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Douglas Morrical

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Name: Douglas Morrical Email: dougm47@hotmail.com

Phone: (931) 287-1963 Address: 900 Tulip Ave

Evansville

IN 47711

Utilities: Evansville, Indiana Center Point Electric

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case#45836. Under no circumstances do I support this action or any other related action that would

lead to future rate increases.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Gerald C Folz

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Name: Gerald C Folz Email: gcfolz@yahoo.com Phone: (812) 575-9244

Address: 7235 Darnell School Road

Mount Vernon

IN 47620

Utilities: Center Point Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: This is for center point wanting to raise rates for new wind farm. Case 45836, first of all how many customers does the utility supply, then how many megawatts does center point produce on the average per year? I think \$19.86 per 1000 watts is asking a lot from the general household's bill. I use 2 to 5 kilo watts per month and feel that is way over charge for a company that has a good revenue. This area in southern Indiana has an already high rate per kilo/hr. Please find that Center Point not be allowed to increase this rate for wind production. Thank You

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jeff Wagner

**Date:** Friday, February 3, 2023 7:44:41 AM

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Name: Jeff Wagner

Email: jeffreycwagner@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 319-4853 Address: 3700 Fehd Road

Elberfeld IN 47613

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment Comments: IURC Cause No. 45836

Already paying the highest rates in Indiana, with a looming increase related to the recent gas turbine additions, the very last thing that we need is additional approvals for rate increases. I use approximately 2,500 KW-Hours per month, and with this increase plus the already looming gas turbine increase, I will be paying almost \$80 more per month. This is not acceptable. Centerpoint needs to be held accountable to be more responsible with our money and find ways to cut cost not increase cost.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Joan McCoy

**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 6:23:45 AM

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Name: Joan McCoy

Email: mccoyjoan57@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 454-4381 Address: 416 S Roosevelt Dr

Evansville IN

47714

Utilities: Center Point Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: This is regarding Center Point Energy proposed rate increase to fund wind farm. Center Point has repeatedly raised rates in Evansville. Inflation is everywhere, but I believe they still have huge profit margins. Any business uses profit for capital improvements so I'm not sure why the public is shouldering this for them. They have increased rates enough. Many have to make difficult choices to keep their homes powered. Please do not approve another increase for their gain. I am all for clean energy, but they need to use their own profits to fund.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: John A Hamilton

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:21:24 PM

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Name: John A Hamilton

Email: jahamilton88@outlook.com

Phone: (812) 480-9299 Address: 3015 hartig ave

Evansville

IN 47720

Utilities: centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: All Centerpoint has done since aquiring Vectren is raise rates which are higher than most. they have successfully lobbied to eliminate net metering which disincentivizes solar, and are now asking users to subsidize an out of state wind project.. How does this benefit customers in Indiana? Also, why do customers have to pay for all of Centerpoint's bad decisions and why do our representatives and IURC keep allowing them to do so.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jonah Hust Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:28:58 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Jonah Hust

Email: jonah.hust@gmail.com Phone: (812) 480-1187 Address: 2838 Wayside Dr

Evansville

IN 47711

Utilities: Centerpoint's proposed wind generation facility

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Please do not allow Centerpoint to pass along costs for their monopolistic profit generating energy company to consumers. The proposed wind generation facility should allow Centerpoint to reduce long term energy generation costs. However, I believe that after the investment is completely paid off and is generating a profit, that Centerpoint will not lower users rates. Centerpoint is gouging Hoosiers as it is in SW Indiana and enough is enough. Clean energy is a top priority for many of us, but when a company generates profits like Centerpoint does, they should absorb their own investments in retaining/increasing revenue/profits.

Jonah

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Karen Etcovitch

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Title:

Name: Karen Etcovitch

Email: ketco\_02@hotmail.com

Phone: (812) 483-2546 Address: 2402 W 625 S

Fort Branch

IN 47648

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am fully in favor of a new wind generation facility proposed by centerpoint.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Kathleen M SEIBERT

**Date:** Sunday, February 12, 2023 5:47:49 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Kathleen M SEIBERT Email: kmseibert1945@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 422-6321 Address: 501 Lewis Ave

Evansville

IN 47714

Utilities: Center Point Energy IURC Cause no. 45836

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am emailing to voice my opinion on proposed rate increases in Evansville from Center Point Energy. This is in regards to IURC Cause no. 45836. They are proposing increasing our energy bill to fund their wind energy program, I feel that they increase our rates far too often. I don't feel like we should have to shoulder another rate increase so they can build a new facility. They are making huge profits already, and they should reinvest their own money instead of passing their costs to us. Please do not approve another rate increase. It is increasingly difficult to pay bills in light of increased inflation and soaring energy costs. Many people face choices between buying food and having heat. Please do not approve another increase. Thank you.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Margaret Moutseous

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Title: Ms.

Name: Margaret Moutseous Email: mmoutseous@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 626-7743 Address: 7743 Miranda Dr y

Evansville

IN 47711

Utilities: Center point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Center Point, has significantly raised rates since purchasing Vectren. Evansville has one of the highest rates in Indian and in the USA. Each time Center Point "improves" something rates go up. My friend had a \$500.00 bill for last month for her Center point bill. My own bill has increased by 35%.

Wind turbines has significantly impacted birds, if this project is approved it will have a very negative impact on the environment. My bill will increase by 19 dollars wihich means my energy costs once again will significantly be impacted by an "improvement". So I will be supporting Center Point projects.

Center Point has a very negative impact in this area. Approving Center Point request will be a wrong decision.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Michael Sollman

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 6:16:46 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Michael Sollman

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Phone: (812) 682-2443 Address: 1749 E 1200 S

Haubstadt IN 47639

Utilities: CenterPoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Upon reading a news article referencing CenterPoint's request to build a \$636,000,000 wind facility with the intent of raising rates to cover the expense, I was simply apalled. I have been an engineer in electrical power distribution and generation for 32+ years, so I have reasonable clarity to the technical realities of these 'renewable energy' projects.

If the intent is to develop a wind farm in southern IN, there are fewer places in the country that are less viable from a wind energy perspective. There are clear wind energy maps that illustrate this. CenterPoint refused to disclose the location of the proposed wind farm, so it's unclear if the intent is to build in a more viable location than southern IN and wheel the power. This results in energy losses and no economic benefit for our region.

Economically, this stinks. Technically, this stinks.

If we as a country want to solve our energy issues, it will be through nuclear power. Sadly, we have ineffective leaders that are unable to promote the real solution to our energy problems. It is time to quit wasting taxpayer and customer money on these ridiculous renewable energy projects. If the project cannot stand on its own legs without increasing rates or having taxpayers fund it, the utility needs to find a different solution.

Sadly, it seems all I can do is shake my head in disbelief.

To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: PAMELA MEMMER

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:55:13 AM

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Phone: (812) 677-1465

Address: 1301 E OHIO STREET

## **PRINCETON**

IN 47670

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy Indiana South

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: IURC Cause No. 45836 - Wind energy is unreliable and does more damage to the environment overall than coal. It should not be my responsibility to pay for some ideologue's green energy pipe dream. Converting to wind energy puts me and my family at risk, as demonstrated in Texas the winter of 2021-2022. I do not support this petition.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Patricia Bitter

**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 9:41:27 PM

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Evansville IN 47711

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy Indiana South

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment Comments: Cause # 45836

This comment is on behalf of myself

I am a customer of Centerpoint and I just can't belive how they overcharge us in Southern Indiana. They have a monopoly here and we have no choice but to pay what they (and you) decide. I really do not understand why we have to pay for their growth. All other businesses for profit pay for their own expansions. It is very clear how much profits they make on the backs of their customers by what they pay their CEO! I am retired and on a very fixed income. Of course I don't qualify for help. In order to qualify, one must be dirt poor. An extra \$20 per month will be a hardship on me. I'm sure you know by now that EVERYTHING has increased. I am just so tired of Centerpoint constantly raising our rates and you allow this! I am very frugal with my energy and water. I simply cannot reduce my usage any further. I am absolutely against this increase!

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this matter.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Richard Rogers

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Name: Richard Rogers

Email: poppys56@yahoo.com Phone: (812) 477-7224 Address: 2013 S Kenmore Dr

Evansville

47714-5537

Utilities: Center point energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am 71 and on ss. Center point has raised my energy bill almost every year since they bought Vectren. If they need more energy they should build a natural gas unit which would be more reliable and less expensive to rate customers.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Suzanne C Seibert

**Date:** Monday, February 20, 2023 10:33:04 AM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Suzanne C Seibert Email: scseibert85@yahoo.com

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Evansville

IN 47714

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy Gas & Electric

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: It is despicable for Centerpoint Energy to ask for yet another charge to our already hefty gas and electric rates. Why are our rates already the highest in the state. Why should we fund wind turbines which probably won't even supply us with any of the energy they generate? Does Centerpoint not have the responsibility to invest in their own ventures and experimental technologies? Why does the consumer have to finance everything they do? We can hardly afford to pay our bills now. How will this impact those who are low income? Even the middle income in our area are now having to decide which bill to pay due to the outrageous rates. I don't understand why you approve everything they ask. Do you ever consider the impact? Please do no approve their ask AGAIN!

 From:
 Steve Burger

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 IURC Cause No. 45836

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023 10:13:16 AM

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I am writing in opposition to the rate increase proposed by Center Point Energy in this case.

First of all, there is no guarantee that all of the electricity generated by the wind farm will be used by Indiana customers. We would be paying extra so Center Point could sell the electricity to other regions.

This is a bold and cynical attempt by Center Point to tax current customers so the company can increase its profits and return nothing to relieve high energy bills. This has almost no benefit for Indiana.

Steve Burger 1621 N. Thomas Avenue Evansville, IN 
 From:
 Scott Barron

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 IURC Cause No. 45836

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 5:36:49 PM

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Name: James Scott Barron

Mailing address: 617 S Norman Ave, Evansville, IN 47714

I would like to place my comment on record in reference to Centerpoint asking for a price increase in utility rates for a proposed wind farm. Why should my utility bill increase "an average of \$20" to pay for this, especially since it will not even be built in my state. I am writing this as I sit in my cold house because I can't increase my thermostat above 68° for fear of me not been able to pay my current bill now. I live in a 1200 square foot home and my latest utility bill was \$400. The transportation cost of my gas portion was more than the actually cost of my gas usage. I would live to track how much my bill has increased since I've moved into this home in 2017, buy I also can't seem to find a way on their website to pull up old bills. That is very frustrating, buy also very convenient for Centerpoint. They wouldn't want the customer to know just how much they are getting taken advantage of year after year. It is very frustrating for the average customer when there is no other option for utility companies in my area, and the news is constantly reporting how Centerpoint is asking for rate increases. I live in the middle of town across the street from University of Evansville, and after a storm for last year, we were without power for 4 days. There was no considerable difference in my bill the next month. I also saw no real reason for why I was without power for that long, neighbors on streets on block in either direction seemed to have power.

I have lived in Evansville, IN, Henderson, KY, Novi, MI, and Cincinnati, OH in 30 years, and Centerpoint is by far the worst utility company I have ever dealt with.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: William J Hemminger

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 12:33:04 PM

Attachments: OUCC Contact Form.pdf

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Title: Dr.

Name: William J Hemminger Email: bh35@evansville.edu Phone: (812) 476-1618 Address: 737 South Norman

Evansville

IN 47714

Utilities: wind project for CenterPoint custorers

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: It is good that CenterPoint--despite all their recent action to the contrary--should invest in renewable wind energy. That customers' rates should increase yet again is, however, very disturbing. I see that CenterPoint made over ONE BILLION dollars in profit in 2022. I see also that the wind farm will be built elsewhere--i.e. not on Indiana soil, where at least someone here might benefit. Oh, and the clincher: while charging more and more for its product, CenterPoint rewards its share-holders (many of whom do not live in the area and do not therefore pay local taxes) with great dividends. What is the benefit for Indiana customers?--significantly higher monthly bills, CenterPoint's head-on rejection of roof-top solar energy, the company's furtive lies about its refusal to continue with fossil fuel. Where has the OUCC been? We in this region have been calling for, screaming for, fair treatment. We get none--and little positive representation.

From: To:

Bettye Marvel

**UCC Consumer Info** 

Subject:

Wind generation facility, IURC Cause No. 45836

Date:

Friday, February 10, 2023 1:58:24 PM

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Re: The above Subject at the cost of \$636 Million to be past on to customers at the amount of \$19.86 (\$20.00) per 1000 KWH of usage, I am writing this email to STRONGLY OBJECT to this. Please find another way to finance this Facility, say oh maybe from your own big Corporate stockpile of money already paid by customers! My KWH is lower than 1000 in the Winter, but goes over in the Summer. I am a retired woman living on a fixed income and already save every way I can on heat, electric and water.

How much more do you think customers can take from huge corporations such as yours

.....a rhetorical question, for YOU KNOW and I KNOW you hold all the cards in this game

of Greed. No pay, no electricity. Do you really want millions of more homeless people on the streets? My last bill rounded up was \$289.00 the one before that over \$200.00.

Our government is more worried about the Ukraine and other countries, leaving its own tax-paying citizens to the wolves of corporate America.

My daughter is employed by "Save the Children" as an Asst. Exec. direc....a world wide organization but limited to children. I am proud of her, of course, but what about us OLD retired citizens? We paid our dues and are no longer cared about?!

I would have mentioned a cheaper rate for our demographic, but I just learned that any rebates may soon be considered income by our so called representatives and will be taxable as such.

We no longer have a middle class in our country. There is the Rich, the Working Poor and the Poor, and the Rich and Poor are on the backs of the Working Poor. What a nation of greed we have turned into.

I beg you, PLEASE, write grants, spend some Center Point profits, get a Mortgage, raise bills in increments over a period of years...

anything but put a bill on us that won't be able to pay and any assistance will be considered as income.

Does anyone really care about their customers any more? Prove that Center Point does.

Thank You,

Bettye Marvel 314 Riviera Drive Mt. Vernon IN 47620 812/760-2322

CP Account No.

Sent from Bettye's iPad.

 From:
 Kristie Hayden

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 Hayden Center Rein

**Subject:** Hayden- Center Point Energy

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:50:28 PM

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## Dear Sirs:

This is in reference to the latest request from Center Point Energy's request to acquire a wind energy facility. This would result in adding almost \$20 to each monthly my energy bill. I am on a fixed income and every time Center Point is allowed to add more charges to my energy bill, I am left with less money to pay for anything else I need. Therefore, I protest the latest addition. Center Point is already charging my portion of Indiana the highest rates. Keeping warm is good but I would also like to be able to feed myself.

Thank you, Kristie Hayden 202 Buckingham Dr. Evansville, IN 47715 From: April Liley

To: UCC Consumer Info; senator.tomes@iga.in.gov; h76@iga.in.gov

Subject: IURC Cause #45836 - CenterPoint Energy - Wind Generation Facility

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:15:19 AM

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I'm writing to express my concern regarding the request of CenterPoint to add almost \$20 to their Southern Indiana customer's bills, to build a wind facility OUT OF STATE. While I would normally support ideas that bring cleaner energy to our already-polluted region, I just cannot get behind PAYING for a facility that will not likely reduce pollution in our area or decrease our reliance on coal. And honestly, I cannot support raising our monthly bills by this amount for any reason. Our community is full of hard-working people who are already struggling to pay their CenterPoint bills.

Please reach out to the people in this community to ask if they can afford another \$20 increase. Ask if they are happy with the customer service they receive from CenterPoint. Ask CenterPoint how they can justify paying their CEO the highest salary of any CEO of a similar sized utility company while charging their customers astronomical rates. Ask when enough is enough. Will it be enough when the customer's backs are finally broken? I urge the IURC and our state representatives to finally say NO. We need reform, but for now, we need you to tell CenterPoint no.

Thank you, April Liley 
 From:
 Amy Lutzel

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836- Amy L

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:19:16 AM

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It does not seem fair that this wind farm is being built out of state and Evansville residents have to pay for it. Utility prices are high enough. Why can't Center Point just cover the cost? You are making people go bankrupt or they are moving out of our city.

I have lived here my whole life and have never been more concerned for the people who live here. We are being taking advantage of. I work full-time and I'm working on my master's degree as a single mom. I can't afford for my energy bill to go any higher. I'm already making ends meet. I am seeing how this is affecting other people. It makes me very sad.

Please reconsider this plan and consider lowering our rates.

Amy Lutzel 634 Lodge Evansville, IN 47714 From: Robin Weber
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: IURC CAUSE NO. 45836- Robin W.

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 6:05:14 PM

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I have a problem with consumers paying for a wind farm when CenterPoint will make all the profits from it.

Also, I am on a fixed income and disabled what do these companies expect people to do.

We should not have to pay for projects just the gas we use.

If CenterPoint wants this project, they should have to fund it with loans, grants, or any other way without it being put on the consumers who ate already struggling.

IURC CAUSE NO. 45836

Robin Weber 401 S Main St Whitestown, IN 46075

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To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Larry W Cardin

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:05:40 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Larry W Cardin

Email: larry\_cardin@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 549-6232 Address: 680 volkman rd

Apt / Suite Evansville

IN 47725

Utilities: New windmill

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Why not invest in something that will reduce my rate. Centerpoint has done nothing but increase my rates since you came to evansville. No to th windmills

From: Steve Wiltsie
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 11:28:04 AM

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I would like to express my opinion in opposition to the CenterPoint Energy rate increase in regards to the newly proposed wind generation facility.

For one thing, I think it is ridiculous to build this facility out of state. We could use the jobs here in Indiana.

In addition, CenterPoint already has the highest rates in the state. This has carried over from the previous owner, Vectren, and is probably why CenterPoint bought them.

I don't know of any other industry where a company can simply raise the rates on their consumers because they want to build a new facility. After all, CenterPoint will be making and selling the power from the new wind facility so why should they be able to charge us more for that power. If they have to charge more for free wind power instead of buying and using coal or gas, maybe they are just doing it wrong.

My wife and I are retired from owning our own computer-related business and I am a Vietnam Veteran who has been affected by exposure to Agent Orange. We are some of those "fixed income" people you hear about from time to time and don't really want to pay an additional \$20 per month (or more) for our electricity.

Thank you, Steve Wiltsie Evansville, IN

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Virginia A. Grein

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 7:26:27 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Virginia A. Grein Email: daisyfresh@astound.net Phone: (812) 422-6154

Address: 1411 Timberlake Rd

Evansville IN 47710

**Utilities: Center Point** 

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Dear Sir: In regard to the new wind farm that you are planning on building out of the state of Indiana, I am against it. I don't feel that adding another \$19.00 to my bill per month is a good plan. I also doubt that the surrounding neighbors will appreciate the awful noise that these things produce. And, finally, it is my understanding that these things cost more than they save. This is not a practical idea. Respectfully submitted, Virginia A. Grein

From: christopher allen

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Proposed raise to electric rates due to wind farm Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 8:12:26 PM

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Officials with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, or OUCC, are inviting the public to comment on a pending wind generation proposal by CenterPoint Energy.

According to the OUCC, CenterPoint Energy is requesting approval from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to operate a new wind generation facility.

Our electric bills are already one of the highest in the state. Any new projects MUST be done in the most cost effective manner for the consumer.

I cannot afford to pay for politically correct policies. It's obviously time to pass legislation to allow for competition within the state and remove the monopoly the Power Companies currently enjoy. Inflation is already killing those of us on fixed incomes, enough is enough.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Angie M Hall

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 7:11:59 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Angie M Hall

Email: anghal61@gmail.com Phone: (812) 773-1645 Address: 3120 Brandt Rd

Wadesville

IN 47638

Utilities: Center Point Evansville Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am commenting on Center points application to raise our taxes in order to pay for a \$636 million project in another state at an undisclosed location. I do not think they should be able to raise our rates in order to pay for their big project especially now when all of our expenses are increasing. I think they should improve the current electrical grid and things associated with the power plants instead of using \$636 million dollars of customers money through additional rates. Thank you.

From: Tonya Albright
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836, CenterPoint Energy Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:06:39 AM

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I am writing to say no to the Centerpoint Energy project to operate a Wind Generation facility. Wind Generation is a poor source of energy. It costs MORE energy to operate the windmills than they can generate. It would be a complete waste of money to build such a facility and a burden on Centerpoint customers to have to pay for it.

I am a Centerpoint Energy customer, and my energy costs are too high already. Centerpoint Energy is already more expensive than they should be and with no options for consumers to choose an alternative energy provider, they need to have their rates kept in check. Adding \$20/kwh would create a financial burden most families cannot afford in the current economy.

Please say no to this project. Say no to the increase to customers' bills.

Thank you!

Tonya Albright 13619 Doubletree Ct Evansville, IN 47725 IURC Cause No. 45836 
 From:
 Bettye Luttrull

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 IURC Cause No. 45836

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023 2:22:58 PM

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I am writing to express disapproval of Center Point's project that would increase energy rates in Southern IN. We already have the highest rate for energy in IN. People are struggling now to pay their energy bills and this would make it even harder for them. Please take this into consideration. Thank you. Bettye Luttrull 8677 Greywing Dr, Newburgh IN 47630

Sent from my iPad

From: Bob Ellis

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836" or CenterPoint Energy Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 3:28:39 PM

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My name is Paul R Ellis. I live at 10849 Scouts Way, Evansville, IN 47725. I am a CenterPoint electric and gas customer.

I am against their proposed wind energy generating project, IURC Cause No. 45836. The rate hike associated with this foolish inefficient electric generation project is unwise and totally irresponsible and unjustified!! These wind farms historically have a extremely low capacity factor and a very low reliability factor!! If not for the government tax funded incentives no regulated or private generating entity would ever build this type of generation.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Ellis 10849 Scouts Way, Evansville, IN 47725 812-483-5878

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**Bob Ellis** 

From: <u>Grayson, Madelyn</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Cc: <u>Madelyr</u>

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836-CenterPoint Energy Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:20:34 AM

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I am writing to oppose CenterPoint Energy's utility wind generation proposal. I work for Vanderburgh County Government and we just received our biggest raise in 20 years this year. This increase would take 20% of that raise, probably more for those making less than I do. The fact that this facility will be built out of state further concerns me. Please vote no to this proposal.

Madelyn Grayson 10 N. Kelsey Avenue Evansville, IN 47711 812-431-4729 Madelyn.grayson1@gmail.com From: Richard Lynch
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Lynch- IURC cause 45836 Center Point Energy Date: Friday, February 10, 2023 11:00:38 PM

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The Commission should turn down the request of Centerpoint Energy to build and generate a wind generation facility. The requested increase in our monthly bills is intolerable. We in southern Indiana are already paying the highest gas and electric rates in the state, and with inflation already nibbling at our pensions and social security, we don't have any slack in our budget for higher rates.

Thank you.

Sharon Frizzell Lynch 6644 Westlake Rd Newburgh IN 47630 From: Phong V

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 6:53:24 AM

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No, do not approve the residential rate increase. Center Point is a multi-billion for profit business that is monopolizing the energy sector in multiple regions and states. It can afford the building of such facility on its own budget without passing the cost on to the working Americans, especially those who are above the low income threshold for government assistance, but still are insufficient to make it on their own. To these people a few dollars increase in costs mean the difference between being able to afford food to being homeless. These costs are just profit and loss CenterPoint and it can recover through government assistance program, but these costs mean the changing Americans life for the worst and they cannot recover through government assistance because there is no government assistance for residential loss, only poverty. Please do not take from those who cannot afford to give.

From: Ralph Millsaps
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Millsaps- Cause No. 45836

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 4:47:15 PM

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### To the IURC

Centerpoint already charges more than any other electric utility in the state and has done so for 20 years. Their coffers are full as evidenced by the salary they paid their president in 2022. I have no objection to adding wind to their portfolio but there is no reason for additional fees to be added to our electricity bills. There costs will be reduced as they phase out old units. The costs of the wind units were redacted.

Ralph Millsaps 5 River Bend Ct Newburgh IN From: Adam Morrow
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Morrow- CenterPoint Wind Farm

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 8:36:45 PM

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### To Whom It May Concern,

Why should the residents of Indiana pay for a facility out of state? This proposal is ridiculous. In addition, why should the customers of a service provider ever have to pay for expansion or new facilities? These projects are funded by taxpayer money and subsidized by consumer rates meaning we are double charged. Those of us in Evansville already put the highest rates in energy service in the state. It is time the providers are held to settle for a what they have. With AB Brown to be shutdown in the next few years, it has served as a reminder of our rate hikes to fund "improvements" that went to the other plant. The only reason for CenterPoint to request this for a wind farm is to receive the air emissions credits from another state. This should not pass.

Thank you for your consideration of my message. Sincerely, Adam Morrow Evansville, In 47712

Sent from my iPhone

From: A F

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Please disregard my first email, I misunderstood the proposal

**Date:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 12:34:08 AM

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I am writing to you in regards to IURC Cause No. 45836. The people in Indiana have been seeing increase after increase in their bills for a utility company that puts unfair burdens on Hoosiers. This cause is for wind energy in another state and yet Hoosiers are asked to pay the bill. Our bills are high enough already, make Centerpoint take this on themselves, they can afford it.

Thank you

Andrew Rodenberg 3127 Wimberg Ave Evansville IN 47720 From: <u>Justin Hill</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Say NO to CenterPoint Proposal to raise electric rates

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:23:15 PM

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CenterPoint bills have already been raised so high that a large majority of customers are already struggling to pay. The latest proposal to raise electric rates to add almost \$20 to the average monthly bill should not be allowed. The proposal to build a wind generation outside the state of Indiana should not fall to Indiana customers to pay for. I think perhaps they should use the CEO's compensation package since it is the richest of all energy companies by multitudes of millions all while the average customer struggles to pay! In short, Centerpoint is the worst thing to have happened to Indiana and you should reign in their already out of control rates!

Concerned Indiana resident and unfortunate Centerpoint customer, Justin Hill

 From:
 Bryan Faw

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 Faw- IURC Cause No. 45836

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:35:47 PM

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On average, Evansville, IN residents spend about \$224 per month on electricity. That adds up to \$2,688 per year. That's 10% higher than the national average electric bill of \$2,440. The average electric rates in Evansville, IN cost 18 ¢/kilowatthour (kWh), so that means that the average electricity customer in Evansville, IN is using 1,275 kWh of electricity per month, and 15,300 kWh over the course of the year. Over the next 25 years, you should expect to pay \$96,800 on electric bills in Evansville, IN. CenterPoint Energy gross profit for the twelve months ending September 30, 2022 was \$6.161B, a 3.56% increase year-over-year.

Why are we footing the bill for a business who rakes in record profits when we already pay over the national average in energy cost? Centerpoint Energy can take that record 6+ billion dollars in profit and pay for it themselves. With inflation crushing the average consumer can't the State of Indiana stick up for its constituents just once and <u>DENY</u> Centerpoint Energy's egregious request.

Sincerely,

Bryan Faw

1716 Bellemeade Ave.

Evansville, IN 47714

From: offroadfx4

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Center Point out of State Wind Farm

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 7:28:30 PM

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"CenterPoint Energy's testimony confirms the facility would be located out-of-state, however the project's specific location and nameplate capacity are redacted from their public filing. CenterPoint is seeking approval to recover project costs, estimated at \$636 million, through electric rates. CenterPoint estimates the new facility would add \$19.86 to a monthly residual bill for 1,000 kilowatt hours."

The average cost for 1000kw hrs is \$168....so that's more than 10% increase, counting it's using inflated \$...makes it closer to 20%

Make them pay for it....if it's not cost effective...DON'T DO IT!

From: <u>brad gehlhausen</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: IURC cause No. 45836- Brad G.

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:22:23 AM

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I am completely against the wind energy project planned by CenterPoint energy. I support keeping the AB Brown plant open and continue burning coal. I do not look forward to brownouts or complete blackouts someday. The state of Indiana will surely regret the day they move to wind and solar. It's there will not be enough natural gas to supply the entire country in a few years. Burn coal! Thank you for your time.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: <u>brad gehlhausen</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: IURC cause number 45836 second email.

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:27:36 AM

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I just sent you an email but forgot to include name address. Brad gehlhausen. 3423 keystone hills drive Evansville Indiana 47711 phone number 812-459-5981.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Robert Hall

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Center point energy

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 9:05:38 AM

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My name is Robert J Hall 3120 Brandt Rd. Wadesville In 47638 Greetings,

Not for sure why a multi million dollar company would ask struggling families to carry the cost of their project.

We help pay for it and then they sell us the energy that is produced by it.

If this works out for them, I would guess I chose the wrong business to get in.

We all know that the cost of doing business should not be shouldered by those who will not benefit from it.

Please do not allow Center Point Energy to raise our rates to fund their dreams.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Jordan Rundle</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Center Point Energy Price Hike

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023 10:52:25 PM

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Please do not allow Center Point to continually deprive the impoverished from well earned money, due to the incursions of Center Point. Center Point should not be allowed to raise their electricity prices again, as Evansville already pays the highest rates in the state, even though Evansville used to have the lowest energy prices in the state.

From: Connie Wagner
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject:CenterPoint to raise rates again?Date:Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:29:21 AM

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Do not allow this ripoff firm to further increase the rates in Evansville. We can not afford them now, at current rates. My home (less than 2000 sq ft) had a bill last month of \$400. I keep my thermostat at 69 degrees and wear layers to keep warm. Please stop them!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Thomas Hemenway
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: "IURC Cause No. 45836" CenterPoint Energy.

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:45:04 AM

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# Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

I am writing to express my concern over the Wind Farm proposal from Centerpoint Energy IURC Cause No. 45836.

The proposal expects us to pay an exorbitant amount for a project which may not benefit us at all.

The fact that the location is redacted raises concerns about who will benefit from it.

Centerpoint needs to fund by reducing their excessive profits, wasteful office space and advertising expenses.

Thomas Hemenway 724 S Kenmore Evansville, IN 47714 From: Chris favor
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Chris Favor - rate increase

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 5:03:19 PM

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i cannot understand the constant rate increases for utility companies that have major profits. they should be using their profits not raping us for more money. i am low income and cant really lower my utility bills much more.. the heat is set at 60 degrees now. i do not waste anything. i have reduced washing my clothes, ac and heat every year and still is ridiculous on center points prices. we never get a break. we lower usage and then you give them an increase because of conservation. we need help !!!!!

christy faver

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Dustin Moore

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 5:53:14 PM

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Please review the attached PDF for the submission information.

Title: Mr.

Name: Dustin Moore

Email: Dustinmoore1983@gmail.com

Phone:

Address: 401 dreier blvd

Evansville

IN 47712

Utilities: Vectren/center point Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: It's ridiculous this company just keeps raising rates. Now they want to raise it another time for this energy farm. How about they use the money they already make from their monopoly and build the farm if they want a new wind farm. It's not like we the people actually get a say in the subject anyway. They do what they want when they want, anyhow.

From: Kevin Ellison

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Ellison- CenterPoint

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:55:12 PM

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Highest rates in state. Allow them build project out of state, but we will be billed for it. And we will finance it before even complete. When will legislators stop letting this small area, from being take advantage of. Rate payers in a larger area would never be treated this way.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Greg Pence

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 5:56:21 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Greg Pence

Email: gpence@phrehab.com Phone: (812) 205-5667

Address: 10903 Cypress Creek Drive

Evansville

IN 47715

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Evansville news reported CenterPoint is asking residents to pay for new \$636 million wind generation facility by increasing residential rates. This energy MONOPOLY should not be allowed to raise rates to fund a facility that they will continue to make money on for years to come. In fact, during economic down periods, this energy giant will proclaim RECORD EARNINGS for their shareholders while raising rates on their customers. If they want this facility, they should have been saving money instead of paying it all back to shareholders, just like any other business. In Evansville, we don't have another energy choice. This request by CenterPoint should be DENIED.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: James Butler

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Title: Mr.

Name: James Butler

Email: jimturbo6@gmail.com Phone: (812) 455-9689 Address: 725 Forest Park Dr.

Newburgh

IN 47630

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy IURC Cause No. 45836

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I read that Centerpoint wants to build an out-of-state wind farm to generate power, and add the costs (reportedly an additional \$20 per month) to customers' bills. Their rates are already ridiculous. I am not in favor of this. They can use their already exorbitant profits to finance this project if they really want it. There has to be some limit to what people are forced to pay for things that are not discretionary spending. We are retired, so our income is set, and inflation is already cutting into our expenses, without something like this.

From: Geraldine Fleming
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Fleming- CenterPoint

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 4:52:32 AM

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I am not for raising rates for any reason! I keep my thermostat on  $66^{\circ}$  in the winter and struggle to pay my CenterPoint energy bill now.

Sent from my iPhone

 From:
 Jesse Forbey

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Forbey- CenterPoint Wind Generation

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 4:59:54 PM

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## Hello,

I read in the 14news article that this proposal is for a facility out of the state of Indiana yet us residents are expected to be charged an additional \$19+/1000kwh?

In what realm is that at all feasible for residents already struggling due to the burdens of inflation and other bill increases already enacted by Centerpoint? I highly voice my disapproval for such a facility unless it is built in Indiana and directly impacts the citizens being taxed to contribute towards it.

Centerpoint has reported record profits and revenues so to put those costs on the customers that keep them in business is a slap in the face.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Angela Watts

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:56:05 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Angela Watts

Email: coopermom71@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 887-8267 Address: 524 S 11th St

Vincennes

IN 47591

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Utilities are already too high. I fail to see the benefit of building a wind plant out of state and further

increasing rates. I am adamantly against this.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Art Sensmeier

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:28:47 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Art Sensmeier Email: ags3321@gmail.com Phone: (812) 319-6873 Address: 3321 Quail RDG

Evansville IN 47711

Utilities: Center Point

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please don't let Center Point raise our rates again for a new plant they propose to build! Our rates are now one of the highest in the nation. We are on Social Security and can't handle any more increases as other prices have risen higher for us. If they build a plant they should fund it themselves from their profits!

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Charles Hofer

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 11:29:21 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Charles Hofer

Email: gremlin982003@hotmail.com

Phone: (812) 781-2488

Address: 1317 N Canal Street

Mount Vernon

IN 47620

Utilities: Centerpoint Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I understand that centerpoint wants to add \$19 per kWh to our bills to build a wind farm outside Indiana, I am strongly against it!! I'm not paying for something that doesn't benefit me or my community. Please refuse centerpoint energy there request for a rate increase!!

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Gerald Green

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Title: Mr.

Name: Gerald Green

Email: greenfamily2020@twc.com

Phone: (812) 305-8342 Address: 223 Ladonna Blvd

Evansville

IN 47711

Utilities: Centerpoint IURC Cause No. 45836

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Centerpoint raising rates to pay for a (dubious at best method of generating energy) wind farm is an absolute insult to the ratepayers. We are already struggling with the highest rates around. If this cannot make the return on investment worthwhile it should not be built, period. Why build something that cannot pay for itself if it is supposed to generate revenue??? The shareholders should foot the bill, NOT the customers. This should be denied unanimously.

Thank you

From: Mark Vivian UCC Consumer Info To:

Subject: CenterPoint Wind Energy Facility Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 2:49:52 PM

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As an Indiana resident, all I care about is lowering costs. Wind turbines are ugly to look at. Please do not do this.

Regards, Mark Vivian From: Rocky Edwards UCC Consumer Info To:

Center point wind farm rate increase. Not a good thing for utilities customers in indiana we pay for new equipment an another state reaps the benefits. A profit of building wind farm. Cut salaries for CEOs us that Subject:

money towards expansion.

Thursday, February 2, 2023 8:13:35 AM Date:

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To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: JOHN SCHULTZ

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 9:53:15 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: JOHN SCHULTZ

Email: JHS\_EVANSVILLE@HOTMAIL.COM

Phone: (812) 491-0500

Address: 2629 Ole Hickory Dr

Evansville

IN 47715

Utilities: centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment Comments: IURC Cause No. 45836

Centerpoint continues to raise the electric rates in Evansville even though our rates are the highest in the state. I am a relatively new customer but my neighbors and I had to wait almost 4 months to get service connected at our residences. VERY poor customer service.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Kristi A Mead

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 6:55:44 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Kristi A Mead Email: kristiamead@att.net Phone: (903) 257-6426 Address: 905 E. Idlewild Dr

Evansville

IN 47711

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: People in our area are freezing themselves, not able to pay for their prescription medications, and going without food to try to pay their Centerpoint bills. We are already paying far too much to them for various reasons that don't pertain to our community. We should not be forced to pay for anymore.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Linda & Randall Cle3k

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Title:

Name: Linda & Randall Cle3k Email: lindacleek23@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 455-6710

Address: 6100 SERENITY DR

### MOUNT VERNON

IN

47620-9642

Utilities: CenterPoint Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Re the proposed construction of wind generation facilities, we have several comments:

- \* The facility will be built outside Indiana, so Hoosiers will not get the jobs to build it, landowners will not derive benefit from sale or lease of land, and the State will not receive tax revenues on any of the above.
- \* Although Indiana, especially residents of southwestern counties, already pay some of the highest utility rates in the country, we are now being asked to pay an additional \$20+/- per month forever. This will severely impact low-income and elderly ratepayers.
- \* A separate company could be created to use private equity to build the facility. Yes, we will pay for the energy we use (and isn't wind energy supposed to cost less than fossil fuels in the long run?), but if we have to pay to build it we should own it.

In summary, we are very much in favor of using renewable fuels like wind and solar. We are very much opposed to CenterPoint being granted yet another financial benefit on the backs of ratepayers who apparently have no say in what we pay or choice of who we pay it to.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Lisa Winterman

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:33:20 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Lisa Winterman

Email: lisawinterman@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 549-2515 Address: 9441 Wynnfield Dr.

Evansville

IN 47725

Utilities: center point Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: In regards to IURC Cause No. 45836, I am NOT in favor of Center Point Energy's plans for the wind farm. The additional amount added to our bill would be approximately \$19.86. For those of us who are retired, raising young families or barely making ends meet, this would be a hardship. We already have some of the highest rates in the state. Thank you for your time. Lisa Winterman, 9441 Wynnfield Dr., Evansville, IN 47725

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: MARK CONARD

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 5:44:40 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: MARK CONARD

Email: eriksharpblades@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 207-1879 Address: 1432 Main street

Mount Vernon

IN 47620

Utilities: Centerpoint agenda of a wind generator plant..

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: THERE IS ENOUGH PROOF THAT A WIND POWER FACILITY WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE IN PRODUCING POWER FOR THE CUSTOMER'S NEEDS... IN FACT THE ACT OF RAISING THE PRICES OF ELECTRICITY IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THIS PLANT SHOULD BE A FLAG ALREADY!! OUR BILLS ARE HIGH ENOUGH WITHOUT THIS PLANT, AND IF BUILDING IT WOULD LOWER COSTS TO THE CONSUMER, THEN IT MUST BE IN THE CONTRACT FOR THEM TO LOWER PRICES TO CONSUMERS IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT BEGINS WORKING, OTHERWISE IT IS A WASTE OF MONEY AND A USELESS BURDEN ON THE CONSUMERS... THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO BUILD THIS PLANT AND RAISE CONSUMER COSTS UNLESS THEY AGREE TO LOWER THE PRICE OF ELECTRIC TO WHAT IT WAS ON JANUARY 1ST OF 2020... WIND POWER IS SUPPOSED TO BE CHEAPER, BUT IN FACT IT IS MORE COSTLY AND DANGEROUS TO NOT ONLY THE ENVIRONMENT BUT TO WILDLIFE AS WELL.... THE POLLUTION ALONE FROM THE WINDMILSS SHOULD ALSO BE ENOUGH TO SAY NO TO THIS PROJECT!!!

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Matthew Weiss

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 2:47:20 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Matthew Weiss

Email: thunderwolf0575@yahoo.com

Phone: (812) 305-7231

Address: 1813 Culverson Ave

Evansville

IN 47714

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: No more rate hikes. Why is this even being considered? Raise rates to pay for this project and yet once its done and or paid off the citizens are still paying the bill. No no no! You need to be demanding that they lower rates OR after a very short period of time rates are lowered as a result of the proposed project.

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Michael Burmistrov

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 5:58:52 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Michael Burmistrov

Email: michaelmulloy212@gmail.com

Phone: (812) 455-7469

Address: 2518 S. Ruston Ave

Evansville

IN 47714

Utilities: Center point \$636 million wind generation facility

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I live in Evansville. We already pay the highest electric rates in the state. This is ridiculous. Now we should not have to pay for a wind generation facility. I'm completely against it. If they want to build it. I shouldn't have to pay for it. They already make enough money selling the electric to me. Please do not allow this. I can't afford the rate hike.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Regina Clawson

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:22:34 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Regina Clawson Email: gclaw21@gmail.com Phone: (812) 550-7226 Address: 4415 Emma Drive

Evansville

IN 47711

Utilities: Centerpoint

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: No, no and no! We have purchased energy efficient appliances and central heating and air and our rates continue to rise! Centerpoint does not care about its customers only their profit. I am 100% against it. I will cast my vote against the politicians who allow Centerpoint to continually raise their prices. If OUCC is giving customers a chance to voice our comments, then listen to us. They want to steal from customers using their own solar energy. They have a monopoly and need to be regulated.

 From:
 bpm1058@yahoo.com

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

Subject: In regard to this wind generating Proposal Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 7:22:25 PM

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I think if that is going to increase our rates not to mention the fact that what do you do with those turbines when they're done and then you have to bury them in the ground and it's going to increase our rates again as though they are high enough as it is I say no this is just a way of getting more money out of Consumers

Sent from my iPhone

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: SARAH MICKUS

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 4:37:30 PM

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Title:

Name: SARAH MICKUS

Email: sarahmickus06@gmail.com

Phone:

Address: 4766 Scenic Dr

Newburgh

IN 47630

Utilities: IURC Cause No. 45836 Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I feel that this will create an even larger issue. Electric and gas prices are at an extremely high rate as it is now. I am a single mother and live in less than 900 sq foot apartment but still have not seen my electric bill under 180 in i cant remember. that is with only being home for nights as i work all week and gone most weekends.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com **UCC Consumer Info** 

To:

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Shannon N Pritchard

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:36:22 PM

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Title: Ms.

Name: Shannon N Pritchard Email: snpritchard@hotmail.com

Phone: (706) 461-1684

Address: 838 Ravenswood Drive

Evansville

IN 47713

**Utilities: Centerpoint** 

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: As a resident of Evansville, Indiana, I am writing to beg you to PLEASE NOT pass anything that would allow Centerpoint to raise our bills again! They are already some of the highest in the nation while this MONOPOLY is raking in record profits and the CEO is getting gigantic raises? What about the rest of us who have to shoulder all of these expenses? We can't even afford to heat our homes properly with their charges. Doesn't anyone, anyone, in the Indiana legislative branch care about the PEOPLE who live in Indiana and have been suffering under Centerpoint's outrageous charges? We need help! And we need it now! Please, please don't allow them to add anything else to our bills. It is not right.

From: Kellie Malcolm

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Malcolm- Windmills

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 7:49:04 AM

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No. No No.

We are tired of paying for their ideas.

Stop with the million dollar ceo packages.

No No No

Kellie Malcolm

From: <u>noreply@in.accessgov.com</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Steven D Vandergriff Jr

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:45:58 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Steven D Vandergriff Jr Email: svandergriff745@gmail.com

Phone: (181) 245-4811

Address: 7015 Northfield Drive

Evansville

IN 47711

Utilities: IURC Cause No. 45836 - CenterPoint Energy

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: All we get is raised rates. This wind farm is going to raise them now and continue when it is complete.

I wish to say no to this wind farm. Go back to coal and drop our rates this is past ridiculous.

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Tim Shipp

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:26:54 AM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Tim Shipp

Email: timshipp@hotmail.com Phone: (812) 306-3746

Address: 6609 KRATZVILLE RD

**EVANSVILLE** 

IN 47710

Utilities: Center Point Energy Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: In regards to the CenterPoint Wind Generation Proposal:

It is estimated that this project will add an average of 20.00 a month to every Center Point customers MONTHLY bill. Approximately 240.00 a year is a very meaningful "chunk of change" to the average working man struggling to make ends meet with inflation, already increasing utility bills, increased gasoline costs, etc. Center Point charges the largest fees to consumers for the same basic services in the state of Indiana already, and they recorded sizable profits over the last 2-3 years. Center Point should be required to pay the cost of this project...it may "eat into their profits", but they will, in fact make a sizeable profit even with this added expenditure in 2023. At what point does the OUCC put the welfare of hard working Hoosier families over corporate profits for their allies at Center Point?

From: <u>Harvey Horstman</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Horstman- Centerpoint rate increase

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023 8:25:23 PM

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The rate increase will put undue and excessive pressure on the people of Indiana, especially if the work being done is not going to done in this area. People putting things off that they need now, just to pay energy bill, they never be able get what they need. As well as businesses that are making it now, with a rate increase may fail. Rate increases will hurt everyone and those that are already hurting will be detrimental.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: <u>Harvey Horstman</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>
Subject: Horstman- No rate increase

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:00:16 PM

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With excessive profits and excessive profits for delivery, which they don't touch, the natural gas company company is going to have people getting sick and even dying because they can't afford the energy bill. It gives new credence to use of wood and coal furnaces. If you had a conscious, I would ask not to let rate increases happen, but we all know you don't have one. Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Marilyn Miller
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Miller- Wind generator

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:00:32 AM

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Perhaps we should all libby to start drilling again using our own natural resources. Ive heard from other states using wind energy that wind energy really doesnt supply whats really necessary. What a waste of taxpayers money and a very liberal answer.

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 From:
 Glenn Lewis

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836- Glenn L

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:37:54 PM

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I would like to express my disapproval of Centerpoint Energy's request for reimbursement from its users for the cost of an out of state wind generation facility. Why should I as an Indiana customer pay for Centerpoint to build a facilty which will take jobs away from Indiana and add to the tax base of another state? Please refuse their request. Thank you.

Glenn Lewis 9106 Six School Road Evansville, IN 47720

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kyle Lutz

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>
Subject: Lutz- Centrepoint proposal

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:07:42 PM

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Please don't allow another rate increase to rates which are already some of the highest in the region.

God bless, Kyle

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Marilyn Miller
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Miller- Wind generator

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 9:56:23 AM

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Im not for it. I already have a \$300. Energy bill this month. No one can afford another rate hike. Please do not do this, I am tetired and live on limited funds. This is inhumane.

Marilyn Miller

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From: paulson family@outlook.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Paulson- IURC CAUSE NO. 45836

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 4:26:19 PM

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#### 02/01/2023 15:20

- 1)IS THE \$20.00 PER EVERY 1,000 KILOWATT HOURS (KWH), DOSE THAT MEAN THAT IF YOU USE 2,000 KILOWATT HOURS YOU PAY \$40.00?
- 2)DOSE USING MORE 1,000 KILOWATT HOURS MEAN THE HIGHER THE BILL WILL BE?
- 3) IS THERE A CAP ON HOW MUCH IT CAN GO UP?
- 3)WE ARE AGAINST THIS INCREASE, BECAUSE WE ARE ON A LIMITED INCOME AND WE DO NOT QUALIFY FOR HELP.
- 4) PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR US.

THANK YOU, THE PAULSON 7499 MIDDLEFIELD DRIVE, NEWBURGH, INDIANA 47630-2907 (812) 490-6527 From: Heather Wingert
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Rate increase - CenterPoint

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 5:40:29 PM

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I say no! They race my electric by 100 already. Bring on a fixed income I can't afford anymore!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michael Bell
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Rate increase

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 7:27:48 PM

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I cannot afford another increase ,I make \$913 a month ssi. My house is only 700 sq. ft and my bill is running \$500 a month.

This has to stop I mean stop!!!!!!!!

From: <u>Judy Wittgen</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject:Wittgen- CenterPoint Rate IncreaseDate:Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:14:33 AM

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This is ridiculous. People are already having trouble paying their electric bill. A WIND GENERATOR IN ANOTHER STATE! CenterPoint executives and shareholders are making large profits and can afford to cover this cost, if it is necessary, out of their own pockets.

Judy Wittgen

From: deanna opperman
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Windmill farm

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 6:13:47 PM

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Unfortunately this is a good example of Centerpointe making money off the people to pay for the windmill farm. What happened to the billions of dollars given for infrastructure upgrades.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Patrick Edwards
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject:rate raise CENTERPOINT UTILITYDate:Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:32:38 AM

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Sent from Mail for Windows

WHY MUST WE PAY FOR THE NEW WIND TUBINES we wont own them I am retired and have a hard time paying my utility bill already

It's a hard life for old people already please don't ok this \$20 a month raise Pat Edwards Evansville ind From: Louis Wilson
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject:Wilson- Wind generation proposalDate:Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:43:45 AM

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Please stop Centerpoint's IURC Cause No 45836 Louis Wilson 200 Quail Crossing Dr BOONVILLE, In 47601

Sent from my iPhone

From: Amy Woods
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: RE: IURC Cause No. 45836- Amy W
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023 10:54:43 PM

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Reference: CENTERPOINT Energy Cause No 45836

The rate increase seems unfair to Indiana residents. Our bills are already higher than other places in the country. My son's gas and electric bill in Pennsylvania is less than \$50 a month. I am currently enrolled in budget Billing, and my bill is \$244 per month. This seems completely unfair. We should not have to forfeit the cost of this. Most of the customers cannot afford another rate increase from CENTERPOINT Energy. I am a single mom and cannot afford another increase.

Thank you, Amy Woods

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: <u>Stan Baird</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836- Stan B.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:31:12 AM

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Sirs,

The rate increases must stop.

Center Point already charges the highest rates in the state!

When will we have a choice in public utilities?

Regards, Stan Baird

Sent from my iPad

 From:
 Susie Reynolds

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

 Subject:
 Reynolds- IURC 45836

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:02:56 AM

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Another rate increase?! Does Center Point CEO really need more money? How long will you force Indiana customers to continue paying for Center Points Texas fiasco? My last gas bill was \$103.00 with a charge of \$107.00 delivery fee! With my increase in Social Security to \$1375/month I guess Center Point wants that too!

Of course I expect nothing less than your approval for the increase since you've never seen a rate increase you didn't like. Would it be too much to ask that you consider the consumer?

Susan Reynolds 9325 Darnell School Road Mt. Vernon Indiana 47620

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: <u>Pat Swan</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>
Subject: Swan- Wind farm payment

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:48:13 AM

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Since center point bought entergy our bill has done nothing but go up and up. Enough. In this part of Indiana we pay the highest rates for what???? I do not want my bill increased by another 20 a month.

Pat Swan

Sent from my iPad

From: D J

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>
Subject: Wind Generation Proposal

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 2:36:01 PM

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I want to share my concern of wind turbine in this area, or taking advantage of another area to service our area. NO. please don't pass a proposal like this. There are so many reason not to. And then to charge us extra 20.00 on our bill to do it. That is so exorbitant for them to turn this into a necessary thing we need to do for them. I say No. It may not sound like 20 is a lot of money for some, but for many it is between building a wind turbine or food. I first and foremost find that you ask us and then do it anyway and then tell us the little people to just "deal with it"

NO NO NO sue schweitzer 3400 N stockwell rd evansville indiana 47715 From: <u>d town</u>

To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: WINDMILLS

**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:19:29 PM

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Building wind mills in Southern Indiana or anywhere is pure political posturing that is more harmful to all than natural gas. Grow a pair and veto this proposal!!

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: William Scheu
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Scheu- Wind farms

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 5:00:26 PM

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No pertaining increase in electric bill to fund wind farms. Our bills are not affordable as it is. Not beneficial to most consumers. We need help now decreasing our energy costs not increasing them. Give us a break!!

Feb. 16, 2023

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ter-Point - IURC Cause

45836

im against this project

I'm against this project of charging we more to pay for it. We abready have very high bills.

most of we (seniore) connect afford more. I am a senior.

Yuanita Kalbrath 1201 M. East St.

Lebenon, IN 46052

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### **EDITORIAL**

# Speak now, or forever hold your peace

enterPoint Energy wants to build and operate a wind generation facility in a state yet to be named – although it is not in Indiana.

And the company wants its current customers to pay for it.

Project costs are estimated to run about \$636 million and CenterPoint officials call that cost "reasonable."

The average customer would see an increase of about \$20 per month for every 1,000 kilowatt hours used.

According to the petition filed by CenterPoint, the project would begin in 2023 and be operational by 2025.

Regardless of how you feel about the merits of wind energy, "reasonable" is a matter of opinion.

Hoosiers are hurting right now. Salaries are stagnant, or in many cases being cut. Jobs are being eliminated. Supply chain issues have brought increased costs to just about everything. Taxes continue to rise.

Many families are struggling to put food on the table, keep a roof over their heads and get the medical care they need. Many have already lost that battle.

The recent spate of record breaking cold temperatures Indiana experienced already brought higher utility bills. Spring may be right around the corner, but don't be fooled. Winter will eventually return.

It's not often that officials ask for opinions from the public, but the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor is taking comments on CenterPoint's proposal.

The deadline to voice your opinion is Feb. 22.

If you don't want to see your utility rates go even higher – or even if youre in favor of the proposal and want to express approval of the wind generation project – you can let your voice be heard.

Comments may be sent to the OUCC via email at uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov or hy mail at Public Comments, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, 115 W. Washington St., Ste. 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

All comments will need to include a name, mailing address, and a reference to either "IURC Cause No. 45836" or "CenterPoint Energy."

The OUCC will file its response on Feb. 27 and says written comment from customers will be included.

Let your voice be heard.

Editorial by **The Lebanon Reporter.** 

The am voicing my apenion.

Absolutely not—

The do not want to pay for Center Point Energy Wind ofener ation facilty. 2 do not want to pay 20 more a month bor every 1,000 Pilwatts hours used!

We are Serior Cettigens groceries medican gas etc. everything is so expensive!! Canot afford any nore increases!

Thank Jour Sue Tielde 2603 Acton Rol Seb. In. 46052 IVRC Cause No. 45836

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Re: IURC Cause No. 45836 Genter Point Energy

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amonto the last year it wentup to \$133.95 permotth. gamon a fixed income and S8 years

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Sebanon, IN 46052

From: Keith Crosby
To: UCC Consumer Info
Subject: Center Point Energy

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 8:31:33 PM

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My families response to monthly increase for wind generation, facility out of state, and especially if \$636 million is "reasonable" Then cost can be taken from 1-2 years profits!

Our response is an enormous; NO !!!!!!!

Keith Crosby 209 East Dr Lebanon, In. 46052 Re: IURC cause #45836

Sent from my iPad

From: noreply@in.accessgov.com

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: David P Wildemann

**Date:** Sunday, February 5, 2023 10:56:37 AM

Attachments: OUCC Contact Form.pdf

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A form has been submitted for: OUCC Contact Form

Please review the attached PDF for the submission information.

Title: Mr.

Name: David P Wildemann Email: wildemann@att.net Phone: (812) 447-4015 Address: 944 Parkside Dr

Columbus

IN

47203

Utilities: IURC Cause No. 45836 - Wind Generation Bill Increase

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: In general I support the proposed bill increase to fund the wind generation project that facilitates a move away from carbon based electricity generation. I trust that Centerpoint has applied due diligence in calculating the cost of the facility and its effect on rate increase.

Thank you,

Dave

From: Kathy Linton

To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: IURC Case No. 45836

**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:12:23 PM

Importance: High

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No, no, no, no, no, no, no! Hoosiers cannot take another \$20 per month added to their utility bills right now.

People are struggling to make ends meet as it is.

In the same press release telling us about the proposed rate hike, there is information for people who need to go on a payment plan to get their bills paid. That's ridiculous! You know people can't pay their bills now, but you're requesting to increase those same bills.

I'm 61 years old and I can't remember seeing people struggle to get by as they are now. Food pantries are even struggling to keep stocked as so many are needing help. People are losing their homes and living on the streets. Please do not add to their burden so company execs can line their pockets.

If CenterPoint wants to expand its business, let them eat the cost instead of pushing it onto their customers.

This is bad policy for Hoosiers.

Kathy Linton
117 E. Washington St.
Lebanon, IN 46052
Kathy.linton@indianamediagroup.com

 From:
 BETTY WILHOITE

 To:
 UCC Consumer Info

Subject: IURC Cause No. 45836 (CenterPoint Energy)
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:47:47 PM

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I'm <u>absolutely against</u> this project. We just came out of a pandemic; people don't have the extra for new projects. I'm getting social security. Yes, we got a nice raise; but then my insurance company raised my premium \$40. So much for a raise in social security, plus everything else is going up. I vote no! Thank you.

Betty Wilhoite 120 N. Allen Dr. Lebanon, IN 46052 From: Gene Bokash
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject:IURC Cause No.45836/CenterPoint EnergyDate:Monday, February 20, 2023 12:13:36 PM

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CenterPoint Energy has already raised our gas budget bill from seventy dollars to one hundred dollars a month.

What benefit will Indiana customers get from an additional twenty dollar raise in rates to put up a wind farm in some other state? And when they decide to put a wind farm up in Indiana will we have to pay for that too? We vote no!

Eugene and Vivian Bokash 108 Monroe Crescent Drive Lebanon, IN 46052

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a copy of the Indiana OUCC's Consumer Comments Filing has been served upon the following parties of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service on February 27, 2023.

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