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VERIFIED JOINT PETITION OF INDIANA)
GAS COMPANY, INC., SOUTHERN INDIANA)
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND THE)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR UTILITIES OF)
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES)
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS)
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF A PUBLIC)
CHARITABLE TRUST, D/B/A CITIZENS GAS)
& COKE UTILITY, PURSUANT TO IND.)
CODE §8-1-2.5 ET. SEQ. FOR APPROVAL OF)
AN ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY PLAN)
WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A PILOT)
UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM)

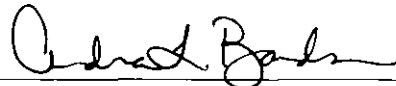
Cause No. 42590

TENDER OF COMMUNICATION

The undersigned, on behalf of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") and pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.5-6, hereby tenders to the record of this proceeding the written communications attached hereto as Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" and states as follows:

On or about May 3, 2004, the IURC received *ex parte* communications regarding this Cause while it is pending. A copy of the written communications with enclosures is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", "B", and "C". These written communications were purported to be from Jo Ann M. Gottcent, who advised the Commission of her position on Vectren's proposed universal service plan.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea L. Brandes
IURC Assistant General Counsel
Attorney # 21557-49

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing Tender of Communications in Cause No. 42590 has been served upon the following in the above-captioned proceeding by personal service or by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid this 18th day of June, 2004.

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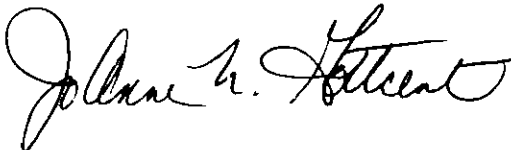
Judith Ripley, Commissioner
Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission
302 West Washington Street, Suite E306
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Commissioner Ripley:

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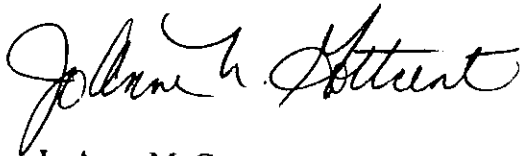
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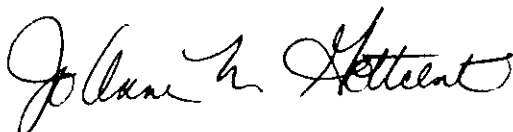
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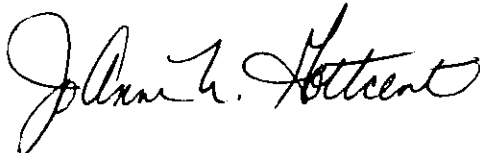
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